

# St Robert of Newminster

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Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2011 – Palm Sunday

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During the Passion please read out loud the parts in **bold black print**

		<b>Masses</b>	<b>Intentions</b>
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup>	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	People of the Parish Frank Bowey
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	9 15am	Dec Carter Family
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	9 15am (4.30pm)	David Carter Reception of Miss Sarah Lothian)
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>11.00am</b> 7.00pm	<b>Requiem Mass for Miss Sarah Lothian</b> Passover Meal in church hall
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> with watching at the Altar of repose until 11pm
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Good Friday</b> 9.45am 10.30am 11.30am <b>3 00pm</b>	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer Children's Stations of the Cross Procession of witness from St James' <b>Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b>
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Holy Saturday</b> 10 00am <b>8 30pm</b>	Office of Reading and Morning Prayer <b>Easter Vigil and Solemn Easter Mass</b>
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup>	9 00am 11 00am NO 7.00PM MASS TODAY	Eddie & Mildred Cosgrove Alma Lavery

**The Angelus:** Recited in church Monday and Tuesday at 9 00am.

**Morning Prayer:** Monday and Tuesday at 9 00am

**Stations of the Cross:** Monday evening at 6 30pm

**The Great Adventure: A Quick Journey Through the Bible** continues on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm in the parish hall.

**St Matthew's Gospel:** continues on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 10 00am in the parish hall.

## Confessions for Holy Week

Monday 7.00pm – 7.30pm

Tuesday NO CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 6.00pm – 6.30pm

Holy Thursday 5.30pm – 6.00pm

Good Friday 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Holy Saturday 11.00am – 12.00pm

*Apologies: There are no Confessions on Tuesday evening as was previously advertised.*

**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers** - have already signed up for Holy Week. Please see the lists on the table at the back of church. At going to press readers are still needed. The books for the reading of the Passion can be collected from the sacristy.

**Friday Lenten Lunch** – The total raised was £420 for CAFOD. This is a tremendous achievement. Many thanks!

**Holy Places Collection – today at the end of Mass** - Christians living where Christ walked, taught, lived, died and rose again, live in a land of division and conflict. Their number is dwindling all the time. Many young Christians move abroad to find work and a decent standard of living. They need our help and encouragement to stay! The Holy Land Collection is a pontifical collection that supports the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian communities. Funds for this collection not only support the holy places but also pastoral, charitable, educational and social works through the Holy Land. Please be generous!

**World Youth Day – Last chance to sign up** - Fr Lawrence wishes to encourage all parishioners aged 18 to 30 to consider taking part in World Youth Day in Madrid from 12<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August. The group will now be flying to Madrid and back from Newcastle airport. If you are eligible please see the information on the table at the back of church. So far we have just one young person. It would be good to have 3 or 4. Please let Fr Lawrence know as soon as possible. Remember, money should not put you off, the parish will help and we can do some fundraising. See [www.strobertsmorpeth.com](http://www.strobertsmorpeth.com) for more information.

**Bible Study** – A small group of parishioners meet to prepare for the next Sunday readings every Tuesday from 2 00pm to 3 00pm in the church hall. Everyone welcome.

**Lenten Alms for St Cuthbert's Care** – Please see the poster in the porch about how the Lent Appeal will help to raise money to fund free overnight respite care for disabled children at the Alan Shearer Short Break Centre. Please use one of the envelopes at the back of church. This is the official diocesan charity which works with vulnerable children and adults, communities, families needing support and older people who need care across the diocese.

**Passover Meal – On Wednesday of Holy Week at 7 00pm.** It is worth pointing out that the Passover Meal does include a full roast lamb dinner. It costs £5.00 for adults and £2.00 for children. Please pay on the night. It is very important that families are involved because it will not work without children taking part. Don't let that put single people or couples off. Anyone is welcome but there are limited places so please sign up as soon as possible.

**Parish 200 Club** – Week 3 winners - £50 JP Davison, £20 D Weightman, £10 Tony McLaughlin, £5 C Foster.

**Men needed for Feet Washing** – 12 men are required for the foot washing at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Please sign up at the back of church.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** – The Parish Pastoral Council started some work on its draft constitution at its meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> April. The Council has agreed that it shall represent the parishioners and support the Parish Priest to serve the Parish in all matters relating to the well-being and running of the Parish as defined by its Constitution. A copy of this will be issued to parishioners when finalized. Parishioners will be invited to advise the Council of any interests, talents that you may have and that you will be willing to offer to the Council to assist in it achieving the Aims and Objectives under its Constitution. A questionnaire will be available for you to complete in due course.

Some of you will be aware that both our priests have special anniversary celebrations coming up – Father Jones' Silver Jubilee and Father Doherty's Diamond Jubilee. We have set a social committee to plan celebrations for these two occasions. If you want to assist in any way for offer your expertise please ring Anne Beattie on 517273, Eileen House 518858 or Simon Conroy on 518666.

Finally, during the meeting we also elected the following people to the posts of Chair (Harry Cone), Vice-chair (Marian Bell) and Secretary (Lyn Cole), Fr. Jones is president. Please contact any of them if you have any questions or comments. You can also speak with other members of the pastoral council – Peter Baker, Anne Beattie, Matthew Brown, Michael Brown, Alice Butler, Bone Cole, Simon Conroy, Des Duffy, Eileen House, Maura Illingworth, John Ratcliff and David Swift.

**Church cleaning** - for Easter will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 10 00am.

**Catholic Women's League** - meeting in the hall on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7 00pm. Our speaker is Linda Hunter 'Iona Pilgrimage' – visitors welcome. The winner of the Easter Rabbit was number 379 Miss Gillian Davison, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize 319 Mrs Alice Anderson. Thank you for your support £90 was raised for CAFOD.

**Prisoners of Conscience** - It is that time again to write for this month's prisoners of conscience. Case details and letter forms on the table at back of church.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2011 - Christian Aid week this year is 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May.**

The week starts with the **Ecumenical Service** on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in **St. Aidan's Church**, Stobhill. Please come along to pray for the success of Christian Aid week and for those in need. **THE HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION** runs from 15<sup>th</sup> until 21<sup>st</sup> May. The list of streets for which St Robert's are responsible is on the notice board in the church porch. We have some extra streets to collect this year so more collectors are urgently needed. If you are willing to assist, please put your name and phone number against the streets you would like to collect. We have a number of regular collectors, but more volunteers are urgently needed. For a typical 'round' of about 50 houses, it takes about half an hour to deliver the envelopes, and one to two hours to collect them a day or two later. Full guidance is given in the collectors' booklet. Even if you are not collecting, please be generous when the collector comes to your house! There will be **BOOK AND PLANT STALLS** in the Market Place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. About 3 volunteers are needed for this. Also, of course donations of **plants and books for sale** will be welcomed. For further information on any of these activities, contact Gerry or Eileen on 517829.

**Stations of the Cross** – Fr Lawrence writes: “ there are over 40 versions of the Stations in the box at the back of church. They are there for your private devotion. Why not consider coming to church during the day and making the stations at a time convenient to you? Or why not come as a family? There are versions of the Stations for every imaginable situation. Please take a look. We are very lucky here at St Robert's, to be able to leave the church open during the day. Let's take advantage of this by making prayerful visits to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.”

**First Holy Communion Prayer Sponsors** - Please see the list at the back of church to see the name of the child you are asked to pray for.

**EWTN – Catholic TV** – available on Channel No. 589 on Sky TV – Pick up an April Programme guide from the back of church. You will find details of the live events that will be broadcast from Rome during Holy Week.

**The Catechism of the Catholic Church – the popular and definitive edition – available for £12.**

Please take a look at the copy at the back of church and if you want to order a copy please sign the sheet of paper.

**SVP Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham** - The SVP Pilgrimage to Walsingham is from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> July. This is open to anyone and is a great spiritual opportunity. See notice in church porch for full details.

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