

St Robert of Newminster

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SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER – 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT
PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH

		Mass	Intentions
Sunday	1 st	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	Helen & Douglas Cone Dixon Family Marian McCollum
Monday	2 nd	9 15am	Harry & Margaret Bell
Tuesday	3 rd	St Francis Xavier 9 15am	James & Kathleen Rush
Wednesday	4 th	St John Damascene 9 15am	Eileen Robinson
Thursday	5 th	9 15am	Michael Ibbetson
Friday	6 th	St Nicholas 9 15am	Ludek & Mary Lake
Saturday	7 th	St Ambrose 10 00am	Bill McMillan
Sunday	8 th	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	Joshua & Maria Hedley George Carter Des, Mary Ellen and Frank McLaughlin

SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER - 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	9 00am	11 00am	7 00pm
Readers	K Wilson, A Mitchell	B Cudd, J Kelly	L Cole, S Smith
Eucharistic Ministers	A Wilson, T Walker J Conroy	E Dixon, D Shearer V Shearer	M Illingworth, C Rich A Smith

Confessions: Wednesday 6.30pm 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 – No devotions on Thursday 21st or 28th November.

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 and on Saturday for our young people.

Christmas Fayre – the total raised was £1,850.38. This is a tremendous achievement. Many, many thanks to everyone who supported this event and worked extremely hard to make it such a huge success

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

CWL – Advent Service - The CWL Advent Service this year is to be held on Monday 2nd December at 7.00pm. Members, parishioners and guests are very welcome to attend.

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.

Confirmation and post Confirmation – Congratulations to all the young people who were Confirmed last Thursday. It was a wonderful celebration. Many thanks to everyone who helped in anyway. The Confirmation group are invited to a post Confirmation Christmas Celebration at Marabini's on Thursday night at 6.30pm. Also, this week there is the "Source" event at St Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle at 7.00pm on Wednesday. If you wish to go please inform Fr Lawrence or Andrew. The "Liquid" event takes place next Sunday 8th December, at 7.00pm at New life Christian Centre. All young people are invited.

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 on 8th December. We need actors, readers and recorder players.

Icon of St Robert – Cath Ferguson, the iconographer, will be here on Friday 6th December with a drawing of the proposed icon and will give an explanation after the 9.15am Mass in the church hall. She is keen to meet as many parishioners as possible.

Thanks – Thank you to everyone who generously supported the Shoebox Appeal.

Dickens of a Draw – Harry Cone will collect counterfoils and money of sold tickets after all Masses on 8th December. There are still tickets available at the back of church and in the church hall. Please use the time between now and the 8th to push the sale of the tickets. Do not forget you do not have to buy the tickets yourself simply sell as many as you can to friends, family etc. Every penny raised is for the benefit of St Robert's and will be put towards the cost of the Icon of St Robert and the repainting of the statue of Christ the King and Our Lady of Lourdes (after the flood defences are completed.)

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

Senior Parishioners Social – note the date! - The annual social for Senior Parishioners will be held in the parish hall on Saturday 1st February 2014, 3p.m. to 6 p.m. 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 or over) in the next few weeks.

Torchlight Procession at Hexham - in honour of Our Lady in anticipation of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception - 7.00pm on Friday 6th December. See poster in porch for details.

Dates for your diary – Young Adults Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Aged 18 to 30) Saturday 25th October to Saturday 1st November (half term) 2014. A pilgrimage to the Holy Land open to all parishioners – Friday 20th February to Friday 27th February 2015. Details to follow.

First Holy Communion – the course begins in January.

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

Penitential Service and Confessions – a Service with Individual Confession at St Bede's Bedlington on Sunday 22nd December at 4.00pm. Don't forget that there are Confessions at St Robert's from 6.30pm to 7.00pm on Wednesdays and 11.00am to 12 noon on Saturdays. More Confessions times for Advent will be announced next week

Christmas at St Robert's for 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)