

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER, MORPETH

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Masses and Services This Week

Sun 6 th December	9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	Helen & Douglas Cone George Popely John Bullen	2nd Sunday of Advent
Mon 7 th December	8.40am to 9.10am Exposition 9:15am	Elsie Holland	St Ambrose
Tues 8 th December	8.40am to 9.10am Exposition 9:15am	George Carter	Immaculate Conception
Wed 9 th December	No Mass		
Thurs 10 th December	8.40am to 9.10am Exposition 9.15am 7.30pm to 8.30pm Exposition	Vera Nixon	
Fri 11 th December	8.40am to 9.10am Exposition 9:15am	James (Jim) Craig	
Sat 12 th December	10:00am 10.30am to noon Exposition Confessions 11am - Noon	Cecil Walker	
Sun 13 th December	9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	Irene Orford Intentions of Sheila Brown Des McLaughlin	3rd Sunday of Advent

Ministries next week - SUNDAY 13th December 2015

Mass	9:00	11:00	18:00
Readers	N. McCole M. Bell	L. Flinders B. Cudd	D. Strachan T. Edwards
Extraordinary Ministers	M. Dewar D. Dewar P. Baker	D. Shearer V. Shearer G. Davison	L. Cole B. Cole S. Smith
Altar Servers	E. Boyle M. Laux	A. Kinghorn	A. Bambrick J. or D. Dowd
Children's Liturgy	Leader: Ruth	Companion: Jane	

Parish newsletter: - items for newsletter to Marian at marian@marianbell.f2s.com or Fr Peter at morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk or drop a note in at the Presbytery, by 4pm Thursday.

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

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 to 9.10am; Wednesday-9.45am to 10.15am; Thursday and Friday 8.40am to 9.10am; and Saturday 10.30am to noon.

Evening: There will be three Thursday evenings during the Season of Advent, when we will have one hour of Adoration from 7.30pm to 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!!

Last Sunday's Offering: - Average Standing Orders £467. Collection £1178.70. Thank you

Change to Mass Times: Fr Jim will be away from Tuesday till Thursday this week – so please not there will be no Mass and no exposition on Wednesday.

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

Rosary: Saturday morning at 9.40am

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

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

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

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.

Epiphany Carol Service: We will be celebrating an Epiphany Carol Service on 6th January at 7pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Church Hall – we hope you'll feel able to come along and support this special celebration.

Wednesday Word: Reflection on the readings for next Sundays Mass. Please pick up a copy.

Society of St Vincent de Paul: The next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday 16th December at 7.30 p.m. in the presbytery.

Bible Sharing Group: the group is having an Advent and Christmas break and will resume their meetings in January 2016.

Christmas Mass Times: A Christmas Vigil Mass will be celebrated at St Bede's Bedlington at 6pm. Masses at St Robert's Church will be celebrated at Midnight, and 9am and 11am.

Northern Catholic Calendar: On sale from today - £2.50

CWL Bonus Ball: - winners on Saturday 28th November. Bonus Ball No 18 has been drawn for a 2nd week running! The winners receiving £20 again are:
M. Kennedy, Isobel Gedge, Betty Dymond & Paul Johnson.
Good luck for the next draw! Only 2 more left.

"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.

Advent Talks – The Year of Mercy: The first of two talks, led by Chris Smith, with some discussion, on "The Year of Mercy" declared by Pope Francis, beginning on 8th Dec. (the Feast of the Immaculate Conception), was held last week and was very informative; the next will be held on 7th December. Everyone welcome.

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

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.

Cake Stall in aid of Patrick Smith's Mexico House Building mission:- Dear Parishioners, Next summer, as part of an M10 Christian based mission, I will be helping to build wooden homes for poor homeless Mexican Families in Ensenada (on the Mexico/USA border). To support my fundraising for this (we also supply materials to build the homes) I will be holding a cake stall after 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday 20th December. Please support me if you can...Thank you, Patrick.

Forward Together in Hope:- The Parish Questionnaire was sent to the FTiH Diocesan Team last week. It is available to view on the Website (Under the Forward Together in Hope tab) and a few paper copies have been printed for anyone who does not have internet access. If you want a paper copy and can't find one, please ask Fr Peter or one of the Parish Team and we'll get you one.

School of Joy:-Thanks to all you bought gifts and gave donations last Sunday. £120 was raised which means we can pass on another £535 this year.

Today we will welcome Fr Mamdouh Adu Sa'da to St Robert's, who will be present for the 6.00pm Mass. Fr Abu Sa'da is from Bethlehem in Palestine and runs the School of Joy and previously visited St Robert's one year ago. No doubt Father will say a few words at Mass about the support he receives from our fundraising for the School of Joy. The website for the School of Joy is <http://www.schoolofjoy.org/index.shtml>

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.

Prayer Group: The next meeting will be in the new year; when we intend our first meeting to be focused on thinking about the various ways to pray the Rosary. We will welcome anyone who wishes to join us.

SVP - Sudan Crisis Appeal: The SVP in England and Wales need to raise £250,000 to continue or increase the level of support we give to the impoverished peoples of Sudan and South Sudan. In the first half of 2015 we fed 3,400 babies every other day in 3 centres around Khartoum - on other days they go without food if their parents are unable to feed them. In Juba we provided 84,000 meals last year but there is so much more need. Can you help? Of course a one-off donation would be welcome but better still if you can sign a standing order to give regular support on a long-term basis. We know many parishioners are already doing this, and a massive thank you to all of them. Can you join them? There is an appeal letter on the notice board and information leaflets with details of the work the SVP are doing and donation/standing order forms at the back of church.

St George's Park Hospital will be holding their annual Christmas Carol Service at 7pm on Monday 21st December. We would welcome anyone who would like to come and celebrate the Christmas Season with the Patients and Staff there.