

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER, MORPETH

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## Masses and Services This Week

Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	Douglas Cone A & S Nardini	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	9:15am		
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	9:15am	NBF	
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	9:15am		Ss Simon & Jude
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am	NBF	
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	9:15am		Martyrs of Douai College
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	10:00am <b>Confessions 11am - Noon</b>		
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	Helen & Douglas Cone Michael Pearson People of the Parish	Feast of All Saints

## SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015 – FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Mass	9:00	11:00	18:00
Readers	G Harber R Higginbottom	A Dawes J Ratcliffe	C Reardon D Strachan
Extraordinary Ministers	M Bell S Conroy P Baker	V Shearer E Dixon Catherine Smith	L Cole B Cole S Smith
Altar Servers	E Boyle I Golding-Douglas	A Kinghorn	A Bambrick J or D. Dowd
Children's Liturgy	Leader:	Companion:	

**Parish newsletter:** - items for newsletter to Pauline at [Paulinemc2012@gmail.com](mailto:Paulinemc2012@gmail.com) or [morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk) or drop a note in at the Presbytery, by 4pm Thursday.

**If you are a visitor to St Robert's Church this weekend, then we hope you will feel very welcome.**

**Tea and Coffee:** Served every Sunday morning after both the 9am and 11am Mass in the Parish Hall. Everyone very welcome.

**Last Sunday's Offering:** - Average Standing Orders £467. Collection £1391.47. Thank you

**Wednesday Word:** Please pick up a copy at the back of Church today.

**Prayer Group:** 26<sup>th</sup> October at 6 pm in Church followed by discussion in the sacristy.

**Divine Mercy Prayer Group Meeting:** The next meeting will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm, in church.

**Bible Sharing:** Suspended for 2 weeks until Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1pm to 2pm in the Church Hall.

**Clergy Training Fund:** The Clergy Training Fund begins on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October and remains open for 4 weeks until 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Envelopes are available at the back of Church for those who wish to Gift Aid their donation. Donations can also be placed into a plain envelope marked 'PTF 2015' and left at the presbytery.

**Rosary:** Saturday morning at 9.40am.

**SVP:** We have received a nice letter from our twinned conference in India thanking us for the financial and the prayer support that we provide. The letter is on the notice board in the church porch. The next meeting of the SVP has been deferred until **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm** in the Presbytery in order to avoid clashing with the parish meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> October..

**CWL:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 7 00pm in the Church hall. Our guest speaker is Catherine Little who will talk about the Kielder Activity Centre. As always, members and friends are very welcome to attend.

**CWL Bonus Ball:** - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October, bonus ball No. 36. The lucky winners receiving £20 this week are Margaret Smith, Jaz Fitzpatrick, Brian Lynch and Felicity McWeeney.

**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.

**Fundraising:** Our next fundraising dinner will be held on **Saturday 7th November at 8 pm**. Tickets are on sale after Sunday Masses or contact either Ken Wilson or Matt Boyle. The Proceeds will go to parish funds, which will include the restoration of the Grotto area.

**Baptisms date requests:** There are several requests for date 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.

**Diocesan Guidelines for Baptism:** The Diocesan Adult Formation and Evangelisation Department have arranged for Consultation Sessions on New Diocesan guidelines for their Preparation and Celebration of Child Baptism. The nearest meeting to here is **Wednesday 4th November from 6.30-8pm at St Benet Biscop Academy, Bedlington**. Other venues and dates are available – see poster for information. Open to all interested parties.

**Forward Together in Hope: Parish Meetings.** We have the first open meeting on **28th October** to discuss the Parish response to the Questionnaire. This will look at the first six questions and then there will be a further meeting on Thursday 5th November at 7pm in the Parish Hall to look at questions 7-12. Towards the end of November there will be a meeting to present our parish response. If you prefer to answer the online you can, the questionnaire can be accessed via [www.hope@diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.hope@diocesehn.org.uk) – and is also available in a printable form (ask one of our team).

Please tell us on Sunday (using the sheet at the back of the Church) if you are going to attend.

**Christmas Fayre:** - The time of this year's **Christmas Fayre, Saturday 5th December** is rapidly approaching and help is urgently required to make it a success. We will be having similar stalls from our previous fayres so please start collecting items for the craft, toy, jewellery stalls, etc. Please note we are not having a book stall this year so would only want good quality children's books for the toy stall, please start collecting but keep hold of everything for now. We will also still need people to run stalls. Please see form at the back of church to sign up, anyone with any good ideas for children's activities would be greatly appreciated. We have discussed the proceeds of the fayre with Father Peter and they are to go to 'Parish Funds'. If you require any further information please contact either myself (Andrea Mitchell 518618) or anyone on the fund raising committee. Thank you.

**Priestly Vocation Discernment:** For those thinking about priesthood (aged 16 and over) evenings of Prayer and Reflection have been arranged at St Mary's Cathedral, 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Wednesdays 25 Nov, 16 Dec, 20 Jan, 24 Feb, 27 Apr, 25 May, 22 Jun. Contact Fr David Smith (0191 2676063 [stjohnvianneywestdenton@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnvianneywestdenton@gmail.com))

**New Ministers of Holy Communion:** - A Deanery Course will be arranged for those who have offered to be commissioned as Ministers of Holy Communion. More information soon.

**November Dead List:** During November it is customary for us to pray for our deceased relatives, friends and

parishioners. Envelopes for the November Dead List are now available at the back of Church.

**Catenian Mass for Deceased Members:** The Morpeth Circle of the Catenian Association is celebrating Mass on **Wednesday 11th November at 7pm** at St Robert's for their Deceased Catenian Members. All welcome to the Mass.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:** There will be a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council at **7pm on Monday 9th November**.

**Heritage at Risk List:** St Robert's Church has been placed on the Heritage at Risk List by Historic England, as recorded by the Morpeth Herald this week. A lot of work has already been completed by a number of parishioners and outside professionals try to get funding for the roof which urgently needs some repair. It is with thanks that we express our gratitude to all those who are working hard to help protect the heritage of St Robert's.

**First Holy Communion Preparation:** - If there are any children, not in St Robert's School, who are in Year 3 and wishing to begin their Preparation for First Confession and Holy Communion please let Fr Peter know their names so that we can make some provision for when the programme begins. .

**Supporting our Young People:** 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, those not attending Catholic Schools and those who do. Please pray for all our young people and for all working with the young people of our parish and for the future of our ministry here at St Robert's.

**Adult Journey in Faith:** If there are any adults or young parents interested in the Catholic faith, interested in becoming Catholic, please speak to Fr Peter and we will try to organise some catechesis. Any adults willing to help with this should let Fr Peter know.

**Pope John Paul II Award Representative:** According to our Deanery contact for the Pope John Paul II Award, St Robert's parish doesn't have a representative for this project. We need to appoint someone as soon as possible. Anyone willing to take it on, please let Fr Peter know. .

**'I am the Door' – Enter in:** This is a Day of Prayer to prepare for the Year of Mercy, to be led by Bishop Brian Noble, Bishop Emeritus of Shrewsbury on **Saturday 31st October 10.30am – 3.30pm**. (Refreshments from 10am) Ushaw College, Durham, DH7 9HR. There is no charge for this day, but donations towards refreshments and upkeep of the College would be greatly appreciated. Refreshments provided. Sandwiches and light refreshments can be purchased 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](mailto: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 wish to have a visit from the RC chaplain. Alternatively contact him beforehand at Ashington: Fr Dave Nixon 01670 812200. For Newcastle hospitals contact clergy at St Mary's Cathedral on 0191 2326953.

**Annual Mass Count:** Each year, every parish is asked to count its parishioners. We will be doing this over the next 4 Sundays.