

St Robert of Newminster

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

Sunday 29th April 2012 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
(World Day of Prayer for Vocations)
PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH

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| Sunday | 29 th | Mass 9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm | Intentions Dec Carter Family People of Parish Eileen Percival |
| Monday | 30 th | NO 9.15am Mass 11.30am Requiem Mass for Kathleen Richardson 7.00pm CWL | |
| Tuesday | 1 st May | St Joseph the Worker 9 15am | Roger Adamson |
| Wednesday | 2 nd | St Athanasius 9 15am | Ellen Murphy |
| Thursday | 3 rd | Sts Philip & James, Apostles 9 15am | The Holy Spirit |
| Friday | 4 th | The English Martyrs 9 15am | Holy Souls |
| Saturday | 5 th | 10 00am | |
| Sunday | 6 th | 9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm | E. Carter |
| SUNDAY 6th May – 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER | | | |
| Mass | 9 00am | 11 00am | 7 00pm |
| Readers | M Murray, A Gorman | B Cudd, J Kelly | L Cole, B Cole |
| Eucharistic Ministers | T Walker, J Conroy M Bell | G Davison, Iv Brown Is. Brown | A Smith, C Rich K Brown |
| Servers | J & M Laux B & D Johnson | A Turnbull D. Willis P. Glancey | D&P Smith C. Rich |

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

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

Rosary: Saturday 9 40am. **Divine Mercy Devotions:** Thursday at 7.00pm in the church hall.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Thursday from the end of Mass until 10.30am (with rosary for vocations during adoration). Saturday from after Mass until 12 noon

There will be a Bishop's Letter next weekend concerning Welcome Back Sunday which will take place on Pentecost Sunday, 27th May. Fr Lawrence will be looking for people to be welcomers!

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. If you haven't signed the petition you can sign up at the back of church. Why not take a petition sheet and get as many people as possible to sign it and bring it back next weekend. You can also sign the petition on line at www.c4m.org.uk.

CWL – Mass at 7.00pm Monday followed by Annual General Meeting

SVP – Meeting on Wednesday 7.30pm in Presbytery

The Alpha Course - starts on **Wednesday 9th May at 1.30pm in the presbytery and finishes at 3.10pm**. The course will continue at the same time every Wednesday until the end of term (excluding half term holiday). Alpha is for everyone but especially those wanting to investigate Christianity as well as for those who are already committed but want to brush up on the basics. Alpha is a non-pressurised, fun and informative course. Each session begins with refreshments (tea/coffee, cakes and scones) followed by a short talk and then an opportunity to discuss what you have heard. Please pick up a leaflet at the back of church and fill in the Registration Slip.

Diocesan Festival – Unfortunately it is the same weekend as our School Fare and Sport's Day – that is Saturday 30th June. However, it would be good to have a coach go to the events and Mass on Sunday 1st July. This is an event for all the family. There will be a list next weekend to see how many are interested.

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2013 – Saturday 16th February to Saturday 23rd February. It's school half term. Fr Lawrence needs some idea of how many would be interested. Estimated cost - £950 each for two sharing (that's half board). Single supplement £300. Please sign up at the back of church if you are interested.

Celebrate Conference – Fr Lawrence writes – 'I had a most inspirational and uplifting week at the Catholic Family Conference in Devon. 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 brought me to tears on several occasions. 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 week.'

Outing to York – The Catholic Womens' League has organised a trip to York on Saturday 19th May. There are a few spare seats if anyone would like to join us. If interested, please contact Elizabeth Dixon on 01670 516584.

Pate 'n' Pud – Daniel Smith is holding a Pate 'n' Pud night in St Robert's church hall on Saturday 19th May at 7 30pm. Tickets £7 50, will be on sale after the 7 00pm Mass on Sunday or from 01670 516433. The evening is in aid of Daniel's Explorer Belt expedition to the Crimea in August.

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 interested.

Tanzanian School Building Project – piano recital on Saturday 5th 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 13-19th May. The week starts with the Ecumenical Service on Sunday 13th at 5 30pm in New Life Church, Dacre Street. The House to House Collection runs from 13-19th May. The list of streets for which St Robert's are responsible is on the notice board in the church porch. 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. There will be Book and Plants Stall in the Market Place on Saturday 12th May from 10am until about 1pm. 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.

Celebration of Faith – This Sunday afternoon at 4pm 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.

Prayer for Vocations – the rosary will be recited after Mass on Thursday during adoration.

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