

St Robert of Newminster
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SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER 2014 – 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE

		Mass	Intentions
Sunday	14 th	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	John Bullen Alan Smith (SC) Sarah Ann Lockie
Monday	15 th	9 15am	Alan Smith
Tuesday	16 th	9 15am	Muriel Feeney
Wednesday	17 th	9 15am	Carol Teasdale & Kathleen Lovel
Thursday	18 th	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Vera Nixon
Friday	19 th	9 15am	Eddie & Mildred Cosgrove
Saturday	20 th	10 00am	Evelyn Givens
Sunday	21 st	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	George Carter Alan Smith (AMc) Paul Smith

SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER – 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	9 00am	11 00am	7 00pm
Readers	E Harber, G Harber	B Cudd, L Flinders	S Smith, Clive Rich
Eucharistic Ministers	J Conroy, J Laidlaw M Bell	M Beaton, V Shearer D Shearer	M Illingworth, A Smith L Cole
Altar Servers	Erin Boyle, Michael Laux	Philip Glancey	Patrick Smith, Joseph Dowd

Children's liturgy - Leader – Ruth Companion – Jane

Tea/Coffee after morning Masses every Sunday – everyone welcome

Confessions: Saturday 11 00 am – 12 noon.

The Angelus: Monday to Friday at 9 00am.

Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday at 9 00am

Divine Mercy Devotions: 7.00pm Thursday in presbytery

Bible Sharing: Tuesday 1 00pm in the church hall.

Wednesday Word: to help you prepare for Mass next Sunday. Please pick up a copy at the back of church. .

Rosary: - Saturday – 9 40am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Thursday from the end of Mass until Benediction at 10 15am and Saturday from the end of Mass until 12 noon.

Last Sunday's offering: £978.50. Many thanks

Collection for the School of Joy: £858.09. Many thanks

SUNDAY EVENING MASS – STARTING ON SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY 2015 THE SUNDAY EVENING MASS WILL BE AT 6 00PM.

MASSES AT CHRISTMAS – Christmas Eve 6 00pm with Children’s Nativity.

Midnight Mass at Midnight

Mass on Christmas Day at 10.00am.

PLEASE PICK UP THE CHRISTMAS LEAFLET FOR MORE DETAILS

Children’s Nativity 24th December 6 00pm Vigil Mass- Could all children wishing to take part come to a practice on Monday 22nd December at 10 30am in Church. We will just have one practice session/run through so we could be there for an hour.

Church Cleaning – Tuesday 23rd December after the 9.15am Mass. The more help the better!

Decorating the church – Fr Lawrence would like some assistance in putting up the Christmas Tree and Crib in church on Monday 22nd December at 6.00pm.

CWL – The next meeting will be the Christmas Dinner on Monday 15th December at the Black & Grey. Those members attending please meet at 6 45 for 7 00pm.

Thank You – Elizabeth Dixon would like to thank the 1st Morpeth St Robert’s Brownies, their leaders and friends for the gifts she received on Tuesday on her retirement as Brown Owl.

School of Joy – Gift Aid envelopes are now available at the back of church as well as forms for Standing Orders. Make sure you write “School of Joy” across the top of the form. You can put the Gift Aid envelopes on the collection plate. Fr Abusada has an arrangement with the Friends of the Holy Land who will forward all monies to him provided they are clearly marked “School of Joy”.

LIFE TEEN leaders needed: At the start of 2015 St Roberts will be introducing this fun and exciting youth programme to the parish (see www.Lifeteen.com) If you would like to be a leader or would like to know more please contact Father Lawrence or Andrew O’Neill on 07818236000. There will be a training weekend at the Youth Village in the new year. Leaders can be any age and have any level of experience – you just need to be a committed Catholic who is passionate about seeing our next generation develop in the faith.

Youth Group – next meeting in January.

Fundraising Priorities – the roof of the church and the sandstone walls are in need of restoration. The Diocese has instructed us to seek funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. An application is now being progressed. We all need to hope and pray that we are successful. Our priority for fundraising is therefore the parish hall which has a problem with damp and the kitchen is in need of refurbishment. The damp needs to be dealt with first and expert advice is being sought. We hope to get an idea of the cost soon. Many thanks for a recent anonymous donation of £100.

Morpeth Lions Dickens of a Draw – This year’s monies will go towards our parish hall requirements. Please take a bundle of tickets and sell as many as you can. Please put money and stubs in an envelope and either put on collection plate at Mass or hand in to Fr. Lawrence. **Tickets must be returned by TODAY**

Wine Tasting Evening – The total raised was £407.42 (including donations). Many thanks to all who supported the evening and especially to those who worked so hard to make it such a great success.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - **PLACES STILL AVAILABLE.** Friday 20th to Friday 27th February 2015. Visiting Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, the Dead Sea, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, the Mount of the Transfiguration, the site of the multiplication of loaves and fishes, the mount of beatitudes and much more £1,195 each (sharing a room). Single room supplement £270.00. Includes flights from Heathrow (but not transport to and from Heathrow), half board accommodation with dinner, bed and breakfast. Please pick up a brochure from the table in the porch.

The Royal Voluntary Service – are looking for volunteers if you have some free time. They are looking specifically for help at their 1 o’clock at Stobhill Grange Road Community Hall. If you have 2 hours spare once a month to help make tea and coffee, chat to people and make a difference please contact Pauline Chisholm on 01670 517706.

Asylum Seekers Aid – At present there are 120 clients – 108 men and 12 women. Mens gifts are particularly welcome – toiletries (no razors), bars of chocolate (no nuts), woolly hats, scarves, gloves and socks. Many thanks Please see respective boxes in the porch for donations of food.

Wansbeck Food Bank - Please see box in porch for donations.

Parish Newsletter – all items must be submitted by Thursday night, preferably by Email to ljonesys@yahoo.co.uk