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SUNDAY 28th APRIL 2013 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH

		Mass	Intentions
Sunday	28 th	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	George Carter Derek Moffat John Cassidy
Monday	29 th	St Catherine of Sienna 9 15am	Ralph Simpson
Tuesday	30 th	9 15am	Lillian & Ronald James Ellis
Wednesday	1 st May	St Joseph the Worker 9 15am 12.45pm	Holy Souls Funeral Service for Betty Digweed
Thursday	2 nd	St Athanasius 9 15am	Patricia Lewington RIP
Friday	3 rd	Sts Philip & James, Apostles 9 15am	Holy Spirit
Saturday	4 th	The English Martyrs 10 00am	
Sunday	5 th	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	Helen & Douglas Cone

SUNDAY 5th MAY – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass	9 00am	11 00am	7 00pm
Readers	K Wilson, A Mitchell	L Flinders, J Kelly	D Strachan, C Reardon
Eucharistic Ministers	D Shuttleworth, S Conroy, A Donaldson	G Davison, A Dawes E Dixon	B Cole, L Cole S Smith
Altar Servers	A Bambrick, E Shuttleworth Harry Johnson	Anna Bambrick	D Smith, J Dowd

Children's Liturgy - Leader: **Companion:**

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.

Bible Sharing: Tuesday 1 00pm to 2 00pm in the church hall. All welcome

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

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.

Youth Alpha – this week we are going to the "Source" at Consett. The mini bus will leave St Robert's at 6.15 (at the latest) and will return at about 9.15pm.

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.

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.

Fundraising - Many thanks to everyone who helped organise the Marabini Italian Evening. Over £580 was raised for the Restoration Fund.

Christian aid Week 12th – 18th May - More volunteers are urgently needed for: THE HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION For a typical 'round' of about 50 houses, it takes about half an hour to deliver the envelopes, and one to two hours to collect them a day or two later. Full guidance is given in the collectors' booklet. We need about 12 more collectors! BOOK AND PLANT STALLS on Saturday 11th May, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Help needed with manning the stalls and with moving tables, books and plants and erecting gazebos. Also, of course donations of plants and books for sale will be welcomed. If you are unable to help in these ways, please at least come along to the Ecumenical Service on Sunday 12th at 5.30 p.m. in St Robert's Church to pray for the success of Christian Aid week and for those in need. Finally, Gerry will be walking across Scotland in the TGO Challenge in May, and will be looking for sponsors for Christian Aid. For further information on any of these activities, contact Gerry or Eileen on 517829.

S.V.P. - Fancy a challenge? Why not try the Yorkshire 3 Peaks in support of SVP Community Project on 22nd June 2013? See notice for details. The next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday 1st May at 7.30 p.m.

Offertory Envelopes - Many thanks to all our parishioners who contribute regularly with offertory envelopes. Would you please help the hardworking offertory counters by observing the following points: Use the envelope for the current week whenever possible – throw away any out of date envelopes and especially any from previous years. For second collections, use the special envelope if one is provided in your box, or special envelope provided on the day for other charities. Do not put any sellotape on the envelope to seal it – the adhesive on the flap is sufficient. Put in notes or large denomination coins rather than lots of small change – that makes counting slow and difficult. Thank you!

Bonus Ball – Week 8 winners Mary Turnbull, Chrissie Bone, Peter Higginbottom. 14 - bonus ball

Catholic Womens' League – there will be a meeting in the church hall on Monday 29th April at 7.00pm. Sister Shelagh Doherty (Daughters of Wisdom) will give us an insight into the Life and Spirituality of St Louis Marie de Montfort. As always members, friends and guests are very welcome to join us. A big thank you to everybody that supported the CWL coffee morning last Saturday when just over £300 was raised for Section funds.

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.

Ashray Charity Concert – Peace in the Holy Land – on Saturday 11th March 7.00pm at St George's church. Please see poster in the porch

May Devotions – May is the month dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. 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. There will be a Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction in the church on Sunday 26th May at 5.30pm.