

St Robert of Newminster

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SUNDAY 4th AUGUST 2013 – 18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH

Sunday	4 th	Mass 9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	Intentions Helen & Douglas Cone George Popely Evelyn Givens
Monday	5 th	Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major 9 15am	
Tuesday	6 th	Transfiguration of the Lord 9 15am	Fr Ned Wilkinson & Fr Brian Melia Special Intention (AR)
Wednesday	7 th	9 15am	
Thursday	8 th	St Dominic 9 15am	
Friday	9 th	St Teresa Benedicta 9 15am	Special Intention (ROM)
Saturday	10 th	St Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr 10 00am	
Sunday	11 th	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	Mary Ellen & Frank McLouglin Mary & George Armstrong

SUNDAY 11th AUGUST 2013 – 19TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Mass	9 00am	11 00am	7 00pm
Readers	M Murray, A Gorman	D Shearer, V Shearer	D Strachan, B Cole
Eucharistic Ministers	A Beattie, K Wilson T Walker	A Dawes, M Beaton C Smith	L Cole, S Smith M Illingworth
Altar Servers	Thomas Boyle, Sarah Bambrick Harry Johnson	Philip Glancey	Daniel Smith Danny Dowd

No Children's liturgy during school holidays

Confessions: No confessions this Wednesday Saturday 11 00 to 12 00pm

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

Rosary - Saturday – 9 40am.

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

Divine Mercy Devotions – Next devotions Thursday 19th August at 7 00pm in church hall.

Bible Sharing – Tuesday 1 00pm to 2 00pm in the church hall. All welcome
Wednesday Word – to help you prepare for Mass next Sunday. Please pick up a copy in porch.
Doorway to Faith – the green booklets in the porch are free – about living the Christian life.

Confirmations – Bishop Seamus will be here for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 28th November. The Sacrament is offered for those who will be in year 9 upwards in September. Please find applications forms at the back of church. There will be a meeting for candidates and parents (as well as sponsors) on Thursday 5th September at 7 00pm in the church hall. The course proper will begin the following Thursday 12th September at 7 00pm in the church hall. It will continue every Thursday (except half term) and will include a residential weekend.

Our Lady of Newminster Pilgrim Statue – will start again in September.

Fundraising Cocktail Night – Friday 6th September – Cocktails/Wine Tasting with Matt and Ken concentrating on wines from Europe. Tickets on sale today. Other dates for your diary: 19th October – Dinner on the St Robert's Orient Express. 23rd November – Christmas Fayre in the Town Hall. January (date to be confirmed) – Marabini's Evening Meal.

Parish Christmas Fair In Town Hall – the fund raising committee has booked the Town Hall for Saturday 23rd November. We hope this will be a major fund raising event and we need volunteers to help run stalls. Please sign form at back of church against which stall you would like to help with. If any individual or organisations have any good ideas for other stalls or activities please add to the list.

Altar Servers - Two of our parish altar servers recently visited Years 3 and 4 in school. The parish is hoping to train new Altar Servers for Sunday Masses (9.00, 11.00 and 7.00pm). Any individuals who have made their First Holy Communion and would like to become servers should contact Amy Boyle by email at amy@teamboyle.co.uk or on 01670 518253. There will be new altar server training at the end of August and again in September. Parents, please encourage your children to participate in this important church ministry.

Refugees and Asylum Seekers – Food needed – tins of fish and beef, tins of tomatoes and sweets, sugar, coffee, tea, cooking oil, biscuits, rice, pasta. Please put in the plastic bin in the porch.

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank – Please see the notice on the box in the porch for what is required.

Christian Aid – thanks - On behalf of Christian Aid, many thanks to all who supported the Summer Concert. It raised a total of £384.20. Those who were there had a great time as well, so thanks for coming.

SVP - The next SVP meeting will be on Wednesday 4th September. Members please make a note in your diaries!

Christian Aid – a great big thank you - Gerry Harber would like to express his enormous gratitude to all who sponsored him for his cross-Scotland walk. So far £1,210.50 has been banked with only a few who signed up yet to pay. This is a tremendous result achieved because of many parishioners great generosity. Thank you.

Proposed Flood Alleviation Scheme for St Robert's church grounds – This is the revised proposal from the Environment Agency and Halcrow. It awaits approval from the Hysterical Churches Committee: A low wall (300 – 450mm) from the end of the garage nearest the grotto going north to the existing low fence next to the peace garden. The grotto will not be moved and there will be steps to access the grotto. The wall will then follow the existing fence and boundary between the car park and the grassed area. There will be a ramp to allow excess to the field from the central gates. The wall continues east to the pedestrian gate that allows access to the church. Again, there will be a ramp here for the footpath. The wall then continues northwards (on the west side of the footpath) for a short distance as it decreases in height until it becomes level with the ground. The tree stump will be removed to allow easier access to the field. You will find copies of a visualisation picture in the porch and on the notice board. If you have any questions please see Fr Lawrence.

Advance Notice – On Saturday 17th August Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am (not 10.00am). There will be no confessions. A Nuptial Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am.