

The Catholic Parish of St Robert of Newminster, Morpeth

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Masses and Services This Week

Sunday 22 nd Nov.	9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	Evelyn Givens Dec'd members of Davison family	Our Lord Jesus Christ The King
Monday 23 rd Nov.	10.30am REQUIEM MASS	Michael Kennedy	St Columban
Tuesday 24 th Nov.	9:15am Mass	Dora Doherty	St Andrew Dung-Lac & Comps
Wednesday 25 th Nov.	9:15am Mass		Feria
Thursday 26 th Nov.	9.15am Mass	Lorna Trout	Feria
Friday 27 th Nov.	9:15am Mass		Feria
Saturday 28 th Nov.	10:00am Mass 11am - Noon Confessions	Leo Horrax	feria
Sunday 29 th Nov.	9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	B.B.	1st Sunday of Advent C

Ministries next week - SUNDAY 29th Nov.2015

Mass	9:00	11:00	18:00
Readers	D. Marr J. Offen	J. Ratcliffe A. Dawes	Chris Smith C. Reardon
Extraordinary Ministers	T. Walker G. Harber E. Harber	G. Davison R. Soulsby M. Beaton	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: Claire	Companion: Sarah	

Newsletter: items for newsletter to Pauline at paulinemc2012@gmail.com or to Fr Peter at morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk or drop a note in at the Presbytery, by 4pm Thursday.

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

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

Requiem Masses:

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of **Michael Kennedy**, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 23rd Nov. at 10.30am at St Robert's, followed by Burial at Fairmoor Cemetery, and for the repose of the soul of **Sr. Mary Brigid** former Headmistress of Our Lady's Convent High School, Alnwick, her Requiem Mass will be held at St Paul's, Alnwick on 1st Dec. 11pm, her body will be received into the Church the evening before at 4pm.

Youth Sunday Collection: Today we have a Special Youth Sunday Collection. The collection goes towards the work of the Diocesan Youth Ministry Team. If you wish to support their work, place your envelope / donation in the collection basket today.

Rosary: Saturday morning at 9.40am

Last Sunday's Offering: - Average Standing Orders £467. Collection £1048.07. 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.

Prayer Group: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th Nov. at 6 pm in Church with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by discussion in the Sacristy.

Confessions: Confession is available every Saturday morning at St Robert's from 11am – 12noon. As we prepare to celebrate the Year of Mercy, why not come along and go to Confession and celebrate the Mercy of the Father

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: This is the last Sunday for donations to the Clergy Training Fund. Envelopes are available at the back of Church for those who can Gift Aid their donation. Alternatively donations can be placed in a plain envelope marked 'PTF2015' and left at the presbytery. Many thanks to those who have already contributed.

Divine Mercy Devotion: The next meeting will be held next Thursday at 7p.m. in the church.

School of Joy, Bethlehem: A stall selling Christmas gifts will be in the hall after 9 am and 11am Masses on Sunday next, 29th Nov. Please support this very worthy cause. Thank you

Society of St Vincent de Paul: The next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday 2nd December at 7.30 p.m. in the Presbytery. We would welcome any prospective new members to join us there.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during Advent Morning: During Advent we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament as an opportunity for private prayer. The times are Monday and Tuesday-8.40am-9.10am; Wednesday-9.45am-10.15am; Thursday and Friday 8.40am -9.10am; and Saturday 10.30am – 12noon.

Evening: There will be three Thursday evenings during the Season of Advent, when we will have one hour of Adoration from 7.30pm – 8.30pm on Thursday 3rd, 10th and 17th Dec. A great opportunity for those who are busy during the day to have one hour in the week when it's quiet!!

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

Advent Day with Mary: Special Day of Prayer, and Advent Day with Mary, on Saturday 5th December from 11am-3pm at Our Lady and St Cuthbert's Parish Hall, Berwick. The day will be led by Kathryn Turner, Head of the Diocesan Department for Spirituality. The day will include: Prayer, Shared Advent reflection centred on Mary, Prayer walk (with the option of an indoor virtual prayer walk), followed by Mince pies! The Parish at Berwick normally celebrates Mass at 10am; Refreshments will be available from 10:30am. The deanery has organised a coach at £8 per person, details for contact on the poster in the porch, or make your own way.

Advent Alms: During Advent, which begins next Sunday, it is customary for us to collect Advent Alms for the work of St Cuthbert's Care. If you wish to make a donation, place an envelope in the collection marked Advent Alms, or hand to the Presbytery.

Advent – The Year of Mercy: We're having two afternoons to reflect on Advent and the Year of Mercy", which Pope Francis has declared and which begins on 8th Dec. the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. These talks will be held on 30th Nov. and 7th Dec. starting at 2pm in the Church Hall and led by Chris Smith from the parish. They should last no longer than an hour and a half. Everyone welcome

CWL: The Next meeting will be held on Monday 23rd November, at 7:00pm in the Church Hall. Talk on Barnabas Safe and Sound: all very welcome. Members please bring any donations for the hamper for the St Robert's Christmas Fair raffle.

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 Saturday 14th November. Bonus Ball No 11. The lucky winners receiving £20 this week are: Maureen McDougall, Phil Stokes, Heather Smith and Mary Murray. Good luck for the next draw

Life Teen Film Night: The Life Teen Group are having a film night tonight, to celebrate Youth Sunday. The film lasts about 2½hours. At Mass this weekend Fr Peter will say a few words about the Life Teen Group in the Parish.

"Joy to the World" Fundraising Concert: St Aidan's Church, Ashington are hosting a Christmas Concert on Friday 11th Dec. at 7.30pm to help support the work of Sr Elizabeth Dawson in Cebu in the Philippines. The concert is to be given by the Inspiration Choir who has previously performed at Sage Gateshead, Carnegie Hall, New York and the Edinburgh Festival. Tickets cost £5 and are available at St Aidan's Church or contact St Aidan's on 01670 812200 or staidans.ash26@yahoo.co.uk The proceeds will go towards work with families who are homeless, providing food, clothing, health care and education, as well as spiritual support for families and orphaned children.

Friar Alessandro Concert: Friar Alessandro will be singing at a Special Concert on Friday 27th Nov. at 7pm at St Joseph's Church, North Shields. Friar Alessandro is known as the Voice of Peace from Assisi and has topped classical music album charts in this country. Tickets cost £5 with proceeds going to Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC). Contact: Maureen Stimpson for tickets on 0191 252 2236.

Priestly Vocation Discernment: Next evening reflection at St Mary's Cathedral, 6.30pm - 8.30pm on Wednesday 25th Nov. Contact Fr David Smith for further information on (01912676063 or stjohnvianneywestdenton@gmail.com)

The Year of Mercy: Bishop Seamus will launch the Year of Mercy at St Mary's Cathedral on 8th Dec. He will celebrate Mass at 7.15am and give a talk at 10.30am. Bishop Seamus and Diocesan Clergy will concelebrate Mass at 12.05pm. 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 Dec. 2015 Bishop Séamus will open the Holy Door at 3pm at St Mary's Cathedral.

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 Nov. at 11am to hear his thoughts and reflections. Opportunity for question and answers also.

St Robert's Christmas Fayre: Saturday 5th Dec.: From next Sunday items for all stalls (piety, bric a brac, toys, crafts, jewelry, and tombola) can left in the church hall. Please label the bag with which stall items are for. The SVP is running the Bottle Stall and need donations of 100 bottles to make the stall worthwhile - so far we have 3! If you have bottles to donate please either hand them to a member of the SVP or leave them in the Presbytery marked for the Bottle Stall. It's not too late to volunteer to help on one of the stalls even if you can only manage a few hours. Please contact Andrea Mitchell 518618 if you need further information. If you'd like to donate a prize for the Grand Christmas Raffle, Anne Beattie and Christine Watson would love to hear from you. Please contact Anne on 517273 or 07538772500.

Wedding Congratulations: We offer our prayers and best wishes to Andrew O'Neill and Aimee Minnozzi who have flown back to South Africa where they will be celebrating their wedding later this month. Andrew leads the Life Teen Group in the Parish. We hope and pray that they both have a lovely wedding and wish them well for their married life together.

Diocesan Vacancy: The Diocese requires a full-time Administrator to support the work of the Property Department in Newcastle. The successful candidate will be experienced in general office and administrative procedures with excellent IT and communication skills. An application pack is available at www.rcdhn.org.uk. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 1 December 2015.