

St Robert of Newminster

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Sunday 23rd September 2012

25th Sunday of the Year

PLEASE PICK UP MISSALETTE FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH

<u>Masses</u>		<u>Intentions</u>		
Sunday	23 rd	9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Michael Ibbetson People of the Parish	
Monday	24 th	9:15am Our Lady of Walsingham		
Tuesday	25 th	9:15am		
Wednesday	26 th	9:15am		
Thursday	27 th	9:15am St Vincent de Paul		
Friday	28 th	9:15am		
Saturday	29 th	10:00am SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	Mrs Glancey	
Sunday	30 th	9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Ann Lewington	
<u>Sunday 30th September 2012 26th Sunday of the Year</u>				
Mass		9:00am	11:00am	7:00pm
Readers		R. Higginbottom A. Beattie	J. Kelly B. Cudd	D. Oldroyd S. Smith
Eucharistic		T. Walker	M. Beaton	B. Cole
Ministers		J. Conroy G. Harber	R. Soulsby C. Smith	L. Cole M. Illingworth
Children's Liturgy	Leader: Ruth	Companion: Ben		

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

A second collection will be taken TODAY for Home Mission 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.

N.B. – Mass on Wednesday 3rd October and subsequent Wednesday's will be at 9.00am

Journey in Faith – In this coming Year of Faith we will begin with “*Believe - Reflections on the Creed*” - a six part series exploring the treasures of our faith. Why not take some time to explore your faith? *Believe* will provide you with some time of prayerful reflection to grow in your faith and deepen your love and understanding of the Creed we profess. ***This is also an ideal course for those who are interested in becoming Catholic or who are even remotely thinking about it.*** The course will begin on Thursday October 18th at 7.00pm at St Robert’s church hall and also immediately after morning Mass on Thursday October 18th.

Catholic Women’s League – Catholic Women's League will be meeting on Monday 24th September at 7:00pm in the church hall, when our speaker, Anita Roma, will give a talk on 'Ancient Remedies for Modern Times'. Members, friends and guests are all very welcome.

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 at the back.

Fundraising News.-A “Wine tasting” evening will be held on Friday 12th October at 7:00pm. Matt Boyle and/or Ken Wilson will be selling tickets after Mass 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.

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.

Christian Aid Ceilidh - A Ceilidh is being held to raise funds for Christian Aid on Saturday 20th October 7.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. in St. George’s Church Hall.

Dancing to the St George’s URC Band. Bar, raffle etc. Tickets £5 (adult) or £2.50 (child) from Gerry Harber (517829).

Lepra – Tickets now on sale for Lepra Autumn Swarai on Saturday October 6th. Tickets from Anne Beattie and Christine Watson. Buffet Supper and entertainment. Bring your own wine.

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.

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. If you are interested please sign up on the list at the back of church. Take a poster from the table