

# St Robert of Newminster

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YEAR OF FAITH 2012  
2013

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2013

## Passion Sunday

PLEASE PICK UP MISSALETTE

	<u>Masses</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	The Intentions of Conroy Family George Popely & Dec Popely Family
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> 9:15am	Dorothy Black's Intentions
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup> 9:15am	Teresa Kane
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> 9:15am	
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday 7:00pm	Evening Mass of Lord's Supper
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday 9.45am 10.30am 3:00pm	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer Children's Stations of the Cross Celebration of Our Lord's Passion
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday 10:00am 7:00pm	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer <u>Easter Vigil &amp; Solemn Mass of Easter</u>
Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday 9:00am 11:00am NO MASS THIS EVENING	George Beattie Denise Storey
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> 10.00am	Jim Anderson
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> 10.00am	
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> 10.00am	Kevin Roberts
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> 10.00am	Bill McMillan
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> 10.00am	
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> 10.00am	
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Helen & Douglas Cone Ella & Ralph Foster Ken & Eileen Percival
<b><u>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March Easter Sunday</u></b>		
Please see the Volunteer Sheet Tea/Coffee after morning Masses every Sunday. Everyone is welcome.		

**Confessions** – Wednesday 6.00pm to 7.00pm, Holy Thursday 5.30pm to 6.00pm, Good Friday 6.00pm to 7.00pm, Holy Saturday 11.00am to 12.00pm

**Angelus and Morning Prayer** Monday to Wednesday 9.00am

**Divine Mercy Devotions** next prayer meeting on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 7:00pm in the Church Hall.

**Stations of the Cross**: Monday evening 6:30pm.

**Bible Sharing** Tuesday 1.00pm to 2.00pm in church hall. All welcome.

**Youth Alpha**: Next meeting is on Wednesday at 7:00pm in the school hall. Then no meeting for the next fortnight. Meet again on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Second Collection TODAY – the Holy Places and Catholic Community in the Holy Land**

There will be a special collection today for the Catholic Community in the Holy Land. This is eligible for Gift Aid under the diocesan scheme – if you use offertory envelopes please use the special envelope for this purpose.

**Fundraising Evening at Marabinis** - Tickets are on sale for an Italian Night at Marabinis Restaurant on Sunday 14th April. Tickets are £17.50 for a 3 course meal with a wide range of choice. A special children's menu is also available at £5.95. Doors open at 5.30 but you can come along at any time thereafter so 7pm Mass goers can come before or after mass. Do please support the event which might see us reach our original target for funding the altar rails and kneelers refurbishment.

**The Easter Vigil** – We hope to have a little party after the Easter Vigil (drinks and nibbles) to welcome our 3 new converts into the Church. Fr Lawrence is appealing for a few people to help organise it. Please have a word with him.

**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers** – there are still spaces to sign up for Holy Week.

**12 Men Wanted** – for washing of feet on Holy Thursday. Please sign up at back of church.

**Offertory Boxes:** The new offertory boxes start on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Easter and so as not to have the boxes in the church over the Easter period, please take your box home this weekend. If you do not have a box at the moment and would like one then please write your name, address and the number of the box you have taken on the form beside the boxes.

If you are a tax payer and are eligible for Gift Aid please tick the appropriate column and our Gift Aid representative will contact you.

**Bonus Ball:** Congratulation to Week 3's lucky winners: - G. Armstrong, Isabel Brown and Pete Roberts. The Bonus Ball was 19.

**Catholic Women's League:** The meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March will be held in the Church Hall and the topic 'Behind the Veil'. Members and friends are very welcome.

**Easter Church Cleaning:** The big clean for Easter will be taking place on Monday after morning Mass. Everyone welcome no experience needed (you might like to bring your own rubber gloves).

**Lenten Lunches:** Thank you to everyone who has supported this year's Friday Lenten Lunches either by making soup, scones and/or cakes, serving or coming along and sampling.

**£460.00** has been raised for CAFOD.

**Counters needed:** new counters are urgently needed to count the collection after Mass on a Monday morning. Please see Fr Lawrence.

**Journey in faith:** Thursday at 7:00pm in the Presbytery – this is for those who are committed Catholics as well as those who are thinking about becoming a Catholic or who just want to know more about the Catholic faith.

**Meeting of Offertory Counters :** A meeting of all the Counters of the Offertory monies – both old and new recruits - will take place in the Presbytery at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday evening. It is essential that all Counters should attend as there is important information from the Diocesan Gift Aid office to pass on regarding additional Gift Aid money that can be reclaimed but requiring some changes to procedures.

**Asylum Seekers Support Groups;** Many thanks to all parishioners who regularly donate food and clothes to support the Asylum Seekers. The East End Centre has been forced to close but the West End Centre is still functioning and very busy. They are starting some craft classes and would welcome donations of wool for knitting.

**S.V.P.** The SVP meet in the Presbytery at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday next week, 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

**Christian Aid Week;** Advance notice – Christian Aid week this year is from 12 – 18<sup>th</sup> May. Be ready to lend your support!

**Parish Retreat:** Friday 7th June to Sunday 9th June at Ministeracres. Commences with supper at 7.00pm on the Friday and finishes with lunch at noon on the Sunday. The cost is £104 all inclusive and would take place with a parish from Jarrow. The number of places is limited. Sign up on the list at back of church/hall. The theme for the retreat is 'Faith on the Margins' and invites us to take time to reflect on and renew our faith, face doubts and find ways to live our faith in an increasingly secular environment where believers sometimes find themselves on the margins. A deposit of £20 is NOW required. cheques payable to "Minsteracres Retreat Centre" and hand to Father Jones or Dave Swift (tel 01670 516532).

**Encountering the Holy Spirit** – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 7.00pm at New Life Christian Centre. A time of prayer and praise, a short talk and opportunity for prayers for healing. All welcome.

**50 Days of Freedom** – a meditation for each day from Easter Sunday until Pentecost including the Novena to the Holy Spirit. Was £2.00 now just 50p at the back of church.

**REMEMBER – THE EASTER VIGIL IS AT 7.00PM NEXT SATURDAY**

**Clocks go forward one hour that night.**