

St Robert of Newminster

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SUNDAY 14th APRIL 2013 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH

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| Sunday | 14 th | 9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm | Mary & Sarah Lothian Dixon Family |
| Monday | 15 th | 9 15am | Stephen Gorham |
| Tuesday | 16 th | 9 15am | St Bernadette of Lourdes Thomas Dodds |
| Wednesday | 17 th | 9 15am | |
| Thursday | 18 th | 9 15am | Intentions of Gorham family |
| Friday | 19 th | 9 15am | Vincent Gorman (80 th Birthday) |
| Saturday | 20 th | 10 00am | |
| Sunday | 21 st | 9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm | Helen Cone |

SUNDAY 21st APRIL – WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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| Mass | 9 00am | 11 00am | 7 00pm |
| Readers | A Beattie, R Higinbottom | D Shearer, V Shearer | J Gill, D Strachan |
| Eucharistic Ministers | G Harber, E Harber M Bell | R McAllister, R Soulsby M Beaton | S Smith, A Smith M Illingworth |
| Altar Servers | | | |
| Children's Liturgy - Leader: | Clare | Companion: | Jane |

Confessions: Wednesday 6.30pm to 7.00pm and Saturday 11.00am to 12.00pm

Angelus: Monday to Friday 9.00am

Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday 9.00am.

Rosary: Saturday 9.40am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: from the end of Mass on Thursday until 10.30am and from the end of Mass on Saturday until 12.00pm.

Divine Mercy Devotions: Thursday at 7.00pm in church hall.

Bible Sharing: 1pm on Tuesday in church hall.

Youth Alpha : continues this Wednesday at 7.00pm in the school Hall

Journey in Faith: continues on Thursday evening at 7.00pm in the Presbytery.

Bombadings Musical Evening: for school in Tanzania – 7.30pm on Friday 26th April at the Riverside Social Club. Tickets at the door or outside church today. Children Welcome. A great night out!.

Christian Aid Week: Advance notice – Christian Aid Week this year 12th to 18th May. Please be ready to lend your support.

Bonus Ball: (Week 5) 30th March – Lucky winners Ron McAllister, Frances Kerr and Gail Swift. The bonus ball was 33. (Week 6) 6th April – Lucky winners Angela Ridley, F McWeeney, Anne McCormack. The bonus ball was 36.

Catholic Women's League: The meeting on 15th April will be a business meeting and items to be discussed will include the coffee morning on 20th April, the birthday dinner and the Pilgrimage to Walsingham. The meeting will be preceded by Holy Mass. New members always welcome.

The Year of Faith for those in their Golden Years!: A Day of Recollection for the more senior members of our community, lunch, chat, pray, listen! Enjoy a speaker and spend time together. Monday 13th May starting at 10.15am (Tea/Coffee from 9.45am) and finishing at 3.15pm. Bring a packed lunch.

Coffee Morning: CWL Coffee Morning in the church hall on Saturday 20th April from 10am to 12 noon.

St George's Hospital: has a small and dedicated, but ageing, group of volunteers who help with our Saturday morning services. Would anyone like to join this group? It would entail a small amount of safety and fire awareness training (not onerous) and a CRB check and being registered as a Volunteer with the Volunteer Co-ordination Team. The group is split into teams who come and help us to set up the Chapel, telephone Wards to remind staff to let the Service Users know the Service is on and (occasionally) escorting Service Users to and from the Wards. Each team usually does one week in five at present, but that might become less frequent if there were more volunteers. The Volunteers all say they enjoy this work and it would be lovely to have some representation from our Parish. We are blessed to have the services of Pat Hopper and, occasionally, Linda Edwards to play the organ, so if you want to know more about this role please ask one of them or Marian Bell about it. If you'd like to volunteer please contact Marian (01670 501815).

Oremus – Let us pray: Do you find it easy to pray? Is prayer an integral part of your day? Do you hear God's voice in your daily life, and know how to respond accordingly? For many of us, the answer to these questions is, "no." We all desire an intimate relationship with God. But, since learning to "say our prayers" as children, we never moved beyond rote recitation to an authentic conversation with God. For most of us prayer becomes a source of frustration as we struggle to calm our minds and find even a few minutes to set aside to pray. In our busy lives prayer is seen as a luxury, when in reality it is at the foundation of a healthy spiritual life. The good news is you can overcome your difficulties with prayer, and it is easier than you might think. *Oremus* (let us pray) is a simple programme that teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Over the course of eight weeks you will discover how God speaks to you, even in the smallest encounters. Following the Tradition of the Catholic Church and the wisdom of the saints, you will learn how to express yourself to God in prayer, and how to hear his voice. This is a major initiative here at St Robert's for the Year of Faith. It will begin on Thursday 23rd May at 7.00pm in the church hall and is open to anyone who wants to deepen their prayer life.