

ENGLISH MARTYRS & ST ROBERT'S NEWSLETTER 2ND MAY 2021

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

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THE CYCLE OF PRAYER: Eastertide

During Eastertide we are asked to pray for these intentions;
 New Members of the Church; Vocations;
 The Right Use of the Media; the Church;
 Human Work

Mission Statement:-

“We, the Parishioners of English Martyrs & St Robert’s recognise each person as a gifted Child of God and strive to foster a loving relationship with Christ & with each other within our community”.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

	English Martyrs 9.30am		St Robert's 11.00am	
Date	Minister	Reader	Minister	Reader
2nd May	T.Cross	J.Johnson	M.Murray	J.Watson
9th May	Joji Xavier	F.Charters	M/V.Douglas	E.Hall

Mass Intentions

<u>Day</u>	<u>English Martyrs</u>	<u>St Robert's</u>
Sunday 2nd May 5th Sunday of Easter	9.30 am Public Mass Gerald Joseph Gaffney (RIP)	11.00 am Public Mass The Gaughan & Marsden Families. John Heneghan
Monday 3rd May SS Philip and James, Apostles	Private Mass Kathleen Moira O'Rawe	
Tuesday 4th May The English Martyrs		6.30 pm Public Mass Special intentions of the family of Josephine Moore (J.A) This Mass will be livestreamed on Youtube and Facebook
Wednesday 5th May	10.00 am Public Mass Veronica Clark RIP	
Thursday 6th May		Private Mass
Friday 7th May St John of Beverley Bp	NB 10.00am Public Mass Intentions of Governors, Staff and Pupils of English Martyrs Primary School (M.L)	
Saturday 8th May St Joseph the Worker		Private Mass
Sunday 9th May 6th Sunday of Easter	9.30 am Public Mass Marjorie Hoggins RIP (Ann)	11.00am Public Mass George Wills RIP (F & L.K)

FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE

The Parishes of English Martyrs and St Robert Fenham have an updated Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/strobertsandenglishmartyrsfenham>
 Log in and become a 'friend' to get the online Newsletter, advance notice of live streamed Masses and other news.

Mass is also livestreamed on our YouTube channel at : <https://youtu.be/C-IVdMpqGmk>
 (or go to Youtube and simply type 'Stroberts englishmartyrs' into the search box)"



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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading:

Acts 9 : 26-31

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 21 (22) : 26-28, 30-32

Response is:

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly

Second Reading:

1 John 3 : 18-24

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

Alleluia

Gospel:

John 15 : 1-8



IF YOU
ABIDE IN ME
YOU WILL BEAR
MUCH FRUIT —

BOOKING FOR MASS

Booking arrangements for places at Sunday Masses at English Martyrs & St Robert's are as follows.

Bookings will be taken each Sunday for the following Sunday



Telephone bookings may be made by calling the office at St Robert's on 0191 273 3903 on Thursdays between 1pm and 2pm only.

Unfortunately, telephone bookings cannot be made at any other time. Booking is not required if attending public Masses during the week.

There have been some instances at English Martyrs and St Roberts of parishioners not taking up the places they have booked for Sunday Mass. This means that parishioners who would like to attend are unable to do so.

If you do not attend on the Sunday you have booked, you may not automatically get a seat for the following week and will have to ring on the Thursday to see if there are any places available.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

Pope Francis asks us to pray this month, for those who are in charge of finance that they will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

In this Year of St Joseph, Pope Francis encourages us all pray to St Joseph each day

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you, Mary placed her trust;
with you, Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and
courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen



CONGRATULATIONS FR MARIADASS

Congratulations, prayers & best wishes to you, Fr Mariadass celebrating 25 years of religious profession yesterday, 1st May

We wish you many more happy & healthy years in your ministry here at English Martyrs and St Robert's.



ENGLISH MARTYRS BROWNIES, BEAVERS & CUBS

The English Martyrs' Brownies (girls aged 7 to 11) Beavers (6 to 8 year olds) and Cubs (aged 8 to 11) are nearly able to return to our usual meetings in the Youth Club Hall from June with all safety measures in place. If you are interested in fun and making new friends please contact Angela on 07793918118

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES AND THEIR CARERS, ESPECIALLY:

Elisabeth Barry, Betty McGurk, Rita Foreman, Bella Molloy, Anna Atkinson, Norma Charlton, Judy & Lawrie Ashton, Michael Temperley, Rosemary Burke, Tony Carr, Eileen Brown, Kath Wood, Ann Emmerson, John Emmerson, Brian Donkin,

Fr Ted Featherstone,

Paula Jefferson, Tom Dudley, Ross McGiven, Stella Swinburne

If you wish, sick relatives or friends to be included, please let us know and they will be added to the list.



PARISH CENSUS

Census forms are available to collect after Mass. It is important that each adult in your family fills in an individual form, not just one per family, so if you have only received one form, please obtain additional forms for each adult in your household
Many Thanks



ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

- John Fowler, Frederick Welch, Mary Armstrong, John Ibbetson, Dorothy Dobie, Philip Pollock
- William McCabe, Pamela Watt, Christopher Alexander, Josephine Heslop, Patricia Thompson
- Jimmy Wakeford, John Neesham, Garry McDonald, Mary Hope
- Elizabeth Dickens, Jim Carr, Sr Isabella McInarney
- Francis Batey Thomas Webster, John Barry, Frances Coulson, Audrey Hellon, Mary Payne, Charles Gibson
- Charlotte Webber, Evelyn Greegan, Albert Timothy Murphy, Kenneth Scott McEwan, Albert Miller, John Telford, William Clegg, Margaret Coulter, Norah Wilson, Thomas McGuinness
- James Henry Cairns, Mary Forster, George Beresford, Nick Murray, Lydia Margaret Brennan, Patricia Calvert, Jim Barry, Jim Newcombe, Tilley Finnegan, Kathleen Connell, Kathleen Brown, Robert McDonald, Annie Rennoldson



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DIOCESAN JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT

We are based at St Vincent's, the SVP Support Centre (formerly Blackfriars), on New Bridge St, Newcastle and are open on Mon, Wed & Fri from 10.30 to 2pm.

We need people to meet & greet our project users, help with food & clothing distribution, serve teas & coffees & generally be a welcoming presence.



No experience or specific knowledge about the asylum system is needed, just a willingness to be a friendly welcoming presence in the lives of people seeking asylum in this country. This is such vital service, especially when so many of our project users are having to endure the impact of the increasingly hostile environment directed towards those seeking asylum. We are especially interested to hear from people, who could join our teams on Wed and Fri. If you would like to know more, please contact Sara, our project co-ordinator, at sara.harris@diocesehn.org.uk to arrange an informal discussion.

Please note its bank account name has changed to DHN Justice and Peace Refugee Project.

If you wish to support the Project financially, you can pay by BACS to DHN Justice and Peace Refugee Project, sort code 40-34-18, account number 52854058.

Alternatively, please send any cheques to Mrs Sara Harris, JPRP Co-ordinator, Justice and Peace Refugee Project, St Vincent's Support Centre, New Bridge Street, Newcastle NE 1 2TQ

PRAYING THE ROSARY

At the heart of the Holy Father's wish, the month of May will be dedicated to a marathon of prayer from the theme "From the whole Church the prayer to God went up incessantly" (Acts 12:5). The initiative will involve in a special way all the Sanctuaries of the world, so that they become promoters to the faithful, families & communities of the recitation of the Rosary to invoke the end of the pandemic.

Thirty representative shrines, scattered all over the world, will guide the Marian prayer, which will be broadcast live on the official channels of the Holy See at 18.00 (Rome time – 17.00 BST) every day.

Pope Francis will open this great prayer on May 1st, the Feast of St Joseph the Worker & end it on May 31st.

ROSARY STRONGHOLD PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES AND THE FAMILY OF NATIONS MAY 2021



→ DAILY ONLINE ROSARY AT 8PM
→ 24th MAY: ROSARY DAY FOR SCHOOLS & YOUNG PEOPLE
→ 30th MAY: NATIONAL ROSARY RELAY RALLY
→ 31st MAY: ONLINE ROSARY WITH BP JOHN KEENAN

THE CATHOLIC NATIONAL SHRINE AND BASILICA OF OUR LADY AT WALSHINGHAM
ROSARY MOVEMENT OF PREPARATION & CARRYING GROTTOS
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MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals, named after Mary the Mother of Jesus, has been built on a foundation of prayer & the many little acts of love from those who support us.

This May, the month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady, you are invited to join us in prayer to celebrate the wonderful work of Mary's Meals & give thanks that we are now reaching more than 1.8 million children with a nutritious meal in 19 countries each school day.

We also pray for God's continued blessing on our beautiful mission, that through His providence it will always flourish, enabling us to reach more hungry children.

Your prayerful support can be offered in a number of ways by including a bidding prayer for Mary's Meals at Mass, praying the Rosary for our work or hosting a Holy Hour. Inspirational resources for our Pray In May campaign, including our prayer card can be found here:

<http://ow.ly/30uh30rFmxy>



SCRIPTURE & SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE 2021

This year's conference focuses on St. John of the Cross and his life changing teachings of how love can transform each and every one of us. Through six thought provoking talks, each of us can learn how to become beacons of light to greater reflect Christ and offer hope to a world in much need of healing. This year, we have been blessed with 6 renowned speakers, authors and experts, who will help bring St. John's teachings to life and transform how we grow in our love and spirituality.

For further information go to <https://www.carmelite.uk.net/.../scripture-and.../> or contact Ruth Preston @Carmelite.org.uk

Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham is to be the launching Shrine for the Holy Father's May Rosary Mission – 6pm BST (5pm GMT) or Facebook or Walsingham TV Youtube Channel

We begin on **Saturday 1 May** with our nightly online Rosary, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, which marks the culmination of a Novena invoking the powerful intercession of St. Joseph upon these lands.

To tune in click on the link below or type into your web browser

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/2021/04/26/may-2021->

'FENHAM HISTORY WALK, SUNDAY 16TH MAY 2PM.

A circular walk lasting 90 mins.

Whose generosity built a local church?

Which 'Bluestocking' lived in Fenham Hall and what was discovered at 'smugglers hole'?

Following a Sacred Heart fire, what did the bishop prescribe?

Booking required, please call Theresa on 2730724 or theresabrol@sky.com.

Group of 6 only due to social distancing.

Small donation appreciated- proceeds to St Oswald's Hospice.'

Happy Feast Day to the Parishioners of English Martyrs



To all parishioners of English Martyrs, who celebrate the Feast of the English Martyrs on Tuesday 4th May.

We keep all past and present parishioners in our prayers, especially those who have played such a big part in the life of the parish.

6.30 Mass on Tuesday will be live streamed on You tube and Facebook

FEAST OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

On this day in 1535 three Carthusian monks (John Houghton, Robert Lawrence and Augustine Webster), a Brigettine (Richard Reynolds) and one secular priest (John Haile) were executed at Tyburn. They were the first of many martyrs, Catholic and Protestant, of the English Reformation.

Of these martyrs, 42 have been canonised and a further 242 declared blessed, but the number of those, who died on the scaffold, perished in prison, or suffered harsh persecution for their faith in the course of a century and a half cannot now be reckoned. They came from every walk of life; there are among them rich and poor, married and single, women and men.

They are remembered for the example they gave of constancy in their faith and courage in the face of persecution.

We keep them in special remembrance on the day of their feast.

ST MARGARET CLITHEROE

One of our special saints is Margaret Clitheroe. She was a butchers wife in York. Her husband, John, once a Catholic, had conformed to the new religion, in which she herself also had been brought up. In 1574, three years after their marriage, Margaret was reconciled to the Catholic Church and became a zealous helper of the Catholic cause. Priests were constantly harboured in her house, and she kept a

Catholic schoolmaster for her own children and those of a few neighbours. During twelve years of such apostolic activity she spent a total of nearly three years in prison. Eventually the Sheriffs men searched her house and threatened one of the pupils attending her school until he revealed to them the priests hiding place and Mass vestments. When brought before the judge, Margaret refused to



plead, in order to save the conscience of the jury and spare her children and servants the ordeal of giving evidence against her. As a result the judge was obliged to pass the barbaric sentence required by the law. In such cases 'you must be stripped naked, laid down, your back upon the ground, and as much weight laid on you as you are able to bear, and so continue three days without meat or drink, except a little barley bread and puddle water, and the third day be pressed to death, your hands and feet tied to posts and a sharp stone under your back'. The three day sentence was not carried out, but on 25th March 1586 she was crushed to death, in the tollbooth, on Ouse Bridge in York. She took a quarter of an hour to die.

Her husband never returned to the Catholic Faith, but a daughter of hers, afterwards became a nun at Louvain.

Thank you to Jim from English Martyrs for sending this information.

Did You Know...

ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY

Born in Humberside, John trained for the priesthood in Kent, before returning to the Abbey at Whitby, which at that time was under the rule of Saint Hilda. In 687 he was consecrated Bishop of Hexham. He was said to have shown special care for the poor and the handicapped. A lover of contemplation, he spent whatever time he could spare in quiet solitude. In 705 he became Archbishop of York where he continued his good work until 717, when he resigned his office to spend the last years of his life in the solitude of the abbey that he had earlier founded at Beverley.



John died in 721, so this year is his 1300th anniversary.

Thought

for the week . . .

$$6+3 = 9$$

but so does 5+4.

The way you do things isn't always the only way to do them. Respect other people's way of thinking.