

# St Robert of Newminster

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PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE

SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2015

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**



<u>Masses</u>		<u>Intentions</u>	
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00am	Molly McKee
		11:00am	Doreen Smith
		6:00pm	P Onono
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:15am	Tony Syron
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	Adeline Morgan
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	Cliffe Crisp
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	Barbara Bowey
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	
		Family Fast Day	Mrs Curtis
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Pat McGurk
Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00am	Helen & Douglas Cone
		11:00am	Dec'd Members of the Davison Family
		6:00pm	Cole Family (Thanksgiving)
<b>SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>			
<b>Mass</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Readers</b>	T Walker D Marr	J Ratcliffe A Dawes	S Smith C Rich
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	T McLaughlin A Beattie A Wilson	M. Beaton C. Smith G. Davison	L Cole M Illingworth A Smith
<b>Altar Servers</b>	S. Bambrick E. Walker-Barras	P. Glancey	P. Smith O. Bruce
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b> Leader:- Clare. Companion:- Sarah			
<b>Tea/Coffee after morning Masses every Sunday.</b> Everyone is welcome.			

**Confessions:** Saturday 11.30am to 12 noon

**Divine Mercy Devotions:** -Thursday 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.

**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.

**DON'T FORGET – MASS ON A SUNAY EVENING IS NOW AT 6 00PM**

**Parish Newsletter** – please send newsletter items by Thursday (by email) to [marian@marianbell.f2s.com](mailto:marian@marianbell.f2s.com) until further notice.

**CAR PARK:-** The Car Park will remain open until further notice.

**Church Hall:-** Unfortunately our bid for a grant to renovate the Church Hall was unsuccessful. However we will start some damp proofing work using the funds raised by the parish for this purpose - it will simply take us longer to do all that we want.

**Women's World Day of Prayer:-** This year the service will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at St Robert's Church at 2pm. If anyone would like to join the Choir please come along to the last practice on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 11:00am.

**Men's Breakfast:-** Advance Warning. Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 9:30 to 10:30 in the Church Hall.

**Deanery Healing Service:-** 4<sup>th</sup> March at St Roberts. Exposition 6pm to 7pm followed by Mass at 7pm including Anointing of the Sick.

**Prayer Service:-** Following the "Life in the Spirit Course" we will be having a prayer service in St Robert's on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 6pm to 7pm. If this is a success we hope to make this a regular monthly service. All are welcome.

**Journey:-** Are you between 18 and 35? Come and join the Journey Group at 7:15pm on Wednesdays in the Presbytery.

**First Holy Communion:-** The preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist began last week. Any parents with children not attending St Robert's School who wish to receive these Sacraments please contact Fr Lawrence or St Robert's School about joining the preparation lessons.

**Coffee Morning, Cake Stall and Raffle** for the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre, Northern Tanzania. 7<sup>th</sup> March 10am to noon in support of Peter Smith's climb of Mount Kilimanjaro to raise funds for this Charity.

**Catholic Women's League** - Meeting at 7:00pm on Monday 23rd February will be our Lenten Address given by Father Jim Doherty. Members and friends are very welcome.

**Sunday Coffee Rota** - The new rota is being produced, however we would welcome some new volunteers for either the 9:00am Mass or the 11:00am. Please contact Elizabeth Dixon (516584) or Elphin Conroy (5033419).

**USA Visit:-** Parishioners Graham and Terese Cook will shortly be flying off to the USA as guests of a group of Education and Health providers who deliver professional services to "troubled teenagers" who suffer from various issues or addictions that have an adverse effect on family life. As owners of Off The Rails Kids Ltd a "not for profit" business working in the UK and USA they will tour therapeutic programmes and specialist schools / rehab facilities in Vermont and New Hampshire. It is anticipated that these new facilities will act as delivery partners in the same way that existing relationships work in Utah and California.

You can find more details about their important work at [www.offtherailskids.com](http://www.offtherailskids.com)

**Christian Aid Spring Evening:-** Fancy a delicious 3-course meal for only £7? Why not come along to the Christian Aid Spring Evening in the Methodist Hall on Saturday 7th March, where you can also learn how Christian Aid is changing lives in Ethiopia. Tickets from Gerry Harber (Tel 517829).

**Parish Finances and Gift Aid:-** Following Gerry Harber's talk on 8th February, completed Gift Aid forms can be handed to Gerry or any member of the finance committee. Alternatively just post them in the presbytery. If you missed Gerry's talk, the main point was that the parish needs more income from our offertories just to pay the routine costs - quite aside from the repairs needed to the church which will cost over £300,000. Therefore we are all asked to give a little more. If not already Gift Aiding your offertory please do so if you are eligible. Also consider a standing order for offertories. Forms for both are in the church porch.

**Tuesday bible group:-** Meetings suspended until after Easter.

**Lenten Lunches:-** Lenten lunches - soup with a bun and cake - are served each Friday of Lent (except 6th March - Women's World Day of Prayer) in the parish hall. All proceeds go to CAFOD and the Government will double all money donated to CAFOD during Lent.

Volunteers are needed to make soup and/or cakes, and also to set out the hall and serve the lunches. Please put your name on the appropriate list on the bench at the back of church.