

St Robert of Newminster

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Please keep Father Lawrence in your prayers. May he rest in peace

Retired Priest in Residence: Fr. Jim Doherty

SUNDAY 17th MAY 2015 – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE

| | | Mass | Intentions |
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| Sunday | 17 th | 9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm | Mary McGurk Chris Joseph Fr Lawrence (VS) |
| Monday | 18 th | 9.15am | CWL |
| Tuesday | 19 th | 9.15am | Private Intention (JD) |
| Wednesday | 20 th | 9.15am | Fr Lawrence |
| Thursday | 21 st | 9.15am | Helen Cone |
| Friday | 22 nd | 9.15am | Marie McAlister |
| Saturday | 23 rd | 10.00am | Ronald Parker |
| Sunday | 24 th | 9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm | Harry & Margaret Bell Deceased members of the Davison Family Fr Lawrence |

SUNDAY 24th MAY 2015 – PENTECOST

| | 9 00am | 11 00am | 6 00pm |
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| Readers | G Harber, E Harber | A Dawes, V Shearer | B Cole, D Strachan |
| Eucharistic Ministers | A Beattie, K Wilson A Wilson | E Dixon, G Davison D Shearer | S Smith, L Cole M Illingworth |
| Altar Servers | S Bambrick M Laux | A Kinghorn | P Smith J or D Dowd |

Children's Liturgy - School holidays

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 – 27th May at 6.00pm in the church hall.

Last Sunday's offering: Average weekly Standing Orders £467. Collection £1082.29 Thanks.

Life Teen –17th May – Liquid. **24th May** – School Holidays.

CWL- The 9.15am Mass on Monday is Morpeth Section's rota Mass, would members please try to attend. There will be a Committee Meeting on Monday 18th May at 7 00pm in the church hall.

SVP – the next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday 20th May at 7 30pm in the presbytery.

Special Collection TODAY – for World Communication Day. This qualifies for Gift Aid via our Diocese so please use the special envelope in your box or ensure your donation is identifiable as being from you and is clearly for this purpose. **There are prayer cards at the back of Church for World Communication Day, please take one.**

Special Collection next Sunday –Lay Training Fund (also qualifies for Gift Aid via the Diocese as above).

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.

We would like to thank you all for making what has been a difficult time in our lives a much easier burden to bear. Your support to our family has been more than we could have hoped for. The arrangements for the two requiem masses made these wonderful and memorable occasions and the number of people who joined us for the burial service in the rain was a great comfort. We would also like to thank everyone who contributed to the catering at the Riverside. So many people came back to the reception but there was food for everyone with some left over. We are sure that Lawrence would have been proud of the way the parish came together to make it all happen. We will have many memories from our time in Morpeth but especially the respect and love for Lawrence that was so apparent. Thank you all for your help and support given to us in so many ways over the last couple of months and God bless.

The Jones Family

Memories of Father Lawrence – Father Lawrence's family has asked that we write down our memories of him. There are blue A5 sheets of paper at the back of church for you to use. On completion, please place them in the blue box at the back of church. Thank you.

Messages of condolence from some of Father Lawrence's friends.

With great sadness I received your news for the death of Father Lawrence. God Bless his Soul. I will keep praying for his soul as long as I am alive. I wish that I have a visa to come to his funeral, to have a last look at him, and pray on his body. - **Fraternally yours in Christ, Father Mamdouh AbuSada, Director School of Joy Bethlehem.**

I have no words to express my feelings. My deepest condolences and we will keep our dear friend Father Lawrence in our prayers. May God Bless His Soul. - **Habib and George Khoury of Shepherds Tours (who have always been in charge of the pilgrimages Father Lawrence has run to the Holy Land).**

Condolences from Fr Denis. Fr Denis sends his condolences to the Morpeth Christian community on the death of Fr Lawrence. A copy of his email is on the notice board in the church porch.

Memorial Dinner for Fr Lawrence – As a tribute to Fr Lawrence we are arranging a meal on the 27 June in the school hall, we chose the date to coincide as closely as we could with the anniversary of Fr Lawrence's ordination. Tickets will go on sale in June and all proceeds are to go the Holy Land shared equally between The School of Joy and the Patriarchs.

Sponsored Seven Bridges Walk – This will take place on 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). The walk is suitable for the whole family, so why not sign up, and take a sponsor form from the back of church today? All the money raised to go to the St Robert's Restoration Fund. We need 10 marshals for the event, so if you are willing to help in this role please contact Barbara McCole on 518502 or Elizabeth Dixon on 516584.

Youth Band – As you will know Fr Lawrence started a 'Ministry to Youth' in the parish and we are taking this forward in the form of 'Life Teen'. As part of Life teen we've put together a Youth Band to play at Life Teen Masses and we are very keen to recruit youthfully minded members who are open to new ideas and initiatives around worship music. We'd especially welcome singers, but if you play an instrument (especially the guitar) please consider joining us. We practise between 5pm and 6pm on Sunday in the church hall.

Christian Aid – thanks to all who supported the plant & book stalls last Saturday, approximately £150 was raised. Collectors; thank you for your efforts! Please put envelopes (unopened) in your red bag and return it to the presbytery or Gerry Harber (22 Dacre St. tel. 517829).

St Hilda's Reading Club, Diocesan Resource Centre Newcastle - first Friday of the month 10:15 – 11:45 - contact 0191 2432379 or jnhwthrn@gmail.com

Talks on Male Spirituality St Hilda's Resource Centre. 6 **fortnightly sessions** from May 6th from 10:30 to noon and alternative fortnightly sessions beginning May 13th at 7.30pm.

Two of the talks will be given by Fr Jim Clarke. He will also be giving a Day of Reflection (see the Poster in the Porch) at St Hilda's Resource Centre about Male Spirituality on 6th June 10:00 to 16:00 (Bring Packed lunch) – there is no charge - to book contact

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