

# St Robert of Newminster

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PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE

SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**



<u>Masses</u>		<u>Intentions</u>	
Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> 9:00am	Helen & Douglas Cone Dec'd members of Davison Family Cole Family Harrison Cochrane Ruth & Jim Alderson Fr Lawrence	
	11:00am		
	6:00pm		
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9:15am	Carol Teasdale Denise Storey	
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> 9:15am		
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> 9:15am		
	6:00pm Exposition		
	7:00pm Deanery Healing Mass		
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> 9:15am		
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> 9:15am		
	2:00pm Women's World Day of Prayer Service		
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am	Sr Mary Raphael	
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am	Alwyn Evans (RIP)	
	11:00am	Doreen Lawrence	
	6:00pm	Clare Brew (RIP)	
<b>SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> March 2015 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>			
<b>Mass</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Readers</b>	J. Offen	D. Shearer	L. Cole
	M. Boyle	V. Shearer	B. Cole
<b>Eucharistic</b>	K. Wilson	A. Dawes	M. Illingworth
<b>Ministers</b>	T. Walker	E. Dixon	S. Smith
	J. Conroy	G. Davison	A. Smith
<b>Altar</b>	E. Boyle	A. Kinghorn	A. Bambrick
<b>Servers</b>	I. Golding Douglass		J. Dowd
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b> Leader:- Mary. Companion:- Eileen			
<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.

**Stations of the Cross** –Monday 7pm, and after Mass on Friday (approx. 9.45am).

**Last week's offerings** - Standing Orders £218, Collection £1023.26

**CAR PARKING RESTRICTIONS:** - Safety work has commenced on the Spire and will continue until 11<sup>th</sup> March. During this period **please do not obstruct the ramp** accessing the field; this will usually be coned off.

Stonemasons commence work on 12<sup>th</sup> March until 26<sup>th</sup> March. For safety reasons the car park adjacent to the Hall and Presbytery will be not be available for car parking.

The school playground will be available to parishioners who wish to park when attending mass on Saturday and Sunday, but **please allow those with mobility problems priority and leave your car at home or use other car parks whenever possible.**

The timetable, as always, is subject to the weather conditions being favourable.

**Spire** - The Diocese has approved the release of some of St. Robert's funds to carry out the masonry repairs to the Spire while scaffolding is in place.

**Church hall:-** Using funds already raised Contractors will be starting work on the Hall to repair damaged plaster and damp proof a section of wall near the entrance on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**Roof: -** An application for a Grant under the Listed Places of Worship (LPOW) Roof Repairs Fund has been submitted. Answer expected at the end of March.

**HLF** - An application has been submitted for a Grant for all of the necessary masonry and roof repair work. This excludes the work being carried out on the spire as we can't get cover for work carried out before any permission to spend is given by the HLF under their scheme. The roof has been included in that application in case we are not successful with the LPOW application. Answer expected in June.

**Fundraising event** - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm - Venetian Masque dinner and Italian Veneto Cuisine; £15.00 pp. We confidently expect Casanova to make a guest appearance! Since we didn't succeed in our bid for a grant for the hall your support is needed. Tickets on sale after Masses next week or can be reserved by contacting either Ken Wilson or Matt Boyle.

**Women's World Day of Prayer:-** Service on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at St Robert's Church at 2pm. Anyone wishing to join the Choir please come to the last practice on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 11:00am.

**Catholic Women's League** - Women's World Day of Prayer service - league members please bring refreshments to the hall on Friday before 1:30pm.

**Men's Breakfast:-** Sat. 14 March, Church Hall, 9.30 - 10.30, following Mass at **9.00am** (please note time). A season of joy continued - male discipleship. Flyers at the back of Church, please sign up.

**Deanery Healing Service:-** 4<sup>th</sup> March at St Roberts. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm with opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation, 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 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.

**Life Teen:-** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Training, Implementing a Life Teen night. Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Life Mass, Liturgy planning meeting. Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Liquid (Fr Lawrence to speak if recovered).

**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 St Robert's School about joining the preparation lessons.

**First Holy Communion Prayer Sponsors:-** Would Parishioners willing to pray for a child receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist this year please put their names on the list at the back of the church and a specific child will be allocated to you. Thank you for your support.

**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.

**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).

**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 post them into 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 (this is 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 you're not already Gift Aiding your offertory, please do so if you can. 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.

**Prisoner of Conscience letters**

Could you take a few minutes to write a letter in support of a prisoner of conscience? Writing paper and information on the table in the church porch.

**Wednesday Word:** Please pick up a copy in the porch.

**Parish Newsletter** – Until further notice please send newsletter items by Thursday at 4pm (by email please) to [marian@marianbell.f2s.com](mailto:marian@marianbell.f2s.com).