

The Catholic Parish of St Robert of Newminster, Morpeth

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Masses and Services This Week			
Sunday 11 th October	9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	People of the Parish Special Intention (D&G) Peter Onono	28 th Sunday Year B
Monday 12 th October	9:15am	Eddie & Mildred Cosgrove	St Wilfred
Tuesday 13 th October	9:15am		St Edward the Confessor
Wednesday 14 th October	9:15am		
Thursday 15 th October	11:30am Requiem	Michael Pearson	St Teresa of Avila
Friday 16 th October	9:15am		
Saturday 17 th October	10:00am Confessions 11am – Noon		St Ignatius of Antioch
Sunday 18 th October	9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	Harry & Margaret Bell Nancy & Stan Ions Thanksgiving (Cole Family)	29 th Sunday Year B

SUNDAY 18th October 2015 – 29 th Sunday of the Year (B)			
Mass	9:00	11:00	18:00
Readers	H Lewington N McCole	B Cudd D Shearer	C Smith S Smith
Extraordinary Ministers	T Walker J Conroy E Harber	C Smith M Beaton A Dawes	B Cole A. Smith L Cole
Altar Servers	E. Boyle M Laux	A. Kinghorn	A. Bambrick J or D. Dowd
Children's Liturgy	Leader: Lisa; Companion: Sarah		
Tea and Coffee served after morning Masses every Sunday in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome			

Parish newsletter: - items for newsletter to Mary at fmbeaton@btinternet.com or e-mail morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk or drop a note in at the Presbytery, by 4pm Thursday.

Last Sunday's Offering: Average Standing Orders £467. Collection £1083.61. Thanks

Prayer Group: 26th October at 6 pm in Church

Divine Mercy Prayer Group: Thursdays at 7pm in Church

Bible Sharing: Tuesdays 1pm to 2pm in the Church Hall.

Rosary: Saturday morning at 9.40am.

CWL: Monday 12th October at 7.00pm. The meeting will begin with a prayer service.

Christian Aid: Thanks to all who supported the Christian Aid Ceilidh on 3rd October. A great time was had by all and £309 was raised for Christian Aid's work.

SVP: Next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday 14th October at 7.30 p.m. in the presbytery.

Marriages 2016: Those wishing to be married next year at St Robert's are asked to speak to Fr Peter as soon as possible to confirm dates so as to avoid any clashes with other marriages, celebrations or parish events.

Baptism date requests: There are several dates for Baptism pencilled into the parish diary, which have not yet been confirmed with Fr. Peter. To make sure that these Baptisms are definite, would the parents who have asked for Baptism in the coming months please contact Fr Peter as soon as possible after he returns from the Holy Land. Please speak to him personally after Mass to confirm the

Baptism request. If you know of anyone who has put in a request, please inform them of this.

Forward Together in Hope: Parish Meeting: We have the first open meeting on 28th October to discuss the Parish response to the Questionnaire. If you prefer to answer the online you can, the questionnaire can be accessed via www.hope@diocesehn.org.uk – and is also available in a printable form (ask one of our team).

Special Collection: Special collection next Sunday (18th October) for Mission Sunday. **Not eligible for Gift Aid through the Diocese,** please use the special Mission Sunday envelopes for your contribution and if you can Gift Aid your donation please complete the appropriate details. Envelopes available today & next week.

Fundraising: Our next fundraising dinner - Saturday 7th November at 8 pm. Tickets on sale next Sunday after Masses or contact either Ken Wilson or Matt Boyle. Proceeds to parish funds to include restoration of the Grotto.

Prisoners of Conscience: Can you time to write a letter in support of a Prisoner of Conscience? Details of this month's cases are at the back of church.

Fr Peter will be on pilgrimage in the Holy Land 12-19th October.

New Ministers of Holy Communion: We're hoping to have a course for some new Ministers soon and thanks to those who have already expressed interest. At Sunday evening Mass recently there has been only one Minister and we could do with a few more people willing to be Ministers for all our Masses but especially at the 6pm Mass to make it run smoother. If anyone is prepared to be commissioned as a Minister, please speak to Fr. Peter as soon as possible.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 17th October 9.30am in Church Hall. Continuing the exploration of male spirituality. All sessions are also stand-alone topics. All men welcome whether regular attender or first time. Please sign up at back of church to assist catering plan.

Journey in Faith: If there is anyone, not a Catholic, wondering about becoming a Catholic why not make an appointment to speak to Fr Peter. It would be good at some stage to try and form some programme of catechesis, if anyone was willing to be involved, but in the meantime speak to Fr. Peter.

Celebrate North East: The Celebrate Conference - Saturday 7th November to Sunday 8th, Joseph's Catholic Academy Hebburn (NE31 2ET). Costs: £30.00 for adults, £15.00 for young people from 11 to 18, Children 4 to 11 £10.00 and 0 to 3 free. Prices include Saturday evening meal. To book online - visit the Celebrate website (www.celebrateconference.org) The Conference regularly sells out so don't miss out - book early.

First Holy Communion Preparation: Many schools and parishes are moving their preparation for First Confession and Holy Communion to Year 4 because the material to be covered can be difficult for Year 3 children. Here at St Robert's it's suggested we keep the preparation in Year 3, but begin in the New Year, as for previous years. If there are any children not in St Robert's School it would be good to know now so that we can make provision for when the programme begins. Parents are asked to let Fr. Peter know the names of children to be included in this.

Trafalgar Day: A Toast to the Admiral: Fr Peter has been invited to take part in the Morpeth Toast to Lord Collingwood on Trafalgar Day, Wednesday 21st October. There will be a short Service in the Butter Market at 11.45am and then another on the steps of Collingwood House at 11.55am. We have been asked to keep Collingwood House open for the public to visit for a short while after the Service.

Priestly Vocation Discernment: For those thinking about priesthood (aged 16 and over) evenings of Prayer and Reflection have been arranged. Opportunities to listen to speakers talk about their own discernment, faith journeys and vocations. St Mary's Cathedral, 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Wednesdays 21 Oct, 25 Nov, 16 Dec, 20 Jan, 24 Feb, 27 Apr, 25 May, 22 Jun. Contact Fr David Smith (0191 2676063 stjohnvianneywestdenton@gmail.com)

Youth Ministry Team: - Sunday 11th October 3pm to 5:15pm, St Robert's School, Washington - to prepare for Youth Sunday; theme: Mercy or Love Undeserved. Youth Sunday gives the Parish an opportunity to support Young People by welcoming their presence and witness. All adults and Young People (Year 9 and above) are invited. See Fr Peter if you'd like to go, you can contact the YMT (01207592244 or admin@ymt.org) or sign up on the email list. www.rcdhn.org.uk

Fr Luke Magee CP: Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Fr Luke Magee, one of the Passionist Priests

at Ministeracres who died recently and who's Requiem Mass was celebrated there on Friday.

Pope John Paul II Award Representative: Our Deanery contact for the Pope John Paul II Award says St Robert's parish doesn't have a representative for next year. This award runs alongside our High Schools. The launch takes place throughout October this year. This is an award for young people in the age range of 16-18, and is intended to help them to take an active part in the life of the church. If you're a pupil in a Catholic secondary school you should already be aware of the Awards but if you are being educated elsewhere or have left school you may not be aware but are encouraged to participate in the award. To find out more visit www.thepopejohnpauliiaward.com and select Hexham & Newcastle on the right hand side of the home page.

Diocesan Web Manager Vacancy: The Diocese is seeking to appoint a full-time experienced web professional to manage the day to day running of the diocesan websites, keeping them up to date & relevant. The successful candidate will have a relevant IT degree or equivalent experience, a good working knowledge of HTML, CSS, PHP, MySQL, Photoshop and Dreamweaver. Further details available on the poster on the noticeboard or for further information please contact Human Resources Manager, Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle, St Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, or tel: 0191 243 3301, email: human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk. Application pack available on the diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk
Closing date for application is 16th October.

'I am the Door' – Enter in: A Day of Prayer to prepare for the Year of Mercy, to be led by Bishop Brian Noble, Bishop Emeritus of Shrewsbury - Saturday 31st October at Ushaw College, Durham, DH7 9HR. 10.30am – 3.30pm. (Refreshments from 10am) There is no charge, but donations towards refreshments and upkeep of the College would be greatly appreciated. Refreshments provided. Sandwiches and light refreshments can be bought at the College Tea Room or bring a packed lunch. For further information or to book, please contact Department of Spirituality, telephone 0191 243 3302 or email spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk.

Hospital Chaplain: Please remember that the Hospital Chaplains do not have access to patients' religious details so it is important if you are going into hospital that you inform the staff that you require a visit from the RC chaplain. Alternatively contact him beforehand, (for Northumberland hospitals: Fr Dave Nixon 01670 812200, for Newcastle hospitals: clergy at St Mary's Cathedral on 0191 2326953).

Morpeth Tree of Light: Morpeth Rotary Club are arranging a 'Tree of Light' in the Sanderson Arcade as part of their Christmas Appeal supporting Great North Air Ambulance, Barnabas Safe and Sound and Cancer Research. There are Appeal forms at the back of church if you would like to remember a loved one at Christmas.

Supporting our Young People: Thanks to everyone who helped with the Life Teen Ministry Coffee Morning recently and to everyone who donated towards their funds. Also thanks to Andrew and all who are supporting the Life Teen Ministry in the Parish. The work of the Life Teen Group is a vital part of our parish mission and ministry and we need to do all we can to support all our young people, both attending and not attending Catholic Schools. Please pray for all our young people and for all working with them and for the future of our ministry here at St Robert's.