

St Robert of Newminster
SUNDAY 6th MAY 2012 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH

		Mass	Intentions
Sunday	6 th	9 00am	E Carter
		11 00am	Stan & Nancy Ions
		7 00pm	People of the Parish
Monday	7 th	10 00am	Our Lady Of Lourdes
Tuesday	8 th	9 15am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	9 th	9 15am	George Carter
Thursday	10 th	9 15am	Mary Hudson
Friday	11 th	9 15am	Bobby Turnbull
Saturday	12 th	10 00am	E. Carter
Sunday	13 th	9 00am	People of the Parish
		11 00am	Sheila Brown
		7 00pm	

SUNDAY 13th May – 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass	9 00am	11 00am	7 00pm
Readers	A Mitchell, K Wilson	L Flinders, J Ratcliffe	D Strachan, C Reardon
Eucharistic Ministers	J Laidlaw, G Harber, E Harber	A Dawes, P Dawes, B McGurk	S Smith, B Cole, L Cole
Servers	T. Boyle, D. Johnson A. Bambrick, E. Shuttleworth	D. Willis, P. Glancey A. Turnbull	B. Gosling, L. Brett, D. Smith

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. **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.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Bible Reflection – Tuesday from 1 00pm – 2 00pm in the church hall. All Welcome.

Christian aid Week : 13th – 19th May - Ecumenical Service on Sunday 13th at 6 p.m. in New Life Church, Dacre Street. Please come along to pray for the success of Christian Aid week and for those in need. THE HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION :13th to 19th May. More collectors are urgently needed! Please ring Gerry Harber (517829) if you can help. BOOK AND PLANT STALLS in the Market Place on Saturday 12th May, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Plants and books for sale needed urgently – please bring them along to the Market Place between 9.30 and 10 a.m. on 12th, or ring Gerry on 517829 for collection.

S.V.P. - The SVP express their thanks to all who supported the coffee morning on 28 April. A total of £176.80 was raised which will be divided equally between the national SVP Youth fund and St Robert's conference. The SVP District meeting will be held at St Robert's on Sunday 13 May at 3.15 p.m. 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) 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 Lawrence or to Gerry Harber.

May Devotions at Shrine of Our Lady of Jesmond – Fr Lawrence will lead and preach at the event today. (Sunday 6 May.) At 2.30 pm there will be a Procession from Holy Name Church, Mitchell Avenue to the remains of the medieval Chapel. The Service in the Chapel will take place at about 3.00pm. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Evening Prayer in Holy Name Church at about 4.00pm followed by refreshments in Holy Name Parish Centre. If you would like to go and have a car Fr Lawrence suggests that you come to the presbytery at 1.45pm to offer a lift for those who need it. Consequently if you need a lift please come at 1.45pm. .

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.