



# St Robert of Newminster Parish, Morpeth

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**Parish Priest:** Fr Peter Stott / **Retired Priest in residence:** Fr Jim Doherty

Masses and Services This Week			
Sunday 14 February	9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	Rita Cooper George & Mary Armstrong S.E.I. Cole	<b>1st Sunday of Lent</b>
Monday 15 February	9:15am Mass	A Sick Person RTS	Weekday of Lent
Tuesday 16 February	9:15am Mass	Pat McGurk	Weekday of Lent
Wednesday 17 February	9:15am Mass	John Ions	Weekday of Lent
Thursday 18 February	9:15am Mass	Fr Lawrence Jones	Weekday of Lent
Friday 19 February	9:15am Mass	Tony Syron	Weekday of Lent
Saturday 20 February	10:00am Mass Confessions 11am - Noon	No Intention	Weekday of Lent
Sunday 21 February	9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 12.30pm Baptism 6:00pm Mass	Frank & Barbara Bowey George Armstrong John Devitt	<b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b>

Ministries for Sunday 21st February 2016 – 2nd Sunday of Lent			
Mass	9:00	11:00	18:00
Readers	A Beattie, R Higginbottom	A Dawes, G Swift	B Cole, D Strachan
Extraordinary Ministers	E Harber, G Harber, J Laidlaw	C Smith, D Shearer, M Beaton	M Illingworth, S Smith, L Cole
Altar Servers	E Michael	A Kinghorn	A B Oliver
Children's Liturgists	Leader:	Companion:	

**Tea and Coffee:** is served after morning Masses every Sunday in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome. A very special welcome to any visitors to Morpeth this weekend.

**Parish newsletter:** - Items for the newsletter can be emailed to Pauline at [paulinemc2012@gmail.com](mailto:paulinemc2012@gmail.com) or emailed to [morpeth.strobertnewminister@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:morpeth.strobertnewminister@rcdhn.org.uk) or drop a note in at the Presbytery, by 12pm on a Thursday.

**Last Sunday's Offering:** Average Standing Orders £467. Offertory collection £1060.66. Thank you

**Bible Sharing Group:** This group meets on a Tuesday from 1pm-2pm in the church hall. All are welcome.

**Wednesday Word:** Copies of this week's Wednesday Word are now available at the back of church. Please pick up a copy.

**Prayer Group Meeting:** Next meeting Prayer Group will meet again on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb at 6:45 pm to continue our exploration of different ways to pray the Rosary

**SVP National Raffle:** Tickets for the SVP National Raffle will be available after Mass this Sunday and for the next few weeks, price 50p per ticket. Prizes of £3000, £2000, £1000 and 20 other cash prizes. The money raised goes towards supporting the SVP Special Works such as Blackfriars House, resettlement of offenders etc. See poster in Church porch.

**Patrick Smith is holding his second fundraising event** for his M10 Mission to Mexico this summer. The event is a meal at the Manzil Indian Restaurant on Monday 15th February. Cost of ticket £12.50, meal will start at 7.30pm sharp. Tickets available after evening Mass from Patrick or on 516433. Thank you for your support.

**Men's Breakfast:** Calling all men! The next meeting is on 5th March, 9.30 - 10.40 in the Church Hall. We continue the exploration of the male spiritual journey. This session will focus on Fatherhood, its experience and impact. All male parishioners are welcome to join us for bacon sandwiches, tea, coffee and structured presentation and discussion. Please take a flyer from the rear of Church and sign up on the adjacent list (to assist catering)

**Ministers of Holy Communion Training Course:** All who expressed their intention to be commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are asked to confirm with Fr Peter that they are still willing to attend the two evening meetings and one all-day Saturday meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm-9pm and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 10am-4.30pm at St Bede's Church, Bedlington.

**Rosary:** The Rosary is prayed every Saturday morning at 9.40am.

**Programme for Lent:** A full programme for Lent has been printed, outlining what is happening in both St Robert's and St Bede's, Bedlington for the six weeks of Lent. Copies of these are now available at the back of Church.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day:** During Lent, We will mark CAFOD Family Fast Day on 19<sup>th</sup> February. Envelopes are available today and next week, if you wish to make a donation to CAFOD for their worldwide work.

**Stations of the Cross:** will be celebrated on a Thursday evening during Lent at St Robert's. If anyone wishes to lead, please sign up on notice.

**Friday Soup Lunches:** During Lent, we are having Soup Lunches on a Friday at 12 noon, and these will support CAFOD, and especially their work in Syria. The Syrian conflict has been going on for longer than the First World War! More than 250,000 have died, and more than 4,000,000 have fled Syria into neighbouring countries. We need to do what we can to support those still in Syria facing terrible devastation and conflict. If you can help with the soup lunches, please sign your name on the Rota in the Church porch.

**Lay Leaders Course:** Thanks to those who have already volunteered for this role. Anyone else willing to do this is expected to be fully committed to the course which will be held at St Hilda's Resource Centre, Newcastle, on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> April and 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> May from 7pm-9pm, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 10am-4pm with a Commissioning Mass on 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm. Speak to Fr Peter asap about this.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** in this Year of Mercy, takes place from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August flying direct from Newcastle Airport. Posters, Booking Forms and all information is available on the Diocesan webpage and the pilgrimage webpage [www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk). The pilgrimage has places available for sick pilgrims who require Nursing Care, a Jumbulance is available for overland travel for those unable to fly, there is a youth section for all aged 16 – 25 (special price of £499) and there are booking forms for all the hotel pilgrims who wish to travel. Booking Forms and further information also available from Tangney Tours on 01732 886666 or Pilgrimage Director Fr Peter Stott 01670 513 410

**Society of St Vincent de Paul:** Urgently needed: caring committed people to join and re-invigorate the SVP! Could that be you? The next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. in the presbytery. Why not come along?

**Calling all gardeners:** Would you be willing to plant some extra seeds to provide plants for sale at the Christian Aid plant stall on 14<sup>th</sup> May? Thank you in anticipation.

**Helping Refugees:** Medicines like Calpol, Savlon, Cough mixtures, paracetamol etc. are all still urgently needed in the Dunkirk camp for refugees. If you help with this appeal, please hand to any of the SVP - Gerry, Eileen, David, Stevie or Maura.

**Prayer Sponsors:** Thank you to the people who have signed the list at the back of Church to be Prayer Sponsors for the First Holy Communion Children. We still need one or two more...It is a wonderful way for the Parish to support the children as they begin their journey of faith.

**The Source:** The Source is a monthly meeting for our young people from across the diocese. Run by YMT and held at St Mary's Cathedral on the first Wednesday of the month it is a time

for prayer and worship, geared towards young people. There is a Deanery bus that goes every month, providing free transport there and back. We encourage our young people to attend ... and if anyone is interested and wants to go, let Fr. Peter know and he will contact the people who make the arrangements. There is a video prepared by the Northumberland Deanery Evangelisation Team which you can watch about the Source <https://youtu.be/vRwoM9MyWU8> or on the Facebook page for St John's Church, Annitsford.

**'Life Teen Group' Changes:** If any parents have any thoughts, or indeed if there are any enthusiastic parishioners willing to take on this important role in the parish, please speak to Michael Quincey, (Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council), to Fr. Peter. We do not want the group to just disappear, but want the group to continue to meet and discuss their faith. Any thoughts would be appreciated.

**Christian Aid Spring Evening** will be on Saturday 19 March at 7pm in the Methodist Hall. This year the talk will be about the Philippines, one of the theme countries for this year's Christian Aid Week. The evening includes a Filipino style meal, all for only £7! Tickets available from Gerry Harber.

**Women's World Day of Prayer:** The Service this year will be held at St James Church on 4<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm followed by refreshments. Service prepared by Christian Women of Cuba theme Receive Children Receive me. The next Choir Practice sessions is 26<sup>th</sup> February at 11am at St James' Church.

**Vocations Enquirers Evenings:** The monthly evening for Vocations are held at St Mary's Cathedral, Wednesday 6.30pm, on the following dates Feb 24<sup>th</sup> – April 27<sup>th</sup> – May 25<sup>th</sup> – June 22<sup>nd</sup> - July 20<sup>th</sup>, Sept 21<sup>st</sup> – Oct 19<sup>th</sup> - Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> – Dec 21<sup>st</sup>. Also Deanery Vocations Reflections are being held and further details are on the poster on the noticeboard.

**Parish Catechesis:** The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. It is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. For those who may be interested, a Parish Catechesis module will take place on **Saturday 12 and 19 March 2016, 9.30am to 3.30pm at St Hilda's Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY**. Booking for modules is essential. For further information and to book, please contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or at [education@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:education@diocesehn.org.uk)

**Job Vacancies:** The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a **Safeguarding Advisor**, 30 hours per week, and a **Finance Assistant**, 37.5 hours per week. For further information and an application pack please visit our website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or contact us (0191 243 3301, email [human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk)) The closing date for applications is Monday 29 February.