

St Robert of Newminster

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Retired Priest in residence: Fr Jim Doherty

PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE

SUNDAY 9th February 2014

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



<u>Masses</u>			<u>Intentions</u>	
Sunday	9 th	9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	People of the Parish Harry & Margaret Nicholson & Harry & Bill	
Monday	10 th	St Scholastica 9:15am <u>7:00pm</u>	Holy Spirit CWL	
Tuesday	11 th	Our Lady of Lourdes 9:15am <u>7:00pm</u>	Sick of the Parish Sick of the Parish	
Wednesday	12 th	9:15am	Peter Marshall	
Thursday	13 th	9:15am		
Friday	14 th	Ss Cyril & Methodus 9:15am	November Dead List	
Saturday	15 th	Mass of Our Blessed Lady 10:00am	William Docherty	
Sunday	16 th	9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Tom Syron Pat McGurk People of the Parish	
SUNDAY 16th February 2014 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time				
Mass		9:00am	11:00am	7:00pm
Readers		M. Boyle J. Offen	V. Shearer D. Shearer	B. Cole D. Strachan
Eucharistic Ministers		A. Gorman T. McLaughlin A. Beattie	M. Beaton A. Dawes C. Smith	S. Smith L. Cole M. Illingworth
Altar Servers		T. Boyle E. Walker-Barras	T. Boyle	B. Gosling D. Dowd
Children's Liturgy: As advised to leaders and companions				
Tea/Coffee after morning Masses every Sunday. Everyone is welcome.				

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 7.00 in the presbytery.

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** and Saturday from the end of Mass until 12 noon. 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 – £1,081.20. Many thanks.

Diocesan Notices – Please see separate GREEN

sheet and the posters in the porch.

Brownies. Thank you to St Robert's parishioners for their contribution to the Recycle Fashion Show. The girls enjoyed their experience on the cat walk and donated the £20 that they raised and the unsold items to Barnardo's.

CWL. There will be Mass at 7:00pm on Monday 10th February followed by a business meeting in the Church hall.

Post Confirmation Youth Group – Meeting this Thursday in the church hall at 7.00pm. Please bring the rosary beads that you made on our weekend retreat. Today (Sunday) there is the “Liquid” event at New Life Christian Centre at 7.00pm. All young people welcome.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes – this Tuesday 11th February. There will be an extra Mass at 7.00pm. This is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. There will also be a Mass in the Cathedral at 7.00pm on Tuesday. Bishop Seamus will be the principal celebrant and invites those who are sick, doctors, nurses, health and care workers, past Lourdes pilgrims and anyone who is interested to join him. During Mass there will be the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick.

SVP - The next meeting of the SVP will be on Tuesday 11th February at 7.30 p.m. in the presbytery.

Message from Daniel Smith – “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”.

Parish Mission – Fr Lawrence would like to express his profound thanks to everyone who attended the meeting on Thursday night (and the the apologies received). The next meeting will be on Thursday 6th March at 7.00pm. Please come along if you are willing to help. More information to follow in next Sunday’s Newsletter.

Manifest – A Young Adult Prayer Group (18 to 30ish) meet at St Mary’s Cathedral 7.00pm for one hour of Praise and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on the first and third Monday of every month followed by drinks in a nearby pub. Follow on twitter @ManifestIHS and Facebook.

The Northern Catholic Calendar 2014 - available in the porch. £2.50. Please use the collection box in the wall of the porch.

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.

Sale of Newspapers and items in the porch – please feel free to use the collection box in the porch wall.

CTS Booklets – The shelves on the stand at the back of church have been restocked. Please take a look at the many interesting titles. The longer thinner leaflets are free.

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.

Bishop’s Visitation – on Sunday 23rd February. The bishop will celebrate and preach at all the Sunday Masses.

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. Please have a word with him if you are prepared to help with the cooking and hospitality or email him on ljonesys@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

Wanted – a Property Manager for the diocese. See poster in porch or go to the Diocesan website.

Dates for your diary – Young Adults Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Aged 18 to 30) Saturday 25th October to Saturday 1st November (half term). A pilgrimage to the Holy Land open to all parishioners – Friday 20th February to Friday 27th February 2015. Details to follow.

RISE Theatre UK Tour 2014 - Soldier to Saint - YMT (Youth Ministry Team) are delighted to be hosting the professional theatre company, RISE Theatre and their exciting, original one-act play ‘Soldier to Saint’ at: St Mary’s Cathedral, Newcastle on Thursday 27th March 2014 at 7.30pm. The play is inspired by the true story of Saint Alban, Britain’s first Christian Martyr – a compelling tale of courage, friendship and sacrifice. The performance is suitable for ages 12+. Tickets are available from YMT on admin@ymt.org or 01207 592244 and can be bought from the Cathedral Bookshop and Cloister Café. Prices: £5 Adult; £3 Under 18 and unwaged. *For more information about RISE Theatre and their work please visit www.risetheatre.co.uk*

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Lent Materials. Lent resources will be available shortly; they draw on the Gospels of Year A and link with thoughts from the Pope Francis' *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel). We'll look at the Gospels and the hope & meaning they have for us and then reflect on ways in which we can share this with others. Please email spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk for more information.

Diocesan Festival – Advance Notice: Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 June 2014 Youth Village, Consett

In the light of *Evangelii Gaudium* from Pope Francis, the theme of the Festival has changed to “**The Joy of the Gospel**”. We will be joined by **Bill Heubsch**, a well-known speaker from the United States and **Karen Kilby**, the new Bede Chair at the Centre for Catholic Studies. Bill published “Vatican II in Plain English” & runs a website offering resources for pastoral & spiritual formation (pastoralplanning.com). Karen is a leading Catholic theologian who took up the Bede Chair in January. She will also be involved in sharing some of her knowledge & expertise with parishes, schools & other groups in the Diocese; the Festival is one of her 1st engagements. There will be workshops on the theme for children & young people. Publicity and booking forms will be available very soon. To register for early information, please email spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk

Holy Island Days of Reflection: A series of days reflection are underway on Holy Island with plans to make the sessions available to other areas. A brochure for the events to be held at St Aidan's, Holy Island can be obtained from our Diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk or email spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk

Living Water – Light – Resurrection – Days of Reflection for Lent:

Thursday 27 March at St Michael's, Houghton le Spring from 10.30am – 3.00pm

Saturday 29 March at St Aidan's, Holy Island from 11.00am – 5.00pm

Saturday 5 April at Minsteracres, Nr Consett from 10.30am – 3.30pm (£10 charge)

Saturday 12 April at St Thomas Aquinas Parish hall, Darlington from 10.30am – 3.00pm

These days are particularly aimed at people preparing to be received into the Church but will be of interest to anyone wishing to take time out for prayer in Lent. There is no charge for the sessions (except Minsteracres which is £10). Please bring a packed lunch.

For further information and to book please contact us at spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk

Evangelii Gaudium – The Joy of the Gospel: Many people have been enthused by Pope Francis' recent exhortation written in response to the Synod on New Evangelisation, *Evangelii Gaudium*. A series of evenings with Rev Sean Hall will take place:

How Pope Francis Came to his Understanding of Mission, Wednesday 19 March

Pope Francis' call for a Church equipped for Mission, Wednesday 26 March 2014

Pope Francis' call for missionary outreach to the rest of the world, Wednesday 2 April

All sessions will be held at St Robert of Newminster School, Washington from 7.00pm – 8.30pm

There will also be three afternoons of reflection in the north, centre and south of the diocese led by Kathryn and Sr Michael of the Evangelisation Team:

Sunday 27 April at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle

Sunday 1 June at St Joseph's Church, Hartlepool

Sunday 29 June at St Robert's Church, Morpeth

All sessions run from 2.30pm – 4.30pm

For further information and to book please contact us at spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk

Baptised into Hope: A day of reflection led by Rev Chris Thomas of the Irenaeus Community, in partnership with the council of Laity. **Saturday 10 May, St Aloysius Parish Hall, Hebburn, NE31 1BE 10.30am – 4.00pm.** There is no charge for this day but booking is essential. Please bring a packed lunch.

To book, please contact us at adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk

Rev Jim Clarke: In May, the Diocese is hosting Rev Jim Clarke from St John's Seminary in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles where he is Director of Spiritual Formation and Assistant Professor of Spiritual Theology. Fr Jim is an excellent speaker and while he is in the Diocese, he will lead a day for clergy on **Tuesday 6 May, a retreat at Minsteracres** over the weekend of **9- 11 May** (open to all) and a day on **Holy Island on Saturday 17 May** which is also open to all.

“Hilda of Northumbria” – Day of Reflection for Women: In the 1400th anniversary year of Hilda's birth, we celebrate and reflect on her life as a model for women of the 21st century. Led by Kathryn Turner, Head of the Diocesan Department for Spirituality. **Saturday 31 May, St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle, NE15 7PY 10.30am – 4.00pm.**

There is no charge for this day but booking is essential. Please bring a packed lunch. To book, please contact us at adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk Further event information is available at www.rcdhn.org.uk