

St Robert of Newminster

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 8th September 2013

Parish Priest: Fr Lawrence Jones

Retired Priest in residence: Fr Jim Doherty

PLEASE PICK UP MISSALETTE

	<u>Masses</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
Sunday	8 th 9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	C & E Glancey Gail Swift (CWL)
Monday	9 th 9:15am 7:00pm	
Tuesday	10 th 9:15am	
Wednesday	11 th 9:15am	
Thursday	12 th Most Holy Name of Mary 9:15am	Doug Reader
Friday	13 th St John Chrysostom 9:15am	Deceased members of Conroy Family
Saturday	14 th Triumph of the Holy Cross 10:00am	George Beattie
Sunday	15 th 9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Cone Family

Sunday 15th September 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	9:00am	11:00am	7:00pm
Readers	H. Lewington N. McCole	J. Kelly B. Cudd	D. Strachan C. Reardon
Eucharistic Ministers	T. McLaughlin K. Wilson A. Wilson	R. McAllister E. Dixon G. Davison	B. Cole L. Cole S. Smith
Altar Servers	J & M Laux S. Bambrick	P. Glancey	P. Smith J. Dowd
Children's Liturgy	Leader: Alice	Companion: Eileen	
Tea/Coffee after morning Masses every Sunday. Everyone is welcome.			

Confessions - Wednesday - 6:30 to 7:00pm. Saturday - 11.00am – 12.00 noon.

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 – Thursday 26th September at 7.00pm pm in the presbytery.

All welcome

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

Wednesday Word – to help you prepare for the readings next Sunday. Pick up a leaflet at the back of church.

Recent Sunday Offerings – 1st Sep - £1,076.58, 25th Aug - £918.02, 18th Aug - £907.14

Many thanks.

Confirmations – The course begins on Thursday at 7.00pm in the church hall. The weekend away is Friday (evening) 18th October to Sunday (lunchtime) 20th October. Bishop Séamus will be here for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 28th November. Please pray for the 19 young people who will be confirmed.

An Encounter with the Holy Spirit – This evening at 7.00pm in the New life Christian Centre.

Walk to the Lady Chapel – Today is the birthday of Our Blessed Lady. There will be a walk to the 14th Century ruins of the Lady Chapel on the northern bank of the river Wansbeck on the path to Bothal, starting at 3pm at St Robert's. The Rosary will be recited and there will be a cream tea in the Church Hall. Please bring cakes and scones.

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers – An evening of prayer and instruction on Wednesday 11th September in the Church from 7pm to 8:15pm. Please try to attend.

Fundraising – Many thanks to members of the Fundraising Committee for organising the cocktail and wine tasting evening on Friday night. It was a great success and many thanks to all who supported the event. Dates for the diary: 19th October - Dinner on St Robert's Orient Express. 23rd November – Christmas Fayre.

Catholic Women's League – 7pm Mass on Monday 9th with business meeting afterwards.

St Robert's Brownies and Guides – St Robert's Brownies re-start date Tuesday 10th September and 1st Morpeth Guides, Wednesday 11th September.

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank – Please see the box in the Porch for what's required.

Refugees and Asylum Seekers – Food needed – Tins of Fish, Beef, Tomatoes and Sweetcorn. Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Cooking Oil, Biscuits, Rice and Pasta.

The School of Joy in Bethlehem – Fr Mamdouh Abusada has sent us a box of Christmas gifts to be sold in the Parish. They are made by the children at the school. Fr Lawrence would like someone to take responsibility for their sale. We need someone to oversee the sale of the items after Mass on a Sunday. This notice has been in the newsletter for several weeks now and only one person has come forward. We will need help for the 9.00am and 11.00am Mass. You can find out more about the school at www.schoolofjoy.org

Intercessory Prayer Group – Are you interested in praying for the Parish and its needs. Come to a meeting in the Presbytery on Tuesday 10th September at 7pm to find out more.

Children's Liturgy - We need new leaders for Children's Liturgy which takes place at 9am Mass. Please consider offering to help, especially if your children come to Children's liturgy. Feel free to come in to liturgy at 9am Mass if you would like to see what is involved or speak to Father Lawrence. Liturgy leaders are placed on a rota and usually only lead a liturgy every 5 or 6 weeks, the more leaders we have, the better for everyone!

Parish Gift Aid - The Gift Aid claim for St Robert's Parish for the tax year 2012-13 has been made and £10,869 has been credited to the parish as a result. This is a very important part of our annual parish income. Many thanks to all those who participate in the Gift Aid scheme for helping to achieve such a good result. If any parishioners who pay income tax but are not yet in the scheme would like to join, please take a form from the folder on the notice board in the church porch and return it to Gerry Harber, Parish Gift Aid Organiser or Fr Lawrence.

All parishioners who were registered under the Gift Aid scheme for tax year 2012-13 and have offertory contributions recorded will receive a letter informing them of the total amount of their contributions under the scheme for that year. The letters will be available for collection after Mass today – those not collected will be put in the post. If you think that you are in the scheme but have not received a letter by the end of September please contact Gerry Harber (517829). Conversely, if you have received a letter but your circumstances have changed (e.g. no longer paying tax, change of address) please advise Gerry about that.

Christian Aid Street Collection - The Christian Aid annual Street Collection takes place on Saturday 28th September, from 9.00 a.m. until 3.00 p.m. Six collectors are needed to make up the St Robert's team: volunteers please put your name and telephone number against your selected hour on the list in the Church porch. On the day, collect your box from St Robert's Presbytery five minutes before your start time. Thank you for your support.

SVP - The next SVP meeting will be in the Presbytery at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 18th September.

Rainbows Bereavement Support GB - Matthew Dawes will be running in the Great North Run and is raising funds for Rainbows Bereavement Support GB, a charity which supports children dealing with any significant loss in their lives. Quite a number of schools in the North East are already running the programme successfully and we now have a Rainbows North East Support Committee. Anne Dawes, a volunteer with the charity, will be outside church after 9.00 and 11.00 Masses to ask for your support by sponsoring Matthew. Thank you.

Coming Soon – the Journey in Faith – starting on Wednesday 9th October at 7.00pm in the presbytery. This is for anyone who wants to know more about the Catholic Faith, even if you happen to be one. All welcome.