

St Robert of Newminster

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Sunday 16th September 2012
24th Sunday of the Year

PLEASE PICK UP MISSALETTE FROM THE BACK OF THE CHURCH/HALL

	<u>Masses</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
Sunday	16 th 9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Pelegrina Tremonte George Popely
Monday	17 th 9:15am	
Tuesday	18 th 9:15am	
Wednesday	19 th 9:15am	
Thursday	20 th 9:15am	
Friday	21 st 9:15am	The Martyrs of Korea St. Matthew, Apostle
Saturday	22 nd <u>NO 10:00am</u>	Mass at 3.00pm on Holy Island
Sunday	23 rd 9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	

Sunday 23rd September 2012 25th Sunday of the Year

Mass	9:00am	11:00am	7:00pm
Readers	M Bell G. Harber	V. Shearer D. Shearer	B. Cole L. Cole
Eucharistic Ministers	A. Beattie A. Wilson K. Wilson	E. Dixon G. Davison B. McGurk	C. Rich A. Smith S. Smith
Children's Liturgy	Leader: Elizabeth Companion: Martin		

THE PROVISION OF MASS UNTIL THE END OF NOVEMBER:

9.00am - St George's and
 11.00am and 7.00pm - School Hall

N.B. All Weekday Masses including Saturday will be celebrated in the church hall.

Confessions: In the presbytery – use the entrance on the school side of the house. Saturday 11.00am – 12.00pm. No Confessions on Wednesday.

The Angelus: Monday to Friday at 9 00am.

Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday at 9 00am. Rosary: Saturday 9 40am

Divine Mercy Devotions: 7:00pm in the Church Hall

Today is Home Mission - Sunday – Please pick up a green card from the back of church. A second collection will be taken next Sunday.

The Alpha Course – begins at 9.00am in the presbytery on Wednesday 3rd October. Please pick up a leaflet at the back of church. Why not come along after you have dropped the kids off for school, and bring a few friends. It will begin with refreshments and end at about 10.30am. Take a look at the parish website for details and a short video by Bear Grylls.

Work on the sacristy and the Church – begins in earnest this week. From Monday the area beyond the car park (including the peace garden) becomes a “construction site” and for health and safety reasons will be out of bounds for everyone. Permission to enter the site must be gained from the site manager (CBS North East Ltd) and safety helmets have to be worn. If you have a key to the church or sacristy it must be handed in to Fr Lawrence. The Historic Churches Committee met again last Wednesday to discuss the positioning of the altar rails but because they were not quorate no decision was made. They may meet again this Wednesday.

Holy Island Pilgrimage – Next Saturday. Only a few places left! Book today. Coach leaves at 10.00am prompt. Those who are able are invited to take part in the pilgrims walk across the sands from the main land following the line of poles. Wellies or bare are best. Bring a towel to dry your feet at the end. There will then be a picnic lunch (bring your own) on the beach opposite St Cuthbert’s Island. Mass will be celebrated at 3.00pm in St Aidan’s Church which is next to the coach park from where we will depart at 4.00pm. Take a look at the website for the photo’s from last year.

Holy Land Pilgrimage - Saturday 16th February to Saturday 23rd February 2013 - (half term) - £1,150 each for two sharing; £250 single supplement. Full details and booking forms are available at the back. Only a few places left!

Fundraising News..A “Wine tasting” evening will be held on Friday 12th October at 7:00pm.. Tickets will be on sale after Masses next week priced at £15, Limited number available:- first come first served. We are sorry but we must take the money at the time the ticket is given out. The price will include the wine tasting, nibbles, a quiz and a raffle.

Parish Christmas Card: As a church restoration fundraiser the parish is printing Christmas cards that will include a wonderful photo taken last year of our Church altar and sanctuary. As the altar and sanctuary will be changing, the Christmas cards will be a wonderful memento that you will want to use to send greetings to your family and friends. Samples and prices of the card will be available before the end of the month for you to place your orders.

Parish Gift Aid - The letters from the Diocese confirming each individual’s total of gift aid eligible offerings for the tax year 2011-12 are now available. Please collect yours from Gerry Harber as you leave Mass – saving the cost of postage. Uncollected letters will be posted. All parishioners who were registered under the Gift Aid scheme for tax year 2011-12 & have offertory contributions recorded should receive a letter. If you think that you are in the scheme but do not receive one please contact Gerry Harber (517829). If you have received a letter but your circumstances have changed (e.g. no longer paying tax, change of address) please advise Gerry. Any parishioners who pay income tax but have not yet signed a Gift Aid form for their offerings please contact Gerry for a form. It costs you nothing but increases the value of your donations by 25%. If you are already a gift aid member please consider increasing the amount of your weekly offering as the totals of collections and gift aid are down compared with the previous year.

Christian Aid Street Collection - The Christian Aid annual Street Collection takes place on Saturday 22nd September, 9.00 am until 3.00 pm. 6 collectors are needed to make up the St Robert’s team: volunteers please put your name & telephone number against your selected hour on the list in the Church porch. On the day, collect your box from St Robert’s Parish hall five minutes before your start time. Thank you for your support.

SVP Raffle Members of the SVP will be selling tickets for the national raffle after Masses today & for the next few weeks: 1st prize £3,000, 2nd prize £2,000, 3rd prize £1,000 and many other good prizes! Limited number available – first come first served!

S.V.P. The SVP will next meet on Wednesday, 19th September at 7.30 p.m. in the Presbytery. We urgently need more members and would welcome anyone who may be interested in joining the SVP to come to this meeting.

Prisoners of Conscience - Details of this month’s prisoners of conscience are available after Mass. Air-mail envelopes provided! Could you write in support of them? It really does make a difference.

Celebrate Conference – Fr Lawrence wishes to encourage families and young people to take part in the Celebrate Conference next Easter time. He 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. 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 and pick up one of the pink sheets at the back of church. Sent it off immediately because the youth sections are booked very quickly.”

The Power to be Me – a Day of Reflection for Men with Fr Chris Thomas, from the Diocese of Liverpool on Saturday 20th October 2012 10.30 to 4.00pm at St Joseph’s, Gateshead. A list to sign up will be available next weekend. Take a poster from the table.