

St Robert of Newminster

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SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER – 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gaudete Sunday

PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH

		Mass	Intentions
Sunday	15 th	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	Sarah Ann Lockie Ralph & Ella Foster Deceased members of Cole Family
Monday	16 th	9 15am	Lindores Family
Tuesday	17 th	9 15am	Deceased members of Carter Family
Wednesday	18 th	9 15am	Peter Lawson
Thursday	19 th	9 15am	Doug Reader
Friday	20 th	9 15am	Dorothy Mass
Saturday	21 st	10 00am	Catherine Walker and William Dobson Walker
Sunday	22 nd	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	Margaret and Harry Bell Carter Family Cole Family

SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER - 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	9 00am	11 00am	7 00pm
Readers	J Offen, D Marr	P Dawes, A Dawes	C Reardon, G Sutcliffe
Eucharistic Ministers	J Laidlaw, S Conroy P Baker	M Beaton, V Shearer D Shearer	B Cole, M Illingworth A Smith
Altar Servers	Anna Bambrick Eloise Walker-Barras	Philip Glancey	Patrick Smith Danny Dowd

Children's liturgy – Christmas break

Confessions - Wednesday 6.00pm to 7.00pm and Saturday 11 00am – 12 noon

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

Rosary - Saturday – 9 40am.

Divine Mercy Devotions – Devotions on Thursday 7.00pm in the 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 the porch.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Thursday from the end of Mass until 10.30am and Saturday from the end of Mass until 12 noon. The period of adoration on Thursday will be offered for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and on Saturday for our young people.

Last Sunday's offering - £1,147.49. Many thanks

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers – Please sign up for Christmas at the back of Church.

Welcomers and offertory collectors (stewards) – Please also sign up at the back of church. If you already fulfil this ministry please sign up for whatever Mass you are coming to.

Children's Nativity at 6 00pm Vigil Mass Christmas Eve - There will be a meeting for children who would like to take part in the Nativity play in church after 9 00am Mass TODAY. We need actors, readers and recorder players.

Penitential Services – On Saturday 21st December at 12 noon, in St Mary's Cathedral Newcastle, there will be a Penitential Service followed by the opportunity for individual Confessions throughout the afternoon (with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament) until Benediction at 5.00pm. A Penitential Service with Individual Confession at St Bede's, Bedlington on Sunday 22nd December at 4 00pm and on Tuesday 17th December at 7.00pm in St Wilfred's, Blyth. See below for Confession times at St Robert's.

Christmas Church Cleaning – please come along to join Church cleaning for Christmas on Tuesday 17th December after morning Mass.

The Northern Catholic Calendar 2014 - now available in the porch. £2.50. Please use the collection box in the wall of the porch.

The Pope's Apostolic Exhortation "Evangelii Gaudium" (The Joy of the Gospel) – is available from the porch. £4.95. Please use the collection box in the wall of the porch.

Sale of Newspapers and items in the porch – please feel free to use the collection box in the porch wall.

CWL Christmas Dinner – would members and guests please meet at the Shambles, Bridge Street, on Monday 16th December at 6.30pm for our meal at 7.00pm.

First Holy Communion – the course begins in January.

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

Refugees and Asylum Seekers – Christmas SOS – West End Refugee Service are hoping for kind people to give a festive gift to destitute asylum seekers this Christmas - at present about 30 women and 90 men. They need toiletries, shampoo, shower gel, body lotion. Men need boxers and women need briefs. Both need woolly hats, gloves and socks, chocolates, sweets and biscuits but no nuts. Please put any donations in the box in the porch.

Christmas Offering – Many people believe that the Christmas collection (including the envelope in your offertory pack) goes to the priests of the parish. This has not been the case in this diocese for some years. The Christmas collection goes to the parish. If you wish to make an offering of appreciation for your two priests please use the white envelopes at the back of church and place them on the offertory plate

Senior Parishioners Social – note the date! – The annual social for Senior Parishioners will be held in the parish hall on Saturday 1st February 2014, 3 00 – 6 00pm. There will be a buffet and drinks provided and musical entertainment. Also a free raffle. We will be collecting the names of those who wish to attend (age 70 and over) in the next few weeks.

Dates for your diary – Young Adults Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Aged 18 to 30) Saturday 25th October to Saturday 1st November (half term). A pilgrimage to the Holy Land open to all parishioners – Friday 20th February to Friday 27th February 2015. Details to follow.

SVP Holy Island Camp 2014 – More volunteers are wanted to help run the Holy Island camps for young people in 2014. See notice in church porch for details and how to apply.

Parish Pastoral Council - There are a few vacancies. Nomination forms available soon. Please consider serving the parish in this way or encourage someone else to.

Post Confirmation Youth Group – Next meeting on Thursday 16th January 7.00pm in the church hall. The next "Liquid" event at New life Christian Centre will be on Sunday 12th January at 7.00pm.

Wanted – an electronic drum kit for the youth group. See Fr Lawrence or Andrew.

Tea /Coffee after morning Masses every Sunday. Everyone welcome.

Christmas at St Robert's 2013

Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

6 00pm First Mass of Christmas with Children's Nativity

Wednesday 25th December (Christmas Day)

Midnight Mass (at midnight) with Carols and Readings from 11 30pm

10 00am Mass of Christmas Day

(NO 9 00am, 11 00am or 7 00pm Mass)

Confessions at St Robert's

Wednesday 18th December 6.00pm to 7 00pm

Saturday 21st December 11.00am to 12 noon

Sunday 22nd December after all Masses

Monday 23rd December 6 00pm to 7 00pm

Tuesday 24th December 9 45am to 10 30am.