

St Robert of Newminster
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SUNDAY 27th APRIL 2014
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Divine Mercy Sunday

Canonisation of Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II

		Mass	Intentions
Sunday	27 th	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	Ken & Eileen Percival George Popely
Monday	28 th	St George 9 15am	James Rush
Tuesday	29 th	St Catherine of Siena 9 15am	Rosa Magnowska Charlotte Longstaff
Wednesday	30 th	9 15am	
Thursday	1 st May	St Joseph the Worker 9 15am	Roger Adamson
Friday	2 nd	St Athanasius 9 15am	
Saturday	3 rd	St's Philip and James 10 00am	Ann & John – Nicky's Intentions
Sunday	4 th	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	Helen & Douglas Cone J & S Brown & Family People of the Parish

SUNDAY 4th MAY 2014 – 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

	9 00am	11 00am	7 00pm
Readers	R Higginbottom, J Barham	P Dawes, D Shearer	C Reardon, D Strachan
Eucharistic Ministers	D Shuttleworth, M Dewar, D Dewar	V Shearer, R McAllister E Dixon	L Cole, B Cole A Smith

Confessions: Wednesday 6.30pm to 7.00pm and Saturday: 11 00am – 12 noon

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.

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

Divine Mercy Devotions – Thursday at 7 00pm in the presbytery

Last Sunday's offering – £1,531.26. Many thanks

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

A Season of Joy – PLEASE PICK UP THE FLYERS FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH AND DISTRIBUTE AS WIDELY AS POSSIBLE.

A Season of Joy – A meeting for everyone who is willing to help with the Liturgy and Music for the parish mission on Tuesday evening in the presbytery at 7.30pm.

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 are being canonised saints today). 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.

David Payne – opens the Season of Joy on Friday 16th May. His autobiography “Alive” is available in the porch. £5 a copy.

Message from Daniel Smith – “ARIBA! ARIBA! Last chance to buy your tickets for the Mexican Evening on Saturday 3rd May at 7.30pm in the church hall. Tickets are £8 in aid my M10 Mission to Mexica in July. ARIBA!. Many thanks”

Youth Group – this Thursday at 7.00pm in the church hall.

E mail database – We are 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.

Refugees and Asylum Seekers – Needed- bedding , sleeping bags, men's clothes, shoes, ruck sacks, tins of fish, beef, tomatoes, sweetcorn, sugar, coffee, tea, cooking oil, biscuits, rice and pasta.

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.

Wansbeck Food Bank – take a look at the list on the box for what is needed.

Catholic Womens' League –Monday 28th April at 7 00pm in the church Hall there will be a talk about Awesome New Zealand. As usual members, friends and guests are very welcome to come along.

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.

RIP – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Vincent Gorman who died this week. Pray also that the Lord may bring comfort to his family. Vincent's Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 8th May at 12noon.

The Holy Rosary – For the last few years, a small group met in their homes each week to say the rosary from May (the month of Our Lady) until October (the month of the Holy Rosary). Starting next week the rosary will be said tin the church, possibly a different day and time each week. These dates will be published in the newsletter each week. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to lead the rosary on a particular day or time please sign up on the list at the back of church. Also, the parish rosary group (open to all) will meet on Friday morning after Mass in the presbytery. This group will meet on the first Friday of each month to pray for the parish and it's needs.

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, and I also attach the relevant consultation documents, which provide further information and reasons for the consultation. A link to a web-based questionnaire is also provided within the Consultation Document and on the Home to School Transport Page itself.

<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.*** If you prefer to respond using the Consultation Response Form attached to each document, you may send them to the Freepost address in the document or send them to school and we will forward them to County Hall. If you prefer to use a paper version of the response form, the 2 documents and instructions for doing so will be available next week at the back of church. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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