

St Robert of Newminster

Catholic School & Sixth Form College

Feedback on Catholic Life & Mission

Let Your Light Shine



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Through Christ, in Partnership

In response to parental, staff and pupil feedback in 2022/23 we have implemented the following to improve the provision of the Catholic Life & Mission at St Robert's:

Event	Description	Date
Year 7 Welcome Mass	Mass celebrated by Fr Mark Lyden Smith focused on the school motto of 'Let your light shine'	5 th Oct 23
Year 12 Welcome Mass	Teaching Mass celebrated with our Year 12 pupils to welcome them to the school and introduce them to the Catholic traditions of our school	TBA
St Hilda Whitby House Mass	House Mass for pupils in Year 7-11	16 th Nov 23
St Godric Finchale House Mass	House Mass for pupils in Year 7-11	18 th Jan 24
St Aidan Lindisfarne House Mass	House Mass for pupils in Year 7-11	8 th Feb 24
St Cuthbert Durham House Mass	House Mass for pupils in Year 7-11	21 st Mar 24
Year 10 Retreat Youth Village	Two-night retreat with the Diocesan Youth Mission Team	13-15 th Nov 23
Year 8 Retreat Youth Village	Two-night retreat with the Diocesan Youth Mission Team	29 th Nov – 1 st Dec 23
Year 9 Diocesan Summer Festival	Two-night summer festival	3 rd – 5 th Jul 24
Year 11 Day of Celebration	Celebration with the students, teachers, parents, and carers of Year 11	26 th Apr 24
Year 13 Day of Celebration	Celebration with the students and teachers of Year 13	26 th Apr 24
Parish Advent Carol Service	Parish Advent Carol Service held at St John Boste	TBA
CAFOD Parent/Carer Coffee Morning	Student leadership team will prepare and lead a charity coffee morning for parents / carers	TBA

Event	Description	Date
Confirmation candidate's liturgy & lunch	Liturgy and celebration for our students who will be undertaking the sacrament of confirmation	2 nd Nov 23
Feast of St Robert community Mass	Student led community Mass for staff, parents, and carers (venue TBC)	3 rd Jun 24
Student led Advent liturgy	Our chaplain will support pupils to prepare and lead Advent prayer & liturgy	W/B 4 th Dec 23
Student led Lenten liturgy	Our chaplain will support pupils to prepare and lead Lenten prayer & liturgy	W/B 19 th Feb 24
Staff, Student and Parent/Carer Morning Prayer	A weekly opportunity for members of our school community and parish community to gather in our chapel for morning prayer	Held weekly - Tuesday morning at 8:30am
Holy Week liturgies	Student led liturgies & collective worship to celebrate the Easter Season	W/B 25 th Mar 24
Year 7 Holy Island Pilgrimage	Year 7 annual pilgrimage to Holy Island to celebrate their first year at St Roberts	W/B 8 th Jul 24
BWCET Laudato Si week (Catholic Social Teaching)	A week dedicated to environmental awareness across our school and Trust	W/B 16 th Oct 24

Weekly Collective Worship

Pupils at St Robert's from Year 7-13 will participate in weekly acts of collective worship. The themes are outlined below:

Week	Beginning	Leading Assembly	Theme
1	4 th Sept		All are Welcome
2	11 th Sept	Head of House	Be Kind
3	18 th Sept	Head Teacher / SLT	Faith
4	25 th Sept	Head of House	Harvest
5	2 nd Oct	Tutor Group (1)	Pilgrimage – Journeying Together
6	9 th Oct	SLT	Respect / Black History
7	16 th Oct	Tutor Group (2)	BWCET Laudato Si Week
Half Term			
8	30 th Oct	Head of House	All Saints & All Souls
9	6 th Nov	Tutor Group (3)	Remembrance
10	13 th Nov	Head of House	The Northern Saints
11	20 th Nov	Head Teacher / SLT	Let Your Light Shine
12	27 th Nov	Head of House	Christ the King – Young People
13	4 th Dec	Tutor Group (4)	Advent Week 1 - Hope
14	11 th Dec	SLT	Advent Week 2 - Peace
15	18 th Dec	Anne Marie	Advent Week 3 – Love and Joy
End Of Term			

16	8 th Jan	Tutor Group (5)	Excellence
17	15 th Jan	Head of House	Christian Unity
18	22 nd Jan	Tutor group (6)	Holocaust
19	29 th Jan	Head of House	Racial Justice
20	5 th Feb	Head Teacher / SLT	LGBTQ History - Equality
Half Term			
21	19 th Feb	Tutor Group (7)	Lent Week 1 – For the Persecuted
22	26 th Feb	Head of House	Lent Week 2 - Integrity
23	4 th Mar	Tutor group (8)	Lent Week 3 – Justice
24	11 th Mar	Head of House	Lent Week 4 - Forgiveness
25	18 th Mar	Tutor group (9)	Lent Week 5 – Service and Humility
26	25 th Mar	Anne Marie	Holy Week
End Of Term			
27	15 th Apr	Tutor group (10)	(Eastertide) Compassion
28	22 nd Apr	Head of House	(Eastertide) Self Belief
29	29 th Apr	Tutor Group (11)	(Eastertide) Victims of Human Trafficking
30	6 th May	Examinations	(Eastertide) Our Lady
31	13 th May	Examinations	(Eastertide) Mental Health Awareness
32	20 th May	Examinations	(Eastertide) Gratitude
Half Term			
33	3 rd Jun	Examinations	St Robert / Vocation
34	10 th Jun	Examinations	Pride
35	17 th Jun	Examinations	Refugees Week
36	24 th Jun	Head of House	Ss Peter and Paul - Courage
37	1 st Jul	SLT Link	Mission
38	8 th Jul	Head of House	Leadership
39	15 th Jul		Thanksgiving
End Of Term			

Year 7-13 Daily Prayer

Pupils in Year 7-13 will participate in daily acts of prayer that will include reference to our weekly themes, school values, daily scripture and mission:

25th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday 25th September 2023

SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GATHER

The UK harvest season falls towards the end of September and the beginning of October. In Britain, thanks have been given for successful harvests since pagan times. The modern Harvest Festival celebrations include singing hymns, praying, and decorating churches with baskets of fruit and food.

In British churches and schools, people bring in produce from the garden, allotment or farm. The food is often distributed among the poor, which is why we hold one of our Foodbank collections at this time of year.

WE LISTEN

Pope Francis tells us:

“If we want life to triumph over death, and dignity to be redeemed from injustice, we need to follow Christ’s path of poverty, sharing our lives out of love, breaking the bread of our daily existence with our brothers and sisters, beginning with the least of them, those who lack the very essentials of life.”



WE PRAY







God of creation, thank you for your goodness. May we never take your gifts of food and drink for granted. May we always treat the poor with **respect** and may we act with generosity and **integrity** when we have the opportunity to help others. Amen.

MISSION

Say a prayer for those who will go without any sustenance today, especially those in our local area and hold them in your heart this week.

School Prayer & Values

Our entire approach to the Catholic Life & Mission of St Robert's is underpinned by our school values:

Faith	Respect	Vocation	Excellence	Aspiration	Integrity
 Faith					
A prayerful community rooted and guided by the teachings of Jesus	A diverse community, created in the image of God, whose members are treated with respect and dignity	A hard working community that helps people recognise their own unique purpose	A dedicated community that strives for excellence in our learning and our conduct	A community built upon high expectations of ourselves and others	A just community with a firm understanding of what is right that acts with honesty and kindness
"Holiness doesn't mean doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith." Pope Francis	"Treat people the same way you want them to treat you." Luke 6:31	"Let us seek to live in a way that is always worthy of our Christian vocation" Pope Francis	"Dear young people do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things! Pope Francis	"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works" Matthew 5:16	"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth" 1 John 3:18

St Robert's School Prayer

Dear Lord,

We gather today as a community of **faith** and ask the Lord to instil in us an eagerness to learn so we can strive for **excellence**.

May St Robert's example be in our words and actions so that we treat others with **dignity** and **respect**.

We pray that as we learn, we **aspire** to become better than we were yesterday.

As your **light shines** through us, help us become who you call us to be.

Enable us to act with **honesty** and **kindness** welcoming all with love.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen