

St Robert of Newminster

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SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER – 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH

| | | Mass | Intentions |
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| Sunday | 8 th | 9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm | Joshua & Maria Hedley George Carter Des, Mary Ellen & Frank McLaughlin |
| Monday | 9 th | The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary | |
| Tuesday | 10 th | 9 15am | Deceased members of SVP |
| Wednesday | 11 th | 9 15am | Fr Jim Lennon |
| Thursday | 12 th | 9 15am | Mary & Jimmy Ward |
| Friday | 13 th | Our Lady of Guadeloupe 9 15am St Lucy 9 15am 11.00am | Elsie Holland Hetty Davison Funeral Service for Krystina Dalaney |
| Saturday | 14 th | St John of the Cross 10 00am | Ridley Family |
| Sunday | 15 th | 9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm | Sarah Ann Lockie Ralph and Ella Foster Deceased members of Cole Family |

SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER - 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

| | 9 00am | 11 00am | 7 00pm |
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| Readers | T Walker, D Marr | L Flinders, J Ratcliffe | D Strachan, B Cole |
| Eucharistic Ministers | G Harber, E Harber M Bell | G Davison, A Dawes C Smith | J Barham, L Cole S Smith |
| Altar Servers | Thomas Boyle Abigail Kinghorn | Thomas Boyle | Benedict Gosling Joseph Dowd |

Children's liturgy – Leader: Amy Companion: Jackie

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 – 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 - £1,013.34. Many thanks

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

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

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.

Christmas Events this week at St Robert's –

Tuesday at 6.00pm – St Benedict's Middle School Carol Service

Thursday at 2.00pm and Friday at 6.00pm – St Robert's School Nativity

Penitential Service and Confessions – A 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. Don't forget that there are Confessions at St Robert's from 6 30 to 7 00pm on Wednesdays and 11 00 am to 12 noon on Saturdays. See below for more Confession times during Advent

Fr Jim Lennon RIP – there will be a Requiem Mass at 12 noon on Tuesday at St Wilfred's Blyth.

First Holy Communion – the course begins in January.

The Northern Catholic Calendar 2014 - now available in the porch. £2.50

CWL – The members of the CWL have been invited by St James' Mothers' Union to their Advent Service on Monday 9th December at 7 00pm in St James' Church.

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.

Fundraising – The focus of our fundraising at the moment is an icon of St Robert for the church and the repainting of Christ the King and Our Lady of Lourdes. Please support our fundraising activities including Dickens of a Draw.

Help needed – to put up the outdoor Christmas tree and outdoor crib this week. Have a word with Fr Lawrence. Also, help need after 9.15am Mass on Monday 23rd December to assemble crib and tree in the church.

Dickens of a Draw – Harry Cone will collect counterfoils and money of sold tickets after all Masses TODAY. 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, 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 will be available next weekend. Please consider serving the parish in this way or encourage someone else to.

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 11th December 6.30pm to 7.00pm

Saturday 14th December 11.00am to 12noon.

Wednesday 18th December 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Saturday 21st December 11.00am to 12 noon.

Sunday 22nd December after all the Masses.

Monday 23rd December 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Tuesday 24th December 9.45am to 10.30am