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

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2012 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH

		<b>Mass</b>	<b>Intentions</b>
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	John Bullen George Popely Eileen Percival (JC)
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	St George, Patron of England 9 15am	Robert and Alice Bruce
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	9 15am	James Rush
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	St Mark, Evangelist 9 15am	
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	9 15am	
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup>	9 15am	Elaine Swift
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup>	10 00am	Eileen Percival
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	Dec Carter Family  Eileen Percival
<b>SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL – 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>			
<b>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</b>			
<b>Mass</b>	<b>9 00am</b>	<b>11 00am</b>	<b>7 00pm</b>
<b>Readers</b>	A Beattie, W McMillan	V Shearer, D Shearer	D Oldroyd, S Smith
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	A Beattie, A Wilson K Wilson	R McAllister, S Conroy E Dixon	M Brown, P Brown M Illingworth
<b>Servers</b>	A. Johnson, S. Bambrick J. Laux, B. Donaldson	A. Turnbull, D, Willis P. Glancey	B. Gosling, D, Smith L. Brett

**Confessions:** Wednesday 6 30 – 7 00pm. Saturday 11 00am to 12 noon

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

**Rosary:** Saturday 9 40am

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** – No Adoration on Thursday or Saturday this week

**Monday is the Feast of St George, Patron of England. Why not celebrate this important feast by coming to Mass at 9.15am?**

**Marriage – What can I do?** – Further to the recent Letter of the Bishops of England and Wales there is more information ON THE BLUE SHEET at the back of church. Please take a copy.

**Social Committee** – anyone interested in planning parish social events please meet at the presbytery on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm.

**Congratulations** - to Toby Wilson and Lindsey Rennison who were married here this Saturday.

**CWL – 50th Anniversary.** The members of St Robert's CWL will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012 and they would like to invite ex members to join them for a meal to celebrate this special occasion. For further details please contact Joan Oliver 510125 or Elizabeth Dixon 516584 as soon as possible.

**Health and Safety** – Please don't light candles at the stand next to Our Lady's statue until after 9 00am Mass on a Sunday morning. As you know a lot of children squeeze through that narrow space to get into the sacristy for Children's Liturgy.

**Sunday Coffee Rota** – The new Sunday coffee rota is now available on the notice board in the church hall. Thank you to all regular and new volunteers for continuing this important parish service.

**Easter Sale – All the literature on the table at the back of church is now on sale for just 50p each** – that's 'Walk with Me', 'Catholic Companion', 'Bible Alive', 'Faith Today', and 'My Day by Day'.

**The Saints** – the final session on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April after Mass and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7 00pm.

**Divine Mercy Devotions** – Thursday at 7.00pm in the church hall. All welcome.

**Celebrate Conference** – Fr Lawrence writes – "I had a most inspirational and uplifting week at the Catholic Family Conference in Devon during Easter Week. It is the first time I have taken part in this event. Over 1,500 participants and half of them 22 years and younger. It was a privilege to work with our Diocesan Youth Mission Team in communicating the Gospel to the 14, 15 and 16 year olds. Not easy! But I saw a tremendous growth in faith in many of them over just a few days. The quality of their Confessions, their prayerful and active participation in Mass and the depth of their faith was wonderful to see. This is a great event for the whole family to take part in. I promised the organisers that I would bring a load of parishioners next Easter. If you are interested please let me know now because once it is open for bookings in September it is full within a few weeks. For more details please pick up one of the FREE colour brochures at the back of church. By the way – it is not all religion – there are lots of fun activities for all the family and the bar is open every night! Before I left, a priest friend said to me 'you will see the Church at it's best'. I can certainly vouch for that. So, please consider joining me next Easter"

**St Robert's Play Group** – new leader needed – please see the Job Description at the back of church and have a word with Fr Lawrence if anyone is interested.

**Bible Reflection** – Tuesday from 1pm to 2pm in the church hall. All welcome.

**Tanzanian School Building Project** – Piano Recital on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May at the Methodist Church at 7.30pm. Wilfred Murray plays Chopin, Beethoven and Scarlatti. Tickets £13 and £8 at the door.

**Christian Aid Week** - Christian Aid week this year is 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May. The week starts with the Ecumenical Service on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> at 5.30 p.m. in New Life Church, Dacre Street. Please come along to be inspired and to pray for the success of Christian Aid week and for those in need. The House to House Collection runs from 13<sup>th</sup> until 19<sup>th</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 Plants Stalls in the Market Place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May, from 10 a.m. until about 1 p.m. 4 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. Sponsorship forms are available if anyone would like to do a sponsored activity for Christian Aid.

**SVP** - The SVP will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 28 April from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. There will be a cake stall, book stall and a raffle. Proceeds will be split between support of the Youth SVP and St Robert's SVP.

**Last chance to help stop TV abortion adverts** – The Advertising Standards Authority could soon allow private clinics that carry out abortions for profit to promote their services with TV and radio adverts. Until now abortion clinics could only advertise their services if they were not for profit. The Life League are organising a petition against this decision. If 100,000 signatures can be collected there may be a good chance of it sparking a parliamentary debate. Please sign the petition at the back of church.

**"Catholicism" Launch** - a DVD series by Fr Robert Barron. See the parish web site for details at [www.strobertsmorpeth.com](http://www.strobertsmorpeth.com). We will be using this material later in the year during the Year of Faith. Fr Barron is launching the series at St Robert's School, Washington, this Thursday from 4 to 5.30pm. If you wish to go please come to the presbytery at 4.00pm to arrange lifts in cars. This series has already been used successfully in the parish during the Journey in Faith (RCIA) programme. All Welcome

**A Celebration of Faith** – next Sunday afternoon at 4.00pm at St Joseph's, Gateshead. It is important that we have a few representatives at this event in order to collect our "Faith Cards". For more information please see the parish website or the Diocesan website at [www.rcdn.org.uk](http://www.rcdn.org.uk).