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

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2012  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



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<u>Masses</u>		<u>Intentions</u>
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	People of the Parish Sheila and Jack Brown
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup> St Matthias 9:15am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup> 9:15am	Bill Fox
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup> 9:15am	Dick Gee
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup> 9:15am	Helen Houghton
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> 9:15am	
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am	
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup> Ascension of the Lord 9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	People of the Parish Deceased members of Davison Family

  

<u>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2012</u> <u>Ascension of the Lord</u>			
Mass	9:00am	11:00am	7:00pm
Readers	M. Boyle T. Walker	M. Anderson A. Dawes	T. Edwards G. Sutcliffe
Eucharistic Ministers	P. Baker D. Shuttleworth A. Donaldson	C. Smith M. Beaton R. Soulsby	P. Brown M. Illingworth A. Smith
Altar Servers	A. Johnson S. Bambrick J. Laux B. Donaldson	A. Turnball D. Willis P. Glancey	B. Gosling D. Smith L. Brett
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	<b>Leader</b> Paul	<b>Companion</b> Sylvie	

**Confessions:** No Confessions on Wednesday. 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.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** On Thursday morning from the end of Mass until 10.30am – offered for vocations to the priesthood and religious life - together with the rosary (during adoration) and on Saturday from the end of Mass until 12noon – offered for Marriage and Family Life.

**Pentecost Novena** – The Novena (9 days of Prayer) for the coming of the Holy Spirit, in preparation for Pentecost, begins on Friday. PLEASE PICK UP A PINK PRAYER CARD AT THE BACK OF CHURCH AND SAY THE PRAYER EACH DAY.

**Christian Aid Week begins today** - Please come along to pray for the success of Christian Aid week and for those in need at the Ecumenical Service today at 5.30pm in New Life Church, Dacre Street. Collectors please finish collecting by next Saturday and return your filled envelopes (unopened) in the red shopping bag as soon as possible. Many thanks.

**S.V.P.** - The SVP District meeting is at St Robert's at 3.15 p.m. today. The next Conference meeting will be on Wednesday 16 May at 7.30 in the Presbytery. "Trek South Africa" for the SVP! See poster in porch and hall for details.

**Wansbeck Foodbank** - A Foodbank is being established to provide food for people in emergency situations (e.g. awaiting benefit payments) in the Wansbeck area: Morpeth to Newbiggin/Lynemouth. There are already over 200 such foodbanks in the UK under the auspices of the Trussell Trust. ([www.trusselltrust.org](http://www.trusselltrust.org)) This is a Christian initiative to help those in urgent need and in Wansbeck will involve people of all the various churches. Volunteers will be needed to collect food, help in the food warehouse and to provide consultation/food parcel distribution to clients at distribution centres, as well as in organisational and admin roles. Training will be given. Forms for volunteering are on the table at the back of church, together with a copy of the Trussell Trust Mission and Vision. Please return completed forms to Fr Jones or to Gerry Harber.

**Mark – Good News Gospel - just £1-** The Gospel of Mark for the Year of St Mark.

**Pate and Pud** - Due to the Champions League Football Final happening on 19<sup>th</sup> May Daniel Smith has decided to postpone the Pate and Pud night to Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. Tickets available after evening Mass or from the Smith family on 516433 or Elizabeth Dixon. Many thanks for your support.

**Catholic Women's League 50th celebration** - Members please meet in the Ballroom of the Town Hall 7:00pm for 7:30pm on Monday 14th May. Also those going to York, the coach will be leaving from St. Robert's at 8:30am on Saturday 19th May.

**Pamper Evening** - from 4pm – 6.45 pm on Tuesday, 22 May at Morpeth Methodist Church. The following treatments will be available for £3 each:- Nail file and polish (approx 15 mins) Nail art (approx 20 mins) Hand of foot reflexology, Hand and arm massage, Foot and leg massage. The treatments will be provided by beauty therapist students. No appointment is necessary, just turn up and enjoy yourselves. Tea, coffee and home made cakes and biscuits will be available and there will be a tombola with beauty items as prizes. This Pamper Evening is a fundraising event for local Explorer Scouts for their expedition to the Crimea during the summer.

**Thanks** – The family of Eileen Percival wish to thank the parish and friends for their kindness, support and Mass offerings for Eileen. Eileen's requiem Mass was a true celebration of her life and faith and we all feel very comforted by that. Thank you – Lynda, Patrick and Andrew.

**Welcome** – to Scarlett Lucy Edwards recently baptised here at St Robert's.

**A Faith Card** - for every Mass-going person in the country has been produced by the Bishops of England and Wales. The idea is that every Catholic will carry the card in their pocket or purse as a witness and use it as an evangelising tool. One side contains six core beliefs of Catholics and on the reverse is the prayer of Blessed Cardinal Newman about our mission in life. Please pick up your card from the back of church.

**Pentecost Unity Service** – Here in the grounds of St Robert's at 4.00pm on Sunday 27th May

**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.”

**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](http://www.c4m.org.uk)

**SVP Support** - Members of the SVP are available to visit anyone who may be sick, lonely or in need of assistance. If you know of anyone who would welcome a visit please contact Fr Lawrence or Gerry Harber – 517829.

**Diocesan Festival** – Unfortunately it is the same weekend as our School Fayre and Sports 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 is a list at the back of church to see how many are interested.

**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.

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

**Holy land Pilgrimage 2013** – Saturday 16th February to Saturday 23rd February. (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.

**St Robert’s Feast Day Celebrations** – The annual walk to the abbey grounds will take place on Sunday 17th June – procession leaving the church at 3.30pm for Vespers (Evening Prayer) in the abbey grounds at 4.00pm followed by High Tea in the church hall. Mass will be celebrated on the actual feast – 7.00pm on Thursday 7th June followed by a talk in the church hall by local historian Chris Hudson and then wine and nibbles. There are lot’s of posters at the back of church to advertise the procession on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Please take them and try and distribute them throughout the town.

**Church Narthex** – Fr Lawrence wants to form a working party to begin to look at the possibility of building a narthex (porch) onto the west door. If you have any expertise see Fr Lawrence.

**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.

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**Congratulations** to Oliver Smith who has recently gained his Queen’s Scout Award. This is the highest award in the scout movement. On Sunday Oliver attended Windsor castle to parade in

front of the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh with his proud parents, Peter and Heather, watching. It was an extremely wet and windy day but certainly one to be remembered. Oliver has also gained his Gold Duke of Edinburgh and is waiting for an invitation to one of the palaces to be presented with this in the near future. Many thanks to all those in the parish who have helped Oliver along the way to this achievement.

**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.

**Family Ceilidh – Thursday 17th May 6-9 p.m.** A School/Parish Ceilidh will be held at the Riverside Lodge on Thursday 17th May between 6 and 9pm. This event will be led by a renowned Northumbrian dance caller and local musicians. There will be no charge for the event but we would ask for each family to contribute to a shared supper by bringing a dish – sweet or savoury. The first part of the evening will be geared to music and dance for the younger children (accompanied by their parents/carer). Then after a break to share supper, the entertainment will be aimed at older children and adults. By organising the evening in such a way we hope that as many of you as possible can come along for at least some if not all of the evening. Please put the date in your diary and come and join us.

**Eucharistic Devotions at Ushaw College** – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. The Association of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle have organised a Procession in honour of the Blessed Sacrament led by Bishop Seamus Cunningham. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Saint Cuthbert's Chapel from 2.00 to 3.00pm followed by a procession. Fr Lawrence will be preaching. Everyone is asked to bring a picnic. If you are interested in coming on a coach (or minibus) please put your name down at the back of church. It will leave at 1.00pm and leave Ushaw at about 4.30pm.

**Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Association of the Eucharist** – Please pick up the pack of yellow sheets if you are interested in becoming a member. If you are generally able to spend one hour in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each month you are eligible to become a member. Fill in the registration form and put it in the box at the back of church.

**Welcome Back Sunday** – If you did not receive a copy last weekend please pick up the Bishop's letter at the back of church. Once again, Pentecost Sunday (27<sup>th</sup> May) will be a special Sunday when we invite the lapsed to come back to church. Also, on that Sunday here at St Robert's we hope to have a team of people in place to be official welcomers or greeters. We need people to sign up for each Mass. There was little response last weekend but now that you have had a week to think about it you may be ready to sign up. Please do! There will be a short meeting for all those who have signed up on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7.00pm in the church hall.

**The Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth** – The Catholic Bishop's of England and Wales have asked every parish to celebrate a special Mass. Here at St Robert's, the 10.00am Mass, on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June, will be offered for Her Majesty, the Queen. Afterwards there will be refreshments in the church grounds (weather permitting). So, we will need people to bake lot's of cakes and scones and whatever else may be fitting. Let's have a traditional street/garden party! The Bishop's recommend the following prayer for your use:

*Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with her consort and the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*