

St Robert of Newminster

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SUNDAY 26th APRIL – WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE

		Mass	Intentions
Sunday	26 th	9 00am 11 00am 6 00pm	People of the Parish Fr Lawrence John Ions
Monday	27 th	9 15am	Paul McCole
Tuesday	28 th	Mass at St Mary's Cathedral 12 noon Bishop Con-Celebrating with his Retired Priests	
Wednesday	29 th	St Catherine of Sienna 9 15am	Bev, Julie and Steve
Thursday	30 th	St Pius V, Pope 9 15am	Fr Lawrence
Friday	1 st	St Joseph the Worker 9 15am	Roger Adam
Saturday	2 nd	St Athanasius 10 00am	Fr Lawrence
Sunday	3 rd	9 00am 11 00am 6 00pm	Helen & Douglas Cone Deceased members of the Parish Fr Lawrence

SUNDAY 3rd MAY 2015 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	9.00am	11.00am	6.00pm
Readers	D. Marr J Offen	D Shearer V Shearer	J Gill T Edwards
Eucharistic Ministers	M Bell J Laidlaw S Conroy	R Soulsby E Dixon G Davison	S Smith A Smith B Cole
Altar Servers	E. Boyle I. Golding-Douglas	P. Glancey	A. Bambrick J or D Dowd

Children's Liturgy - Leader, Amy Helper, Nicola

Tea and coffee in the Church hall after Sunday morning masses – all welcome

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Saturday 11 00 am – 12 noon

Divine Mercy Devotions: - Thursday 7 00 pm in church hall.

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

Bible sharing –Tuesday 1 00pm – 2 00pm in the church hall.

Prayer Group – Next date to be announced later

Last Sunday's offering: Average weekly Standing Orders £380.

Offertory Collection £1122.79.

Northern Brethren fund collection 474.97. Thank you.

Parish newsletter – Until further notice please send newsletter items by Thursday 400pm (preferably by email please) to Mary Beaton at fmbeaton@btinternet.com or telephone – 01670 519215.

Fr Bernard Swinhoe – Fr Bernard, a Monk of Douai Abbey, was Curate in St Robert's in the early 1960's – he sends his love, best wishes and prayers to all who remember him.

Catholic Women's League – The next meeting will be held on Monday 27th April at 7.00pm in the Church hall, when our guest speaker Mrs Anne Dawes will talk about Rainbow Bereavement Support. As always members, friends and guests are very welcome to attend.

Life Teen – 26th April – Life Mass Liturgy planning. **3rd May** – Core Values: spirituality and commitment.

Mrs Tunmore's retirement – After many years of dedicated service at St Robert's Catholic First School, Mrs Ann Tunmore, Year 3 teacher, has decided to retire at the end of the Summer Term. Mrs Tunmore has made a huge contribution to local Catholic education at St Robert's and at Our Lady's Convent High School in Alnwick, and she'll be really missed by everyone at the school. Mrs Tunmore is an extremely valued member of staff who has been an ambassador in living out the Catholic ethos of the school, always putting the interests of the children first. She has also served our parish community as a catechist with Mrs Wilson in recent years, preparing our children extremely well for their First Holy Communion. I'm sure you'll join us in saying a big thank you to Mrs Tunmore for all the wonderful work she's done for the school, parish and for our children over the years, and wish her a long and happy retirement. **Mr R Shepherd, Chair of Governors and Mrs V Cunningham, Head-teacher.**

Sponsored Seven Bridges Walk – Sunday 7th June – St Robert's Feast Day and we will walk from the bridge at Gas House Lane (Low Stanners) to the bridge on Mitford Road (Low Ford Bridge).

All the money raised to go to the St Robert's Restoration Fund.

The walk is suitable for the whole family, so why not sign up, and take a sponsor form from the back of church today?

10 Marshalls are needed for the event, if you are willing to help in this role please contact Barbara McCole on 518502 or Elizabeth Dixon on 516584.

Coffee Morning – Saturday 2nd May from 10 00am to 12 noon in the Church hall for the World Challenge Expedition to India. Help Libby Daley make a difference to an Indian school. All the usual stalls; coffee, cakes, pies, raffle and tombola. Many thanks for your support.

Diocesan Festival 2015 – The third Diocesan Festival will take place over the weekend of Saturday 20th – Sunday 21st June at the Emmaus Youth Village, Consett. The speakers include Fr Jim Clarke (Director of Spiritual Formation at St John's Seminary in Los Angeles), our own Fr Jim O'Keefe and performing artists, RISE Theatre and Steve Murray, More than Dance and much, much more. There are streams for children and young people so there is something for everyone!!

Booking forms are available at the back of church or can be downloaded from www.rcdhn.org.uk. More information is available from the Diocesan website, email to festival@diocesehn.org.uk or contact the Diocesan office on 0191 2433313.

Christian Aid Week – 10th – 16th May – Plant and Book Stalls in Morpeth Market Place Saturday 9th May. Donations of plants and books needed and can be delivered on the morning or ring Gerry Harber on 517829 for collection.

Please come along to the **Ecumenical Service on Sunday 10th May in the Methodist Church at 4 p.m.** to pray for the success of Christian Aid week and for those in need.

More volunteers are still needed for **the house to house collection** the list of streets is in the church porch, please put your name and telephone number against your selected round.

SVP – At this time of year the SVP are asked to hold a coffee morning in support of the various branches of young Vincentians, including the 'Mini-Vinnies' who have a group in St Robert's School. However, as there are so many fundraising activities going on in the parish we have decided instead that next Sunday's collection outside church will be specifically allocated for that purpose. Thank you for your contribution.

The next SVP meeting will be on **Wednesday 6th May at 7 30pm** in the sacristy.