

St Robert of Newminster

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SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER – 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT
PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH

		Mass	Intentions
Sunday	22 nd	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	Margaret and Harry Bell Carter Family Cole Family
Monday	23 rd	9 15am	Gerald McAndrew
Tuesday	24 th	Christmas Eve 9.15am	George Beattie
		First Mass of Christmas 6 00pm	Des McLaughlin
		Midnight Mass with Carols and Readings from 11.30pm 12 midnight	Dolly Brew & Joe McKee (Special Intention)
Wednesday	25 th	Mass of Christmas Day (Dawn Mass) 10 00am	
Thursday	26 th	10.00am	Intentions of Catholic Women's League
Friday	27 th	10.00am	Hetty Davison
Saturday	28 th	10.00am	Bobby Turnbull
Sunday	29 th	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	Walton Family Hetty Davison (CWL) Nancy Hall

SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

	9 00am	11 00am	7 00pm
Readers	H Lewington, M Boyle	V Shearer, D Shearer	J Gill, T Edwards
Eucharistic Ministers	D Shuttleworth, M Dewar D Dewar	E Dixon, R Soulsby R McAllister	C Rich, J Barham B Cole
Altar Servers	Sarah Bambrick Michael Laux	Philip Glancey	Patrick Smith Joseph Dowd

Children's liturgy – Christmas break

Confessions – after all Masses today. **Monday 23rd December 6 00pm to 7 00pm**

Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve) 9 45am to 10 30am.

The Angelus - Monday and Tuesday at 9 00am. **Morning Prayer** - Monday and Tuesday 9 00am.

Rosary - Saturday – 9 40am.

Divine Mercy Devotions – Thursday 9th January at 7.00pm in the church hall.

Wednesday Word – to help you prepare for Mass next Sunday. Please pick up a copy in the porch.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - **No adoration this week.**

Last Sunday's offering – £1,193.84. 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.

Penitential Service - A Service with Individual Confession at St Bede's, Bedlington on Sunday 22nd December at 4 00pm.

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. 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.

Catholic Womens' League – The members of the Catholic Womens' League had great pleasure in presenting Father Lawrence with a cheque for £1,600 on Monday evening at their Christmas dinner. This along with their donation earlier in the year, for the credence table and three chairs for the altar, concludes their 2013 project. Thank you to all members and everyone who supported the fundraising effort in 2013.

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.

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.

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.

Fr Tom Cunningham – would like to thank everyone who sent him gifts and greetings for Christmas. He is sorry that he is not able to write and thank you individually because his brother Hugh is in hospital at this time. Please remember Hugh in your prayers.

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 are available in the porch. Nominations close on Sunday 5th January. Please put the nomination form in an envelope and hand to Fr Lawrence or Fr Jim or deliver to the presbytery. Please consider serving the parish in this way or encourage someone else to. Every candidate needs at least one nominee.

Rutherford's – Why not drop a line to Mr Richard Rutherford, Managing Director, 10-16 Bridge St, Morpeth, NE61 1NJ and thank him for the nativity scene in the shop window or make a comment on the shop's Facebook page?

The Epiphany of the Lord – Children are invited to come to the 9.00am Mass on Sunday 5th January dressed as kings and queens. Fr Lawrence has a supply of crowns if you need one. Perhaps a few parishioners may like to bake some "Galette des Rois" (King Cake) for after Mass?

White Flower Appeal - The annual collection for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will be Sunday 12th January.

Solemn Mass of Christmas Eve with Pope Francis - from St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, Tuesday, December 24 at 8:30 pm LIVE; encores Wednesday, December 25 at 1:00 pm - on EWTN (Sky Channel 589) or on the website www.ewtn.co.uk/.

Urbi et Orbi, the Christmas Message and Blessing of Pope Francis - Wednesday, December 25 at 11:00 am LIVE; encores at 8:00 pm and Friday, December 26 at 4:00 am - on EWTN (Sky Channel 589) or on the website [/www.ewtn.co.uk/](http://www.ewtn.co.uk/).

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