

St Robert of Newminster

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Parish Priest: Fr Lawrence Jones

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PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE

SUNDAY 11th May 2014

4th Sunday of Easter



<u>Masses</u>			<u>Intentions</u>
Sunday	11 th	9:00am	Bobby Turnbull
		11:00am	Elsie Gow
		7:00pm	Joshua & Maria Hedley
Monday	12 th	9:15am	Mary Hunter
Tuesday	13 th	Our Lady of Fatima	
		9:15am	Nicholas Marr
Wednesday	14 th	St Matthias (Apostle)	
		9:15am	
Thursday	15 th	9:15am	
Friday	16 th	9:15am	Dick Gee
Saturday	17 th	10:00am	Maureen Mitchell
Sunday	18 th	9:00am	George Carter
		11:00am	Deceased Davison Family
		7:00pm	People of the Parish

SUNDAY 18 th May 2014 – 5 th Sunday of Easter			
Mass	9:00am	11:00am	7:00pm
Readers	A. Gorman	L. Flinders	J. Gill
	K. Wilson	J. Radcliffe	D. Oldroyd
Eucharistic Ministers	A. Beattie	M. Beaton	L. Cole
	T. McLaughlin	C. Smith	B. Cole
	A. Wilson	R. McAlister	A. Smith
Altar Servers	T. Boyle	A. Kinghorn	B. Gosling
	O. Bruce		D. Dowd
Children's Liturgy: Leader: Ben		Companion: Lisa	
Tea/Coffee after morning Masses every Sunday. Everyone is welcome.			

Confessions: Wednesday 6.30pm to 7.00pm and Saturday: 11.00am – 12.00pm

The Angelus: Monday to Friday 9.00am. **Morning Prayer:-** Monday to Friday 9.00am

Rosary - Saturday – 9.40am. **Divine Mercy Devotions –** Thursday 7.00pm in the presbytery

Bible Sharing – 1.00pm to 2.00pm on Tuesday in church hall

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Thursday from the end of Mass until Benediction at 10.15am and Saturday from the end of Mass until 12.00pm. During Adoration on Thursday mornings the rosary will be prayed for the forthcoming parish mission.

Divine Mercy Devotions – Thursday at 7.00pm in the presbytery

Last Sunday's Offering – £866.87. Many thanks

Offering for Sick and Retired Priests - £358.21. Many thanks

CWL - Morpeth CWL Section will hold its Annual General Meeting on Monday 12th May in the Church Hall. The meeting will be preceded by Holy Mass at 7pm. Would Committee members please prepare a short report. Members please bring something for a shared supper and something for the Branch Tombola. Thanks

The Season of Joy - Would Greeters, Ushers and parishioners willing to help with the Mission please add your name to the lists on the bookcase at the rear of the Church. If you would like to bring finger food for the shared table on Friday evening, please bring it to the church hall between 6pm and 7pm.

The Season of Joy – opens on **Friday 16th May 3.15pm** – in the parish hall LIFE TO THE FULL with Mr David Payne (author, film producer and director of CaFE - Catholic Faith Exploration.) An inspiring session of testimony, humour and practical help for everyone, starting with a cream tea. Everyone is welcome. A crèche will be available for children.

Friday 16th May 7.00pm – in the church – HOW TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL with David Payne followed by refreshments. His autobiography “Alive” is available in the porch. £5 a copy.

A Season of Joy – prayer support – A meeting for all who want to support this important part of our parish mission on Monday evening at 7.30pm in the presbytery. All welcome. Please pray the parish prayer every day. It will be prayed every day at Mass. You are also invited to do some fasting or penance each Friday. The patron saints of our Mission are St Robert of Newminster (our parish patron), St Maria Goretti, St Bernadette and St Anthony of Padua (whose relics are enshrined in the new altar) and St John Paul II, St John XXIII. Please pray for their intercession for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our parish and for the Lord’s blessing on our Season of Joy.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – an additional period of Adoration as part of the prayer support for the parish mission – Friday mornings from 7.30am to 8.30am. All welcome.

Youth Group – No meeting this Thursday. Instead you are invited to the session with David Payne on Friday night at 7.00pm in the porch. You will remember David Payne, who gave you all a signed copy of his book and visited us during the Confirmation course.

The Season of Joy - Dates for the diary – Tuesday 3rd June 7.00pm in the church – “Life in the Holy Spirit” part 1 (of three); Saturday 7th June – 10.00am – Mass for the Feast of St Robert with the blessing of the Icon of St Robert by the Abbott of Nunraw followed by a parish picnic.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK STARTS TODAY! - Please come along to the **Ecumenical Service** today at 6.00 p.m. in **St Mary’s Church** to pray for the success of Christian Aid week and for those in need.

Collectors: please follow the instructions in your Guide to Collecting. When you have finished, please deliver your red bag with all the envelopes (unopened) promptly to 22 Dacre Street or leave them at the presbytery. If you are not collecting, please give generously! Thank you!

Message from Daniel Smith – “A big thank you to those who attended my Mexican Evening. I raised a fantastic total of £545.00. Along with a very generous donation from the Catenian Association, I have now successfully reached my target and I am very grateful to the parishioners who have supported me. I am really looking forward to my trip. Many thanks.”

May Procession – St Aidan’s Ashington on Sunday 11th May at 4pm. All welcome

Deanery Healing Mass – St Aidan’s Ashington. Mass with Anointing of the Sick on Wednesday 21st May 7pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions between 6.00pm and 7.00pm.

Fundraising Committee – on Tuesday evening at 7.00pm in the presbytery. Please come along if you want to help or have any idea’s.

E mail database – We’re trying to build up a data base of all parishioners Emails so that you can receive any important information or news. Don’t worry! It won’t be very often. Please use the box provided at the back of church or Email Fr Lawrence at ljonesys@yahoo.co.uk.

Engaged Couples – Please see the notice at the back of church and pray for the four couples who are preparing to be married at St Robert’s later in the year – Scott and Catherine, Edward and Jessica, Graeme and Laura, Michael and Claire.

St Robert’s Brownies – are looking for a Leader as Elizabeth Dixon is going to retire at the end of the year. We have a very good unit here at St Robert’s and it would be a shame to have to close because of the lack of a leader. Girl Guiding provides a very good training programme and we have excellent support in the Division. If you would like to find out more please contact Elizabeth on 516584 or Elaine Callaghan (Division Commissioner) on 504645.

The Holy Rosary – After Mass on Monday morning.

SVP - The next SVP meeting will be on Wednesday 14th May at 7.30 p.m. in the presbytery.

School Transport - In the porch you will find copies of the letter of Mr Joe Hughes (Director of Catholic Education for the Diocese) to the County. It will help you with arguments to use in your responses to the consultation. You can do this on line at <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/STpolicy> or use the forms at the back of church and post your response to Mrs Lorraine Fife, Childrens Services, Freepost, MP135, County Hall, Morpeth. NE61 1BR. Please take the time to respond to this consultation. As Fr Lawrence and Mrs Cunningham (Head teacher of St Robert’s) said “**this consultation could result in the withdrawal of free transport for all Catholic pupils attending a Catholic school. This could have a significant impact on the numbers of Catholic children attending partnership schools and ultimately threaten the future viability of Catholic schools in the County.**”

Parish Newsletter – all items must be submitted by Thursday night, preferably by Email to ljonesys@yahoo.co.uk.