

St Robert of Newminster

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Retired Priest in residence: Fr Jim Doherty



SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
PLEASE PICK UP MISSALETTE

Masses				Intentions
Sunday	29 th	9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm		Walton Family Hetty Davison (CWL) Nancy Hall Fr Micahel Brown (Silver Jubilee) Colette Siddle
Monday	30 th	10:00am		Lillian & Ronald James Ellis
Tuesday	31 st	10:00am		Elsie Holland
Wednesday	1 st	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 11:00am		Hetty Davison
Thursday	2 nd	St's Basil & Gregory 10:00am		Helen & Douglas Cone
Friday	3 rd	The Most Holy Name of Jesus 10:00am		Hetty Davison
Saturday	4 th	10:00am		
Sunday	5 th	9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm		

SUNDAY 5th JANUARY 2014 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mass Readers	9:00am	11:00am	7:00pm
	M. Bell	B. Cudd	S. Smith
	N. McCole	L. Flinders	D. Oldroyd
Eucharistic Ministers	A. Donaldson A. Gorman T. McLaughlin	A. Dawes G. Davison C. Smith	L. Cole M. Illingworth A. Smith
Altar Servers	T. Boyle O. Bruce E. Walker-Barras	T. Boyle	B. Gosling D. Dowd

No Children's Liturgy

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

Confessions – Saturday 11.00am to 12 noon.

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 – £1,105.62 Many thanks.

Christmas Offering - £1,441.12. Many thanks

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 for year 3. If your child does not attend St Robert's please see Fr Lawrence to register.

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

Refugees and Asylum Seekers – Please see box in the porch for what is required

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 use the collection box in the porch wall.

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.

Flood Defences

The work for the flood defences on St Robert's property begins on Monday 6th January. The church car park will be closed for approximately 6 to 8 weeks. The school playground will be available on a weekend as usual but there will be only access through the school gate. Those who are able-bodied should try and park elsewhere to ensure that the less able bodied and elderly can get parking near the church.

Thank You

Fr Jim Doherty and myself would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who sent us greetings and gifts for Christmas and for using the special envelopes for the clergy offering. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated.

I want to say a special word of thanks to everyone who has helped the Christmas Masses go so well. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes. Many thanks to everyone who was involved.

This last week of the year gives me the opportunity to say a Very Big Thank You to all the people who help with the smooth running of the Parish and who give of their time and talent so generously in so many ways. Please forgive me if I miss anyone out. It is not deliberate. So, in no particular order, I want to say many thanks to flower arrangers, crib erectors (both inside the church and outside, including the men who moved the crib from the garage), sacristans, mulled wine makers (after Midnight Mass), cleaners, newsletter producers, church linen cleaners, rota producers, readers, choir, folk group, organists, instrumentalists, cantors, altar servers (young and old), our altar server co-ordinator, ushers, welcomers and the leaders and helpers of the Children's Liturgy who arranged the splendid nativity play at the Christmas Vigil Mass, the staff, children and governors of St Robert's School, St Benedicts School for their wonderful Carol Service. A big thank you to the Eucharistic Ministers, the counters, the parish secretary, the people who help with the offertory collection, the gift aid organiser, the parish pastoral council, finance committee, the fundraising committee (and all who have supported the events so magnificently), the ushers, welcomers, CWL, SVP, Catenians, bingo and all other parish groups, all those who serve refreshments after Mass on a Sunday morning. To everyone who works quietly behind the scenes, a very big thank you. Your help and commitment is very much appreciated. Thank you to each and every one of you for your commitment to the parish and your participation in the life of the parish.

Thanks to everyone who supports the parish and school in so many varied ways. It is very much appreciated. Thanks also for your financial contribution to the Parish through the offertory collection and gift aid.

I want to say a special word of thanks to Fr Jim Doherty whose contribution to the life of the parish is enormous. We all owe him a deep debt of gratitude. I value his help and support very much.

Fr Lawrence Jones