

St Robert of Newminster
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SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER 2014 – 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE

		Mass	Intentions
Sunday	21 st	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	George Carter Alan Smith (AMc) Paul McCole
Monday	22 nd	9 15am	Alan Smith (GD)
Tuesday	23 rd	11 30am 9 15am	Funeral Service for Bert Flynn Harry & Margaret Bell
Wednesday	24 th	Christmas Eve 9.15am First Mass of Christmas 6 00pm Midnight Mass 12 midnight	George Beattie & Family Des, Mary Ellen and Frank McLoughlin Molly McKee
Thursday	25 th	Christmas Day 10 00am	Lillian & Ronald Ellis
Friday	26 th	St Stephen 10 00am	Thanksgiving to Our Lady
Saturday	27 th	St John, Apostle & Evangelist 10 00am	Nancy Hall
Sunday	28 th	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	Mary Ellen & Frank McLouglin CWL Members James Craig

READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS
PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE BACK OF CHURCH

SUNDAY 28th DECEMBER – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

	9 00am	11 00am	7 00pm
Readers	A Mitchell, K Wilson	A Dawes, J Ratcliffe	L Cole, B Cole
Eucharistic Ministers	E Harber, G Harber S Conroy	C Smith, E Dixon G Davison	S Smith, M Illingworth A Smith
Altar Servers	Anna Bambrick Eloise Walker-Barras	Abigail Kinghorn	Benedict Gosling Danny Dowd

Tea/Coffee after morning Masses every Sunday – everyone welcome

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

Confessions: Monday 22nd December 9 45 -10 15.

Tuesday 23rd December 6 00 – 7 00pm

Wednesday 24th December 11 00 – 12 noon.

The Angelus and Morning Prayer: Monday to Wednesday at 9 00am.

Divine Mercy Devotions: Thursday 8th January in the presbytery

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

Last Sunday's offering: £1,219.86. Many thanks.

Church Spire – During a recent inspection cracks in the stonework were discovered. They require immediate attention. The scaffolding at the main door (south) is to protect entry and exit.

Apologies about the closure of the organ loft today. Scaffolding to protect this area will be erected early in the week. More scaffolding will be erected over the next few weeks and the spire will be repaired. More information to follow later.

Attention all Men! - Mission follow-up advance notice - date for your diary Jan 10th, 9.30am in the Church Hall. "Picking up the threads."

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 15am** in Church. We will just have one practice session/run through so we could be there for an hour.

CWL- The members of the Catholic Women's League are happy to report that from their Advent Service collection and funds £200 was given to St Cuthbert's Care and £200 to the School of Joy, Bethlehem. Also as a result of their mini Christmas Fayre £700 was given towards parish fundraising. The next committee meeting will be on Monday 5th January and the first meeting of 2015 will be on 12th January, hopefully with Holy Mass at 7 00pm. We would welcome new members.

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 to be announced.

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.

Dickens of a Draw - St. Robert's parishioners have raised £598 by way of their participation in the 2014 Morpeth Lions Dickens of a Draw Raffle. Every penny of the £598 raised will be retained by St. Robert's and will go towards the Parish Hall requirements. There are five prize winners from tickets sold by St. Robert's parishioners, who will be notified. Those winning numbers are: 24457, 24854, 24974, 27453 & 28189. Well done and thank you for your support.

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, welcomers and collectors - Please sign up for Christmas at the back of Church.

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.

The Northern Catholic Calendar 2015 - now available in the porch.

£2.50. Please use the collection box in the wall of the porch.

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 Facebook page.

White Flower Appeal - The annual collection for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will be Sunday 11th January

Epiphany Carol Service – Saturday 4th January 7.00pm in the church. A simple service to highlight the continuation of the Christmas Season and the importance of the great feast of the Epiphany – the visit of the wise men to the manger. All welcome.