

St Robert of Newminster

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Parish Priest: Fr Lawrence Jones

Retired Priest in residence: Fr Jim Doherty

5th Sunday of Lent



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

Sunday 17th March 2013

PLEASE PICK UP MISSALETTE

	<u>Masses</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
Sunday	17 th 9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Elsa Hacon Michael Doran
Monday	18 th 9:15am	Ann Beattie
Tuesday	19 th St Joseph 9:15am	Pope Francis
Wednesday	20 th St Cuthbert 9:15am	Sarah Crosby (sick) Fr Cooper
Thursday	21 st 9:15am	
Friday	22 nd 9:15am	
Saturday	23 rd 10:00am	Holy Souls
Sunday	24 th 9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Intentions of Conroy Family George Popely and Dec Popely Family

Sunday 24th March Passion (Palm) Sunday

Mass	9:00am	11:00am	7:00pm
Readers	M. Boyle T. Lewington	D. Shearer V. Shearer	D. Strachan C. Reardon
Eucharistic Ministers	M. Dewar D. Dewar A. Gorman	M. Beaton R. Soulsby R. McAllister	L. Cole B. Cole S. Smith
Altar Servers	A. Bambrick E. Shuttleworth M. Laux	T. Boyle P. Glancey	D. Smith D. Dowd
Children's Liturgy	Leader: Amy	Companion: Jackie	
Tea/Coffee after morning Masses every Sunday. Everyone is welcome.			

Confessions - Wednesday - 6:30 to 7:00pm (including Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)

Saturday - 11.00am – 12.00 noon.

Penitential Service: Friday 22 March at 7:00pm. Several Priests will be available for individual confessions. An opportunity for the whole family to go to confession.

The Angelus Monday to Friday - 9 00am.

Morning Prayer Monday to Friday - 9 00am. **Rosary** Saturday - 9 40am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday morning from end of Mass to 10.30am and Saturday from the end of Mass to 12 noon

Divine Mercy Devotions 7:00pm in the Church Hall. All welcome

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

Stations of the Cross: Monday evening 6:30pm and after Mass on Friday morning.

Lenten Lunch: Friday 12 noon to 1.00pm. All welcome. Help needed.

Habemus Papam – we have a Pope – The Mass on Tuesday morning, the Feast of St Joseph, patron of the Universal Church, will be offered for His Holiness Pope Francis as he inaugurates his ministry as the Successor of St Peter. Please try and come along to pray for him. He certainly needs our prayers! For some interesting pictures of Pope Francis go to the parish website at www.strobertsmorpeth.com.

Youth Alpha - Next meeting is on Wednesday at 7:00pm in the school hall - for anyone in year 9 upwards. It doesn't matter if you missed last week.

Second Collection next Sunday – the Holy Places and Catholic Community in the Holy Land.

There will be a special collection next Sunday 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. Those members of the parish who have been on pilgrimage to the Holy Land can vouch for the needs of the catholic population there.

For Holy Week- Readers and Eucharistic Ministers and Servers - please sign up at the back of church. Also, **12 Men need for washing of feet on Holy Thursday.** Please sign up.

Easter Vigil – at 7.00pm on Saturday 30th March – we hope to have a celebration afterwards. Help is needed to organise refreshments and nibbles. Please see Fr Lawrence if you can help

Servers – please sign up for Holy Week at the back of church. Please note these times for practices: Holy Thursday – 6.15pm, Good Friday – 2.15pm, Holy Saturday 6.00pm.

Offertory Boxes - The new offertory boxes start on the 1st Sunday after Easter and so as not to have the boxes in the church over the Easter period, we are asking you to 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 - Congratulations to Week 2 winners: -A Syron, Jack Johnson and Barry Mitchell. The Bonus ball was 18.

Catholic Women's League - The meeting on Monday 18th March will be a Lentern Address given by Father Jim Doherty. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm in the Church Hall. Members and friends are very welcome.

Prom Praise at the Sage – Please pick up a leaflet in the porch and sign up on the list if you would like tickets.

VERY LAST CHANCE! New Hymn Book Dedication Forms - Would you like to dedicate a hymn book? See forms at the back of the church. Suggested donation £10. Please use the brown envelopes and put them on the collection plate.

Congratulations - to Bridget Donaldson, one of former altar servers, who has been named Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Northumberland's Cadet, representing the Air Training Corps, for 2013. A fantastic achievement!

Parish Retreat - Friday 7th June to Sunday 9th June at Minsteracres. Commences with supper at 7.00pm on the Friday and finishes with lunch at noon on Sunday. The cost is £104 all inclusive and would take place with the parish from Jarrow. The number of places is limited. Sign up on the list at the 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 required by today. Please make cheques payable to "Minsteracres Retreat Centre" and hand to Fr Jones or David Swift (tel 01670 516532)

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.

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

S.V.P. - The SVP meet in the Presbytery at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday this week.

Christian Aid Week - Advance notice – Christian Aid week this year is from 12 – 18th May. Be ready to lend your support!

Funeral Assistant – Congratulations to Marian Bell who will be commissioned as a Funeral Assistant on Tuesday evening at 7.00pm at St Joseph's, Gateshead. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend. Bishop Seamus has written a letter explaining this new ministry in the diocese – it is on the green sheet at the back of church.

Remember – the Easter Vigil is at 7.00pm on Saturday 30th March. Please come!