

St Robert of Newminster,
Sunday 20th May 2012

Ascension of the Lord

**PLEASE PICK UP MISSALETTE FROM
 THE BACK OF CHURCH**

	<u>Masses</u>		<u>Intentions</u>
Sunday	20 th	9:00am	L. McKeown
		11:00am	Deceased members of Davison Family
		7:00pm	People of the Parish
Monday	21 th	St Matthias	
		9:15am	
Tuesday	22 nd	9:15am	Jaqueline and Ian Cowan
Wednesday	23 rd	9:15am	R & G McAllister
Thursday	24 th	9:15am	Helen Cone
Friday	25 th	St Bede	
		9:15am	Joseph McCabe
Saturday	26 th	10:00am	Moira Brown
Sunday	27 th	Pentecost	
		9:00am	Michael Ryan
		11:00am	L. McKeown
		7:00pm	

	<u>Sunday 27th May 2012</u>		<u>Pentecost</u>
Mass	9:00am	11:00am	7:00pm
Readers	D. Marr J. Offen	P. Dawes D. Shearer	J. Gill C. Johnson
Eucharistic Ministers	M. Dewar D. Dewar T. McLaughlin	V. Shearer R. McAllister S. Conroy	C. Rich K. Brown B. Cole
Altar Servers	T. Boyle D. Johnson A. Bambrick E. Shuttleworth	A. Turnbull D. Willis P. Glancey	C. Rich B. Gosling D. Smith

Confessions: Confessions on Wednesday 6.30pm to 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.

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.

Divine Mercy Devotions: Thursday at 7.00pm in the church hall.

Pentecost Novena – PLEASE PICK UP A PINK PRAYER CARD AT THE BACK OF CHURCH AND SAY THE PRAYER EACH DAY IN PREPARATION FOR PENTECOST.

World Communication Day – Sorry, there is a **second collection today** to support the work of the Church through the media. Please pick up a leaflet at the back of church.

Pentecost Unity Service – Here in the grounds of St Robert's at **4.00pm on Sunday 27th May**. Instead of a Unity Service during the week of Prayer for Christian Unity in February, the Church leaders, this year, decided to have the Service on Pentecost Sunday. Hopefully, we will be able to have the Service on the field. Please do your best to come along. It will be important that St Robert's is well represented. There will be refreshments after the Service.

Welcome Back Sunday – Once again, Pentecost Sunday (27th 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. Please sign up today. There will be a short meeting for all those who have signed up on Monday 21st May at 7.00pm in the church hall.

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.

Eucharistic Devotions at Ushaw College – Sunday 3rd June - 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

Lepra - Many thanks to all who supported the Lepra Coffee morning. £350 was raised.

CWL – A Coffee Morning for CWL Projects on Saturday 26th May from 10.00am to 12 noon.

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) 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.

Pate and Pud - Saturday 9th June at 7.30pm. Tickets available after evening Mass or from the Smith family on 516433 or Elizabeth Dixon. Many thanks for your support.

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.

Marriage – What can I do? – Go to www.c4m.org.uk for more information

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.

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 17th 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.

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.

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 4th 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!