

St Robert of Newminster

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SUNDAY 12th MAY 2013 – ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH

		Mass	Intentions
Sunday	12 th	9 00am 11 00am (5 30pm) 7 00pm	George Carter Stan and Nancy Ions <i>Christian Aid Service</i> People of the Parish
Monday	13 th	Our Lady of Fatima 9 15am 7.00pm	CWL
Tuesday	14 th	St Matthias 9 15am	Alan Smith RIP
Wednesday	15 th	9 15am	Ralph Simpson
Thursday	16 th	9 15am	Dick Gee (anniversary)
Friday	17 th	9 15am	
Saturday	18 th	10 00am	Catherine Walker
Sunday	19 th	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	Carter Family Deceased members of Carter Family

SUNDAY 19th MAY 2013 – PENTECOST

Mass	9 00am	11 00am	7 00pm
Readers	J Offen, M Boyle	V Shearer, D Shearer	D Oldroyd, J Gill
Eucharistic Ministers	T McLaughlin, A Wilson P Wilson	R McAllister, E Dixon C Smith	J Barham, B Cole L Cole
Altar Servers	T Boyle, H Johnson E Shuttleworth, E Boyle	T Boyle	D Smith, D Dowd

Children's Liturgy - Leader:

Companion:

Second Collection – Today – for World Communication Day. This is eligible for Gift Aid through the Diocese so please use the special envelope provided for it.

Second Collection – next Sunday – for the Lay Training Fund. This is eligible for Gift Aid through the Diocese so please use the special envelope provided for it.

Confessions: Wednesday 6 30pm – 7 00pm. Saturday 11 00 to 12 00pm

The Angelus: Monday to Friday at 9 00am. **Morning Prayer:** Monday to Friday at 9 00am.

Rosary: Wednesday after Mass (during May) and Saturday 9 40am.

Divine Mercy Devotions – Thursday 7.00pm in the church hall.

Youth Alpha - continues on Wednesday at 7 00pm in the church hall. Unfortunately, the Youth Alpha Weekend has been cancelled.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Thursday from the end of Mass until 10.30am and Saturday from the end of Mass until 12 noon.

Wednesday Word – to help you prepare for Mass next Sunday. Please pick up a copy in porch.

Journey in Faith – Continues on Thursday evening at 7 00pm in the Presbytery. Our last session!

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.

Fr Lawrence is expecting a very good response to this invitation.

Oremus – Let Us Pray - *Oremus* is a Catholic prayer study program that will teach you the essentials of a fruitful prayer life. The *Oremus* study program 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. In *Oremus* You Will:

Become aware of God's presence in your life

Discover the simple yet profound steps of Catholic prayer

Learn how to respond to God and express yourself in prayer

Discover how to hear God's voice in Scripture, in your heart, and in ordinary moments.

Learn how to overcome frustrations, distractions, and dryness in prayer.

See that desolation and consolation are a normal part of everyone's walk with God.

Grow in your relationship with God and those around you.

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 will finish at 8.30pm. ALL WELCOME. PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY AT THE BACK OF CHURCH TO GIVE US SOME IDEA OF NUMBERS IN ORDER TO PREPARE MATERIAL FOR EACH PERSON.

Novena to the Holy Spirit - Fr Lawrence writes 'The Novena to the Holy Spirit began last Friday. I want to encourage you to take part in this novena by using the parish prayer card that you will find at the back of church. It contains a very powerful prayer to the Holy Spirit. I want to ask you all to pray especially for the Lord's blessing on the work that we have begun with young people in the parish. We seem to be on the threshold of what may be a major outreach to the young people of our parish and indeed of Morpeth as a whole. Please make this one of your prayer intentions during the Novena.'

Our Lady of Newminster Pilgrim Statue – from May (the month of Our Lady) to October (month of the Rosary). The statue is available to be resident in a home for one week. You may wish to invite parishioners to join you for a time of your choice for the rosary in your home. Please sign up at the back of church. This week the statue will be at the home of Moira Illingworth at 2 St Bede's Place (just off Oldgate) and the Rosary will be recited at 2.00pm on Wednesday.

May Devotions - There will be rosary every Wednesday after Mass -praying especially for our young people and families. The School will lead a Service around the grotto on Friday 24th May at 2.15pm. All parishioners are welcome. There will be a Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction in the church on Sunday 26th May at 5.30pm. Fr Ian Hoskins will preach.

Tanzania School Fundraising Evening – Many thanks to all who helped to make it such an enjoyable evening and who bought the items from the auction. £1,476 was raised.

Consecration of new altar and lectern and the rededication of the altar rails - Fr Lawrence is glad to announce that a date has been set with Bishop Seamus – Thursday 27th June at 7.00pm. Put it in your diary. This will be a very important celebration for the parish and there will be festivities afterwards. Watch this space.

Christian Aid Week: 12th – 18th May - Please come along to the **Ecumenical Service** today at **5.30 p.m.** in St Robert's Church to pray for the success of Christian Aid Week and for those in need.

Collectors: please follow the instructions in your Guide to Collecting. When you have finished, please deliver your red bag with all the envelopes (unopened) promptly to 22 Dacre Street or leave them at the presbytery. If you are not collecting, please give generously! Thank you!

S.V.P. - The next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday 15th May at 7.30 p.m.

Bonus Ball – Week 10 (4th May) winners Stan Davison, Doreen Smith, Liz Nevens. The bonus ball was 37. This brings a close to the Bonus Ball Draws. Elphin and Elizabeth would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that participated, congratulations to all winners and condolences to those who were not. The venture raised £1,060 for St Robert's Restoration Fund. Thank you.

LEPRA – are holding a coffee morning on Saturday 18th May from 10 am – 12 noon in the church hall. There will be a raffle and tombola.

CWL - Monday 13th May will be our Annual General Meeting which will be preceded by evening Mass at 7.00pm. The birthday dinner will be held at The Shambles, Morpeth, on Monday 20th May. Meals can be chosen from the menu and payment (approximately £15) will be taken at the AGM on 13th May. Please ring Elizabeth Dixon (516584) if you wish to go to the dinner but are not attending the AGM.