

# St Robert of Newminster

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PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE

SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> May 2014

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter



<u>Masses</u>			<u>Intentions</u>
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Helen & Douglas Cone
		11:00am	J & S Brown & Family
		7:00pm	People of the Parish
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	<u>10:00am</u>	Jim Rudd
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	Vincent Gorman
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 REQUIEM MASS	VINCENT GORMAN
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Vincent Gorman
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Bobby Turnbull
		11:00am	Elsie Gow
		7:00pm	Joshua & Maria Hedley

## SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> May 2014 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

<b>Mass</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Readers</b>	M. Murray A. Beattie	B. Cudd V. Shearer	G. Sutcliffe T. Edwards
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	J. Barham A. Gorman A. Donaldson	D. Shearer G. Davison A. Dawes	M. Illingworth C. Rich S. Smith

**Children's Liturgy: As advised to leaders and companions**

**Tea/Coffee after morning Masses every Sunday.** Everyone is welcome.

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

**The Angelus and Morning Prayer:** Monday to Friday at 9 00am

**Divine Mercy Devotions** – Thursday 7pm in the Presbytery

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** – No Adoration this Thursday. Saturday from the end of Mass until 12 noon.

**Last Sunday's offering** – £1250.70 - Thank you.

**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.

**May Procession** – St Aidan's Ashington on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm. All welcome

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

**Annual Diocesan Day of Reflection** -Saturday 10 May, St Aloysius Parish Hall, Hebburn, NE31 1BE. 10.30am – 4.00pm. Open to all. There is no charge for this day but booking is essential. To book, please contact - [adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk) - Please bring a packed lunch.

**Collection for Sick and Retired priests** – Second collection today. You may wish to use the envelopes at the back of church marked "Northern Brethren Fund".

**CWL** – The CWL is holding a Coffee Morning in the Church Hall on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May from 10.00am till noon. Everyone is welcome.

**A SEASON OF JOY** – Please pick up the flyers from the back of church and distribute as widely as possible.

**Mission Refreshments** – Would everyone who kindly offered to help with the refreshments for the Mission please attend a short meeting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm in the Church Hall. If you would like to help but did not manage to put your name on the list – please come along or ring Elizabeth Dixon on 516584.

**A Season of Joy – prayer support** – 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 (who were canonised saints last Sunday). 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.

**David Payne** – opens the Season of Joy on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May. His autobiography "Alive" is available in the porch. £5 a copy.

**Youth Group** – the Source – Wednesday – see notice on Facebook.

**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** – This Wednesday 2.00pm in the church. All welcome

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May** - We need donations of plants and books for the STALLS on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May in the Market Place (10 am – 12 noon) and support for these stalls on the day. Donations can be delivered on the morning or ring Gerry Harber on 517829 for collection. A few volunteers are needed to help selling the items from the stalls – please ring Gerry if you can help. Please come along to the Ecumenical Service on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May in St Mary's Church at 6 p.m. to pray for the success of Christian Aid week and for those in need. More volunteers are needed for THE HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION - again if you are willing to help please ring Gerry.

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

### **School Transport**

Dear Parishioners,

Northumberland County Council has begun two consultations on the following issues:

1, Proposed changes intended to remove an inconsistency between "two-tier" and "three-tier" schools in the way eligibility for free school transport is determined from the start of the academic year 2014/15; 2, Proposed changes to the policy on transport to schools that have been chosen for reasons of religion or belief from the start of the academic year 2015/16 onwards. The above consultations are in addition to the on-going consultation on proposal for Post-16 transport provision which closes on 19 May 2014. The consultations on walking distance eligibility and transport to schools for reasons of religion or belief are open until 10 June 2014; the link below will take you to the Home to School Transport page on the Council's website:

<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/STpolicy>

We strongly encourage you all to take the time to read both these consultation documents and log your views via the council website as the conclusion of 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.*** 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. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Vivien Cunningham (Head Teacher, St Robert's School), Fr Lawrence Jones (Parish Priest)