

The Catholic Parish of St Robert of Newminster, Morpeth

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Masses and Services This Week

Sunday 15 th November	9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	Jane Cross Dec'd Members of Davison Family Thanksgiving for Penelope Cole	33 rd Sunday Year B
Monday 16 th November	9:15am	Pat Horrax	
Tuesday 17 th November	9:15am		St Hilda of Whitby
Wednesday 18 th Nov'ber	9:15am		
Thursday 19 th November	9.15am		
Friday 20 th November	9:15am		St Edmund
Saturday 21 st November	10:00am		Presentation of the BVM
	Confessions Saturday 11am – 12pm		
Sunday 22 nd November	9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	Evelyn Givens Dec'd Members of Davison Family	Christ the King

Ministries next week - Sunday 22nd November 2015

Mass	9:00	11:00	18:00
Readers	A Mitchell T Walker	R Hunt B Lewins	D Butler S Smith
Extraordinary Ministers	A Gorman K Wilson J Conroy	E Dixon A Dawes Cath Smith	M Illingworth A Smith Chris Smith
Altar Servers	E. Boyle M. Laux	A. Kinghorn	A. Bambrick J or D Dowd
Children's Liturgy	Leader: Ben	Companion: Sylvie	

Parish newsletter: any items for newsletter should be sent to Pauline at paulinemc2012@gmail.com or you can email morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk or drop a note in at the Presbytery, by 4pm Thursday.

Welcome: If you are visiting Morpeth and you are also visiting St Robert's Church this weekend, we extend a very warm welcome to you and hope that you will feel very welcome here with us.

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

Your prayers are asked for **Father David Tanner** (Parish Priest at Whittingham and Wooler) who underwent major surgery this week and who will be away from his parish for several weeks. Please also keep **Fr Michael Corbett** in your prayers.

Last Sunday's Offering: - Average Standing Orders £467. Collection £1074.80. Thank you

Wednesday Word: Wednesday Word is a reflection on the readings for next Sundays Mass, prepared by a leading scripture scholar. Please pick up a copy from the back of Church.

Rosary: Saturday morning at 9.40am

Mission Boxes: The Red Mission Boxes now due to be emptied. If you have a box at home, please bring it along to church so it can be emptied.

Prayer Group: the next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th November at 6 pm in Church, followed by discussion in the Sacristy.

Lepra Coffee Morning: There will be a Coffee Morning at St. Robert's Church Hall on Saturday 21st November from 10:00am - 12noon, in aid of LEpra. Everyone is very welcome.

CWL Advent Service - The CWL will be holding an Advent Service in at 2.00pm on Sunday 29th November, in the Church. Light refreshments will be served after the service. All parishioners are welcome.

CWL Bonus Ball winners on Sat. 7th Nov: Bonus Ball No 38. The winners receiving £20 this week are: David Givens, Vera Soulsby, Anne McCorrmack and Mark Conroy. Good luck for the next draw!

SVP: The next SVP meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th November at 7.30 p.m. in the Presbytery. We extend an invitation and warm welcome to any prospective new members to join us there

Clergy Training Fund: The Clergy Training Fund remains open until 22nd Nov. 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.

Parish Council: We offer our thanks to Michael Quincey who has agreed to be the Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council for the forthcoming year. We offer our thanks to Harry Cone who recently stood down from the Council and thank him for his years of work on the Council and also to Ken Wilson who has also stood down from this Council because of commitments with other meetings. The work of the Council is to ensure the Pastoral Care of the Parish is fulfilled and to ensure that this is carried out to its best, we offer an invitation to any parish groups that feel they would like to be represented on the Pastoral Council, to speak to Fr Peter as soon as possible.

Forward Together in Hope (FTiH): Thank you to all who have taken part in this process so far. As promised, we will be letting you see the responses going to the Diocesan FTiH Co-ordinators. We will publish the answers to the questionnaire on the parish website and will have some paper copies available next week. If there are no copies left and you would like one please tell Fr Peter or one of the Parish FTiH Team.

St Robert's Christmas Fayre: Saturday 5th December Our Christmas Fayre is now very close, from next Sunday items for all stalls (piety, bric a brac, toys, crafts, jewellery, tombola) can be brought in and left in the church hall. It will help with sorting if you can label the bag with which stall items are for. Bottles should be handed to a member of the SVP or left in the Presbytery. It is also not too late to volunteer to help on one of the stalls even if you can only manage a few hours on the day. Let us make this our best Fayre yet! Please contact Andrea Mitchell 518618 if you require any further information. Thanks. If you would like to donate a prize for the Grand Christmas Raffle, Anne Beattie and/or Christine Watson would love to hear from you. Please contact Anne on 517273 or 07538772500. Thank you in anticipation.

Advent Scripture Reflection Booklets: Available in the Porch now are the Advent / December copies of "Bible Alive", "Day by Day" and "Walk with Me".

Synod on the Family: Bishop Peter Doyle of Northampton, who attended the recent Synod in Rome has been invited by Bishop Seamus to come and speak about the Synod. All welcome to St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 28th November at 11am to hear Bishop Doyle thoughts and reflections. Opportunity for question and answers also.

Life Teen Group: Tonight, (15th November) the Life Teen Group will be having a Question and Answer session with Fr Peter ... Any topic available for discussion ... Church, Faith, ethics, Morals, Vocation, but not football! **Youth Sunday:** Youth Sunday will be celebrated next weekend, 22nd November. After the 6pm Mass there will be a special Video Night.

Messy Church. Messy Church will be held on Saturday 21st November; please meet in the Methodist Church Hall at 3pm, please feel free to come along from 2.30pm. We plan to make lanterns to parade down to the Market Place in time for the lights' switch on at 4.30pm. There will be a short story, prayer and a song. Drinks, biscuits and mince pies will be provided so please don't bring food. Please bring an empty 1.5L or 2L pop bottle to make the lantern (Not to worry if you can't, we plan to have a few spares). Please follow us on Facebook at 'Messy Church Morpeth' for latest information.

Re-Evangelising our Parishes: A talk at St Mary's Church, Hexham on Saturday 21 November 11.00am, by Fr Marcus Holden, a priest of the Archdiocese of Southwark. Everyone welcome. Further information on the Diocesan website, www.rcdhn.org.uk

Hospital Chaplain: Please remember that some 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 Roman Catholic chaplain. Alternatively contact him beforehand at Ashington: Fr Dave Nixon 01670 812200. For Newcastle hospitals contact clergy at St Mary's Cathedral on 0191 232 6953.

St Robert's 1st Morpeth Brownies and Guides: Can you collect ring pulls from cans and plastic labels from drinks bottles? The Brownies and Guides are working with a Filipino Charity to prevent children scouring rubbish dumps for items to sell. You will find a box at the back of church until the end of January for any donations. The ring pulls and bottle labels will be sent to be manufactured into products such as bags, purses and jewellery. All your support is appreciated and if you require any further information please view the following web link to find out about the charity <http://www.p-c-f.org> or contact Vicki Conroy 01670 519332.

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 as soon as possible.

Adult Journey in Faith: If there are any adults or young parents or young people interested in the Catholic faith, and interested in becoming Catholic, please speak to Fr Peter.

Priestly Vocation Discernment: Next evening reflection to be held at St Mary's Cathedral, 6.30pm - 8.30pm on Wednesday 25th November. Contact Fr David Smith for further information (0191 2676063 or stjohnvianneywestdenton@gmail.com)

World Gifts Catalogues: Copies of the CAFOD World Gifts catalogues are now available at the back of Church. A great way to provide unusual but very worthy presents for family and friends while helping those in other parts of the world.

Clergy Training Fund: Thanks to everyone who has already contributed to the Clergy Training Fund. The Fund remains open until 22 November. Gift Aid Donations can be made using the pink envelope at the back of Church.

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.

The Northern Cross: The November edition of "The Northern Cross" is available now at the back of Church. Stevie Matthews (steviematthews071@googlemail.com) has volunteered to tell the paper what is happening here. If you have any news you wish to share in the Northern Cross about parish events, please let her know.

Year of Mercy: Bishop Seamus will launch the Year of Mercy at St Mary's Cathedral on 8th December. He will celebrate Mass at 7.15 am and give a talk at 10.30 am. Bishop Seamus and Diocesan Clergy will concelebrate Mass at 12.05 pm. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day and priests to hear confessions between 8am and 8pm (except during the Mass and talk). On Sunday 13th December 2015 Bishop Séamus will open the Holy Door at 3pm at St Mary's Cathedral.