

St Robert of Newminster

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Parish Priest: Fr Lawrence Jones

Retired Priest in residence: Fr Jim Doherty

SUNDAY 8th March 2015

3rd Sunday of Lent

PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE



	<u>Masses</u>		<u>Intentions</u>
Sunday	8th	9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	Alwyn Evans Doreen Lawrence Clare Brew
Monday	9th	9:15am	Mary Agnes McDonagh
Tuesday	10th	9:15am	Raymond & Margaret Taylor Walker & John Bell
Wednesday	11th	9:15am	Ken & Eileen Percival
Thursday	12th	9:15am	Ludek & Mary Lake
Friday	13th	9:15am	Harry & Margaret Bell
Saturday	14th	9:00am	Billy McDougal
Sunday	15th	9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	Vocations George Armstrong Molly McKee

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Mass	9:00am	11:00am	6:00pm
Readers	N. McCole H. Lewington	B. Cudd L. Flinders	D. Strachan C. Reardon
Eucharistic Ministers	E. Harber G. Harber M. Bell	D. Shearer V. Shearer C. Smith	B. Cole L. Cole S. Smith
Altar Servers	S. Bambrick M. Laux	P. Glancey	P. Smith D. Dowd
Children's Liturgy:	Leader:- Ben	Companion:- Nicola	
Tea/Coffee after morning Masses every Sunday. Everyone is welcome			

Choir Practices: Traditional Choir – usually Wednesday 7pm in Church. Non – traditional Choir usually Tuesday 6pm in Church.

Confessions: Saturday 11.30am to 12 noon

Divine Mercy Devotions: -None this week or next week. Next meeting 26th March at 7pm in the Church Hall.

Tuesday bible group: - Meetings suspended until after Easter.

Stations of the Cross –Saturday from the end of Mass until 12 noon.

Last week's offerings - Standing Orders £218, Collection £1597.00

Parish Contacts: - contact lists have been posted at the back of Church and in the Church Hall.

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

Catholic Women's League: - There will be a Business Meeting in the hall on Monday 9th March, following Stations of the Cross in the church at 7:00pm.

Coffee Morning on Saturday 28th March in the Church hall: - Anna Bambrick is holding a coffee morning to raise fund for her Guiding Venture. If anyone would like to help by donating items for the Tombola, there will be a box in the church porch on Sunday 15th March for any contributions. Thank you in anticipation.

Fundraising event - Saturday 11th 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.

Men's Breakfast: - Sat. 14 March, Church Hall, 9.30 - 10.30, following Mass at 9.00.

A season of joy continued - male discipleship. Flyers at the back of Church, please sign up.

Prayer Service: - Following the "Life in the Spirit Course" we will be having a prayer service in St Robert's on 11th 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 8th March - Life Mass, Liturgy planning meeting. Sunday 15th March – Liquid (Fr Lawrence to speak if recovered). Sunday 22 March – Training: Understanding Youth Culture today.

General Election 2015: - The Bishops have written a joint Letter to all Catholics in England & Wales encouraging us to participate and vote in the election and offering some key issues and questions for reflection on where candidates stand. Copies are available today and can be obtained with other information, at this time, from the Bishops' Conference website www.catholicnews.org.uk. Please read the letter and encourage others to do the same.

Deanery Easter evangelisation project: This Easter, as an evangelisation initiative in our Deanery, small organza bags containing a number of items associated with the true meaning of Easter will be blessed during our Easter Vigil/ Easter Day Masses and distributed to all mass-goers with encouragement not to keep the bags but to give them away to a friend, neighbour or family member, and in a gentle conversation explaining the bags were blessed during Mass and how the items inside the bags signify the hope of the Risen Jesus.

Volunteers are needed to assemble the bags. If you can help with this, please come along to the Parish Hall at St Aidan's RC Church, Station Road, Ashington, NE63 8AD starting at 12:30pm on Saturday 21st March 2015. Tea and coffee will be provided! All are welcome.

First Holy Communion Prayer Sponsors: - A list of children receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist and their prayer sponsors is now on the noticeboard at the back of church. If any other parishioner would still like to pray for one of the children please add your name to the list displayed. Thank you for your support

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 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.

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.

SVP National Raffle: - Members of the SVP will be selling tickets for the National Raffle after each Mass today (8th March). Tickets 50p each. Top prize £3000 and lots of other cash prizes!

SVP: - The next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday 18th March.

URGENT APPEAL:- Asylum seekers. An urgent request has come through from the Justice and Peace Centre in Newcastle for more food for the asylum seekers, since the added numbers recently from Syria, Eritrea, Iran and Sudan. They are hoping to fill 200 food bags a week, just imagine, that is 800 tins of corned beef, 800 tins of tomatoes, etc. Each month! Please help. (Box in porch). Thank you.