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*St Robert's is celebrating a Year of the Eucharist
 from Corpus Christi 2011 to Corpus Christi 2012*

Sunday 4th December 2011 – Second Sunday of Advent
PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH

		Mass	Intentions
Sunday	4 th	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	Kate & Eileen Jennifer Hudson
Monday	5 th	9 15am	Eileen Robinson
Tuesday	6 th	St Nicholas 9 15am	Mary & Stephen Gorham
Wednesday	7 th	9 15am	Elsie Holland
Thursday	8 th	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9 15am 7 00pm	Deceased members of SVP People of the Parish
Friday	9 th	9 15am	Holy Souls
Saturday	10 th	10 00am	Special Intention (EH)
Sunday	11 th	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	Mary Ellen & Frank McLoughlin Kevin O'Malley Peter Milne

Sunday 11th December
Third Sunday of Advent

Mass	9 00am	11 00am	7 00pm
Readers	M Bell, J Offen	M Anderson, J Ratcliffe	C Johnson, S Smith
Eucharistic	D Shuttleworth M Dewar, D Dewar	Iv Brown, Is Brown E Dixon	M Brown, P Brown J Johnson
Servers	A. Bambrick, E. Shuttleworth J. Dowd, E. Boyle	A. Turnbull, D. Willis P. Glancey	P. Rule, L. Brett D. Smith

Children's Liturgy Leader - Andrew **Companion** – Nicola

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and servers please sign up for Christmas on list on table at back of church

Confessions: Not this Wednesday. Saturday 11 00am to 12 noon. **The Angelus:** Mon to Fri at 9 00am.

Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday at 9 00am. **Rosary:** Saturday 9 40am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Saturday from after Mass until 12 noon

CWL- Advent Service Monday 7.00pm. All welcome.

Morpeth Lions Dickens of a Draw – Money raised will go towards repairs and refurbishment of the sacristy. It's not too late – bring your money and stubs next weekend and put them on the plate.

St Robert's School Nativity – 2.00pm Thursday. All welcome.

An Evening of Encounter with the Holy Spirit – prayer and worship for all Christians of Morpeth this Sunday evening at the New Life Christian Centre Dacre Street from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. All welcome. If you are attending the 7.00pm Mass still come along afterwards.

Christmas Messy Church for all the family – organised by all the Churches of Morpeth – free craft activities for all the family – make decorations, cards and small gifts in the Market Place on Saturday: 10th December 10am – 2pm. Then in the Town Hall on Saturday 10th December at 4 30pm there will be a Family Carol Service. Please see poster at the back of church.

“The Source” – an event for young people aged year 9+. Those who recently took part in the recent Confirmation course are especially encouraged to take part. This is a monthly event for the whole of the diocese. It takes place at St Mary’s Blackhill near Consett and is organised by the Youth Ministry Team. The next event is on Wednesday 7th December and a **mini bus will leave from St Robert’s at 6.00pm and will arrive back at about 9.30pm**. For more information please see the flyers on the table at the back of church.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception – is this Thursday 8th December. Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am and 7.00pm. After the 7.00pm Mass there will be a talk in the church hall by Matthew Brown entitled “what was the Immaculate Conception and why does it matter?” There will be a glass of wine and nibbles afterwards. You are all welcome.

Evangelisation Meeting with Sr Michael – if you went to the meeting at Ashington you are invited to take the suggestions forward by coming to a very short meeting this Monday (5th December) after Mass in the presbytery.

Children’s Nativity at the 6.00pm Christmas Eve Vigil – we need small children to act out the story and bigger children to read and play the recorder. If they would like to take part, they need to stay behind at 9.00am Mass today and the next two Sundays.

The Journey in Faith – for anyone who wants to know more about the Catholic faith – on Tuesday evening in the presbytery at 7.00pm.

SVP Meeting - The next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday, 7th December, at 7.30 p.m. in the Presbytery.

Prisoners of Conscience - The details for this month’s prisoners of conscience are on the table at the back of church, with air mail letter forms for you to use. Can you spare a little time to help these unjustly imprisoned people?

Coffee Morning - Anna Bambrick is holding a coffee morning on 17th December from 10 to 12 in aid of her Baden-Powell adventure.

Diabetes UK - are having a Coffee morning in the hall on 10th December - Coffee, Raffle and Tombola. Notice in church porch.

Memorial Service - On Wednesday the 14th of December Peter Grenfell Funeral Directors will hold their annual memorial service at the Ashington Parish Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The service is for anyone who has suffered bereavement and is a chance for families to gather at Christmas time to remember and give thanks for the lives of their loved ones. The service begins at 7pm and we warmly invite all parishioners of St. Roberts to our service. We will be serving seasonal refreshments afterwards. Anyone interested in attending can contact John Kinghorn on 01670 812117.

Advent Alms – Are you looking for a charity to support this Christmas? Fr Lawrence suggests two: First, our own Diocesan charity – St Cuthbert’s Care. Pick up the leaflet at the back of church and read about Side by Side, the charity’s new respite care provision. Secondly, the Jitegemee School Building Project in Tanzania. Please pick up a leaflet at the back of church. If you wish to make a donation to these charities please put it in an envelope clearly marked with the name of the charity and put it on the collection plate on Sunday or post through the presbytery door.

Confessions – After every Sunday Mass next week and the week after.

Every Saturday 11am to 12noon. More times to be announced next week.

Penitential Services with individual confession – St Aidan’s, Ashington 4pm on Sunday 11th November. St Paul’s, Cramlington at 7.00pm on Tuesday 13th December. St Bede’s Bedlington at 4.00pm on Sunday 18th December. St Wilfred’s, Blyth at 7.00pm on Tuesday 20th December. Also, Bishop Seamus Cunningham will preside at a Penitential Service at 12.00 noon on Saturday 17th December at St Mary’s Cathedral, Newcastle, followed by the opportunity for Individual Confessions throughout the afternoon (with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament) until Benediction at 5.00 pm

Christmas at St Robert’s 2011 – Please note the times of Masses for Christmas:

Christmas Vigil Mass at 6.00pm (Christmas Eve) with Children’s Nativity

Midnight Mass at Midnight will Carols from 11.30pm

Christmas Day Mass at 10.00am (No 9.00am or 11.00am Mass)

On New Year’s Day Masses are as usual – 9.00am, 11.00am and 7.00pm.

Parish Epiphany Celebration on the Twelfth Night (The Last Night of the Cribs) Friday 6th January in Collingwood House (the Presbytery). Children and families from 6pm to 8pm. All and sundry after 8.00pm.