

St Robert of Newminster

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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 16th AUGUST 2015
ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



		Masses	Intentions
Sunday	16 th	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mary Ellen & Frank McLaughlin Kevin O'Malley
Monday	17 th	9.15am	
Tuesday	18 th	9.15am	
Wednesday	19 th	St Oswin 9.15am	
Thursday	20 th	St Bernard 9.15am	
Friday	21 st	Dedication of St Mary's Cathedral 9.15am	In Thanksgiving
Saturday	22 nd	10.00am	Wedding Anniversary (John & Monica Glancey)
Sunday	23 rd	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Marie Lang

SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST 2015 – 21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

Mass	9 00am	11 00am	6 00pm
Readers	M. Boyle, H. Lewington	D. Shearer, V. Shearer	L. Cole B. Cole
Eucharistic Ministers	M. Bell, S. Conroy J. Laidlaw	E. Dixon A. Dawes G. Davison	A Smith M Illingworth S. Smith
Altar Servers	O. Bruce	A. Kinghorn	P. Smith

Children's Liturgy – School Holidays

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

Confessions: Saturday 11.00am to 12 noon

Wednesday Word: - to help prepare for Mass next Sunday. Please pick up a copy from the back of the Church.

Prayer Group: Wednesday 26th August at 6:30pm in the Church.

Last Sunday's Offering: - Average Standing Orders £467. Collection £1069.47. Thank you.

SVP: - The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 2nd September at 7.30pm** in the presbytery.

Parish newsletter: - items for newsletter to Mary at fmbeaton@btinternet.com by 4pm Thursday, preferably by email or telephone 01670 519215.

Forward together in Hope – TODAY – Fr Jim O’Keefe and Michael Quincey will speak at all Masses on “Forward in Hope”.

The team taking this forward in the parish are Marian Bell, Michael Quincey, Chris Smith, Philip Talon, Veronica Shearer and Stevie Matthews. We’ve begun the process of eliciting the views of the parish via the various groups operating within St Robert’s. Individual parishioners will be able to respond in mid-August in open meetings, over a three week period. We will also be trying to get an age breakdown of Mass attendance in the near future.

Morpeth & Bedlington Twinned Parishes: - Fr Ian Hoskins (the Dean) and Fr Stephen Watson (our Episcopal Vicar) will explain the consequences of this twinning after a 6 pm Mass on **Thursday 3rd September**. We hope for a good attendance. **There will be no morning Mass on 3rd September.**

‘Living the Joy of the Gospel’ – Durham Cathedral – **Sunday 6th September at 3:30pm** – To commemorate the encyclical of Pope Francis there’s to be an Ecumenical gathering of prayer and dialogue with the Catholic Archbishop Malcolm McMahon (Liverpool) and the Anglican Archbishop John Sentamu (York) at Durham Cathedral. After the dialogue there’ll be a procession into the cloister and the Bishops and Archbishops will commission the attendees, to go out and share the Good News with one other person. Attendees will be given cards to help them. If you would like to go please contact J. Laidler (0780145237), A. Bare (01670 812200), Fr. S. Watson (01670 812200) or K. Maggs (07540065414), (members of the Northumberland Deanery Evangelisation Team) who will try to accommodate travel requests.

Deanery Evangelisation Meeting: - **Saturday 19th September 12 30 – 2 30pm St Bede’s, Bedlington**, will host the next Deanery Evangelisation Meeting. With the month of the Holy Souls, the completing of FTiH questionnaire and Advent and Christmas in front of us, they intend to provide and share some practical ideas on how to evangelise at this import time. There will be a shared table so please feel free to bake.

Keeping in touch ... Over the Summer – Please see the poster in the porch about this as a simple way to spread the Gospel’s Good News.

Parish Prayer Walks – Also, for the summer since it can be nice weather why not organise a short prayer walk. St Aidan’s, Ashington, is having one on the **5th September**.

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 put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote again the Bill. You can send an e-mail to your MP via the Catholic Bishops’ Conference website (www.catholicnews.or.uk/assisted-suicide) or send a letter by post, a draft of which can be found at the back of Church.

Life Teen Update – There will be a promotional talk after the masses on **6th September** and we will hand out flyers and invite people on the weekends of **6th and 13th September to the combined launch and parent’s night on 20th September**.

Personalised letters inviting all the youth in the Parish and surrounding youth groups will be sent out in the near future and our banner has been approved and will be put up on the church fence.

Riverside Prayer Walk – The CWL are having a short Riverside Prayer Walk on **Monday 31st August**. We will meet at the church hall at **2 00pm**. After the walk you are invited to a shared table in the hall and we will have a collection in support of WUCWO (World Union of Catholic Women’s Organisations) clean water for all project. Members of the parish are very welcome to join us.

7 Bridges Sponsored Walk in aid of the Church Restoration Fund. The final total for this fundraising event was £1424.00. Thank you everyone that took part and those that sponsored.

Christian Aid Street Collection – The Christian Aid Street Collection takes place on **Saturday 19th September**. 6 volunteers are needed to cover the one hour slots between **9am and 3pm**. Please put your name and telephone number on the list in the church porch if you are able to help. Thank you.

Coffee morning – Final coffee morning in aid of Peter Smith’s trip to Kilimanjaro, **Saturday 5th September 10 am to 12 noon in the church hall**.

The Hartlepool Male Voice Choir Concert: - The choir will perform at St Aidan’s RC Church, Ashington on Saturday 26 September at 7 00pm. Tickets are £5 each. All proceeds to the work of Sister Elizabeth in Cebu, Philippines. Contact Veronica Rhodes for tickets. Tel: 01670 631228.