

St Robert of Newminster

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Parish Priest: Fr Lawrence Jones

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PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE

SUNDAY 23rd February 2014

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



<u>Masses</u>		<u>Intentions</u>	
Sunday	23 rd	9:00am	People of the Parish Evelyn Givens
		11:00am	
		7:00pm	
Monday	24 th	9:15am	Rielly Family Pat McGurk In Thanksgiving Ken & Eileen Pervival
Tuesday	25 th	9:15am	
Wednesday	26 th	9:15am	
Thursday	27 th	9:15am	
Friday	28 th	9:15am	
Saturday	1 st	St David	Denise Lorry Helen & Douglas Cone Deceased Memembrs of Davison Family
		<u>9.00am</u>	
Sunday	2 nd	9:00am	
		11:00am	
		7:00pm	
SUNDAY 2nd March 2014 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Mass	9:00am	11:00am	7:00pm
Readers	M. Bell R. Higginbottom	P. Dawes J. Ratcliffe	J. Gill G. Sutcliffe
Eucharistic Ministers	J. Conroy G. Harber E. Harber	R. McAllister G. Davison E. Dixon	L. Cole B. Cole S. Smith
Altar Servers	S. Bambrick E. Boyle	P. Glancey	P. Smith D. Dowd
Children's Liturgy: Leader: Ben Companion: Jackie			
Tea/Coffee after morning Masses every Sunday. Everyone is welcome.			
WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH IS ASH WEDNESDAY			

NB. – Fr Lawrence and Fr Jim will be assisting at two separate funerals on Saturday 1st March. Mass will be at 9.00am. Fr Ian Hoskins, from Longhorsley, has kindly offered to hear Confessions at the usual time.

Confessions: No Confessions this Wednesday. **Saturday: 11 00am – 12 noon**

The Angelus: Monday to Friday at 9 00am.

Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday at 9 00am.

Rosary - Saturday – 9 40am.

Divine Mercy Devotions – Thursday 27th February at 7.00 in the hall.

Bible Sharing – Tuesday 1 00pm to 2 00pm in the church hall. All welcome

Wednesday Word – to help you prepare for Mass next Sunday. Please pick up a copy in the porch.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Thursday from the end of Mass until Benediction at 10.15am.

No adoration this Saturday. During Adoration on Thursday mornings the rosary will be prayed for the forthcoming parish mission – “a Season of Spiritual Growth” in May and June.

Last Sunday's offering – £986.55. Many thanks.

Welcome – A very warm welcome to Bishop Seamus Cunningham who is making an official visitation of the parish this Sunday.

Ecumenical Programme for Lent – Please pick up the white sheet from the back of church.

Diocesan Notices – On the green sheets – if you missed them last week.

Fr Lawrence's Homily for Education Sunday – Please pick up the yellow sheets from the porch if absent last Sunday. It can also be found on the parish website – www.strobertsmorpeth.com

Thanks – to Fr Ian Hoskins for hearing Confessions this Saturday (1st March).

Post Confirmation Youth Group – On Thursday evening we are going 10 pin bowling. We leave at 7.00pm and will be back at about 9.00pm. Please contact Andrew on 07818236000 if you want to go in order to arrange lifts or go to the Facebook page – “St Robert’s Confirmation 2013”. On Wednesday 5th March (Ash Wednesday) we are going to the “Source” event at St Mary’s Cathedral. We will leave at 6.10pm and will be back at 9.00pm. We are looking for the occasional use of a minibus, if anyone can help or suggest anything?

Message from Daniel Smith – LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS - “Dear Parishioners, this Summer I will be participating in a project to build emergency housing for poor families in Ensenada, NW Mexico. The charity project is run by M10 Missions, a Christian youth charity organisation that cater to the needs of some of the poorest people in the world. The project will last for 11 days. I have to personally raise £1,900. The first fund-raising event that I have planned is an ‘Indian Night’ at Manzil’s on Tuesday 25th February at 7.30pm. Tickets available from Daniel or Peter Smith after 7.00pm Mass or contact at home on 01670 516433”.

Women's World Day of Prayer. This year service will take place on Friday 7th March at 2:00pm in the Methodist church, Howard Terrace. Morpeth. The theme will be 'Streams in the Desert' which was prepared by the Christian women of Egypt. This service is open to everyone men and women.

If you are interested in joining the choir for this event please go to the Methodist Church on Friday 28th February at 11:00am for the rehearsal. For further information please contact Joan Oliver (Tel. 510125).

Catholic Women's League. Unfortunately the speaker for Monday 24th February has cancelled, therefore we are going to have a Fun and Games Evening. This will start at 7:00pm and as always members, friends and guests are very welcome to come along and join in the fun and fellowship.

Catholic Women's League 2! The Catholic Women's League are holding a Cake Stall in the Church Hall after the morning Masses on Sunday 2nd March.

St. Aidan's Ashington. If you are looking for Christian birthday cards, Easter cards, Communion cards and/or gifts etc. Then please feel free to come along to see what we have on offer. The shop is situated at the rear of the church and is open before and after weekend Masses and by appointment.

Parish Safeguarding checks: The old CRB check has been replaced by a new system called the DBS!

To start with all parishioners who hold certificates dated before 2011 are going to be transferred to the new system if they are continuing in ministry. There are about 18 people to support through this new system. Anne Dawes will be outside church today at the end of 9.00am Mass and before 11, to try to catch the relevant people. Others may have the information delivered to their homes. Please read the letter carefully and return the form to the Diocese as soon as possible. The Diocese will then send you the DBS form to complete. This has to be checked together with the required evidence by either Anne or Amy Boyle. The evidence requirements have changed. Anne has prepared information for you about this. If there are any difficulties in acquiring the right pieces, please contact Anne or Amy straight away as we can help you to sort it out.

Christian Aid Spring Evening - The Christian Aid Spring Evening provides an opportunity to learn something about the issues affecting third world countries and enjoy a meal with the flavour of the country concerned. This year’s theme is Columbia: Showing Love in Action. It will be held in the Methodist Church Hall on Saturday 22nd March at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. Tickets £7 on sale after Mass or from Gerry Harber (517829).

Calling all gardeners and readers - Do you have green fingers? If so, would you be able to put in a few extra seeds when planting in order to supply some plants for sale at Christian Aid’s plant stall on 10th May? Many thanks. Also if you have any books you have finished with please keep them for the book stall on the same date.

SVP - The next SVP meeting will be on MONDAY 24th February at 7.30 p.m. in the presbytery.

RIP – Mrs Freda Hanlon. Requiem Mass on Saturday 1st March 10.00am at St Aidan’s, Ashington.

Parish Mission – The next meeting will be on Thursday 6th March at 7.00pm. Please come along if you are willing to help.

The Pope’s Apostolic Exhortation “Evangelii Gaudium” (The Joy of the Gospel) – is available from the porch. £4.95. Please use the collection box in the wall of the porch.

Children’s Books – There are a number of new children’s books on the bottom shelf at the back of church. Please feel free to borrow them for a week at a time. A new book on the life of Pope Francis has just arrived.

Wedding Preparation Day – On Saturday 1st March there will be a preparation day for couples who are getting married this year. Fr Lawrence hopes to provide them and the team of helpers with lunch. 12 couples will be taking part and then there will be about 6 helpers. Are you willing to make a dish? Please have a word with him if you are prepared to help with the cooking and hospitality or email him on ljonessys@yahoo.co.uk.

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank – Please see box in the porch for what is required

Refugees and Asylum Seekers – Please see box in the porch for what is required