

# St Robert of Newminster

[www.strobertsmorpeth.com](http://www.strobertsmorpeth.com)

01670 513410

Please keep Fr Lawrence in your prayers.

May he rest in peace

Retired Priest in residence: Fr Jim Doherty

Parish Safeguarding: A Dawes

PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE

SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> July 2015

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)

## Forward together in Hope Prayer

Glory be to the Father –  
in whom we live and move and have our being.  
Glory be to the Son –  
whose name we bear  
and who calls each of us to be his disciples:  
to build his Kingdom and to go out into the world  
and bear its fruit.  
Glory be to the Holy Spirit –  
pouring out grace and guidance, forming us  
and renewing us.  
Inspire us all in the  
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle  
to live the Gospel, to be open to change  
and to move forward together in hope.

	<u>Masses</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	Peter Gregory Phil Copeland W. Atkinson
Monday	27 <sup>h</sup> 9:15am	Billy McDougal
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup> 9:15am	Jim McAllister (70 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup> St Martha 9:15am	N. Barrow
Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup> 9:15am	
Friday	31 <sup>st</sup> St Ignatius Loyola 9:15am	Lourdes Pilgrims
Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> St Alphonsus Liguori 10:00am	Chrisy Bone
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year 9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	Helen & Douglas Cone Fr Lawrence (Catenians)

### SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2015 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B) [PC Week 2]

<b>Mass</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Readers</b>	A. Gorman K. Wilson	B. Lewins B. Cudd	T. Edwards C. Reardon
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	T. McLaughlin A. Beattie A. Wilson	D. Shearer V. Shearer E. Dixon	L. Cole B. Cole S. Smith
<b>Altar Servers</b>	O. Bruce		P. Smith J or D Dowd

Children's Liturgy: School Holidays

Tea/Coffee after morning Masses every Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

**Confessions:** Saturday 11.00am 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.

**Prayer Group:** 29th July at 6.30pm in the Church.

Last Sunday's Offering: Average Standing Orders £467. Collection £952.05. Thank you.

**Special Collection:** - Special collection today for Day for Life. This collection is a diocesan initiative and is eligible for Gift Aid. Envelope users please use one of the special collection envelopes in your pack.

**Parish Newsletter** – items for newsletter **by Thursday at 4pm** (by email please) to Marian Bell at [marian@marianbell.f2s.com](mailto:marian@marianbell.f2s.com)

**Forward Together In Hope - update:-** Fr. Lawrence asked Marian Bell to be the Parish Lay Representative and try to oversee the actions needed to respond to the Diocesan initiative. She is now being assisted by a small group of volunteers, Michael Quincey, Chris Smith, Veronica Shearer and Stevie Matthews.

It would be unfair to land our new Priest with all the work to be completed on his arrival, so we've begun a step by step process of eliciting the views of the Parish via the various groups operating within St. Robert's. The purpose is to present Fr. Peter with the bulk of the considerative work done so can proceed with the next part of the exercise as he wishes.

It is equally important that individual Parishioners have the opportunity to respond too and that part will begin in mid-August in open meetings, with guidance on what's needed, over a three week period.

If you are not available then please don't worry, as there will be further opportunities through to Advent.

**Campaign for Peter's Hearing Aids** – Jenni and I completed the 14 mile run from Beadnell Bay to Alnmouth on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July. We found it much harder than we thought it would be and were both exhausted when we crossed the line at Alnmouth. More importantly we have raised £1,000 for Peter's hearing aids, thank you all so much for your support. I will be at 9am and 11am masses on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August to collect money or you can contact me on 518618. Thank you again for your generosity and one final thing I ask is that you keep Peter in your prayers that when he gets his hearing aids they will make a life changing difference to him and he is able to communicate, get work and live an independent life. Thank you Andrea Mitchell.

**Divine Mercy Prayer Group:-** The next Divine Mercy Prayer group meeting will be held in the church on Thursday 3 September at 7pm.

**Flower Festival at Minsteracres Retreat Centre:-** The Festival will be over 3 days - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 10am-5pm; Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August 10am-5pm; Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2pm-5pm. The event will be opened by Paul Mooney. Entrance cost £4.

**The Hartlepool Male Voice Choir Concert:-** The Choir will perform at St Aidan's RC Church, Ashington, on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm, Tickets are £5 each. All proceeds to the work of Sister Elizabeth in Cebu, Philippines. Contact Veronica Rhodes for tickets. Tel; 631228.

**New Altar Servers:-** We will begin training in September for any individuals who would like to be an altar server for Sunday Masses. If you are interested please contact Amy Boyle [amy@teamboyle.co.uk](mailto:amy@teamboyle.co.uk) or phone 01670-518253. It is a great way to help our parish priests and be closer to Jesus in the miracle of the Mass. Please encourage anyone who has made their First Holy Communion to be a part of this important ministry.

**Assisted Suicide – Message from Bishop Seamus Cunningham:-** “On Friday 11th September the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can send an e-mail to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website ([www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide)) or send a letter by post, a draft of which can be found at the back of the Church”.

**Peter Smith's Kilimanjaro Trek:-** 'Many thanks to everyone who supported Peter's Coffee morning/Cake stall, a total of **£331** was made which will go directly towards the Burns Project at KCMC, Tanzania. I will be holding an African themed meal evening on **Sat 5 Sept** in the Church Hall. This will be my last fundraising event for the charity before my trek starts in late September. Tickets on sale soon or contact Peter Smith: 516433'.

**SVP:-** No further meetings in July or August. The next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday 2nd September at 7.30 pm in the presbytery.