

# ENGLISH MARTYRS & ST ROBERT'S NEWSLETTER 13TH JUNE 2021

## 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

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### THE CYCLE OF PRAYER: Ordinary Time (Summer)

During Ordinary Time (Summer) we are asked to pray for these intentions;

A Deeper Understanding between Christians & Jews; Those Who Suffer persecution, Oppression & Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers

### 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”.

## Sunday Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

	English Martyrs 9.30am		St Robert's 11.00am	
Date	Minister	Reader	Minister	Reader
13th June	T.Cross	D.Rushton	J.Barron/N.Hedley	C.O'Toole
20th June	Joji Xavier	C.Rushton	M.Murray/C.O'Toole	J.Watson

### ST ROBERT'S WEEKDAY MASS READERS ROTA w.b June 14th 2021

**WEEK A**

## Mass Intentions

Day	English Martyrs	St Robert's
Sunday 13th June 11th Sunday of the Year	9.30 am Public Mass Tom Laidler RIP (B& M.B)	11.00 am Public Mass Living & Deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League
Monday 14th June	Private Mass Kathleen Moira O'Rawe	
Tuesday 15th June		Rosary before Mass 6.30 pm Public Mass The Church, All Priests and Missionaries
Wednesday 16th June St Richard of Chichester	Rosary before Mass 10.00 am Public Mass Deceased Family Members	
Thursday 17th June		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00 am Public Mass Intentions of Wynn and Dave
Friday 18th June	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am Public Mass Deceased members of the Canning Family	
Saturday 19th June St Romuald Ab		10.00am First Holy Communion
Sunday 20th June 12th Sunday of the Year (Day of Prayer for Human Life)	9.30 am Public Mass Mary Elizabeth McCarthy (A.G)	11.00am Public Mass Walter & Winifred Boy and their family

### FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE

The Parishes of English Martyrs and St Robert Fenham have an updated Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/strobertsandenglishmartyrsfenham>.

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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## 11TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

### First Reading

Ezekiel 17 : 22-24,

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 91 (33) : 2-3, 13-16

Response is:

*It is good to give you thanks, O Lord*

### Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 5 : 6-10

### Gospel Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father*  
*Alleluia*

### Gospel:

Mark 4 : 26-34



## CHANGES TO BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR MASS

The arrangements for booking Sunday Mass have changed.

Bookings can be made for the following week when attending Sunday Mass.

Telephone bookings can be made by calling the office at St Robert's **0191 273 3903** each

**Sunday** between **12.15pm and 1.15pm only.**

If there is no reply, leave a message and one of the team will get back to you.

Unfortunately, telephone bookings **cannot** be made at any other time.

It **cannot** be guaranteed that email requests made **after** Thursday will be received in time for Sunday Mass.

**NO** booking is required if attending weekday Masses



## THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE - THE BEAUTY OF MARRIAGE



Pope Francis asks us to pray this month, for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

## EASING OF COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

- At present, booking is still required for Sunday Mass.
- Stewards are **no** longer required for weekday Mass, but are still required on Sundays when larger numbers attend.
- Anyone coming into church when no steward is present can sign themselves in, giving their contact details for test & trace purposes.
- Pens are available for signing in and will be sanitized after use.
- Those with smart phones can now use the NHS QR codes.
- Face coverings must continue to be worn & the one metre social distance observed.
- Hand sanitizer should continue to be used on entering & leaving the church.
- The capacity for each church is now 50% of the total capacity, therefore more people can attend on Sundays, whilst still observing social distancing.
- Each row of benches can now be used, though kneelers must **NOT** be used

## SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION & THE EUCHARIST

Please pray for our children from English Martyrs & Sacred Heart Primary, who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation & the Eucharist this term.



The dates are as follows

St Robert's **Saturday 19th & 26th June at 10am**

English Martyrs **Saturday 3rd & 10th July at 10am**

## PRAY WITHIN OUR PARISHES

We are invited to join the mother Church of Jerusalem in the prayer of intercession for peace & justice in the Holy Land.

Please be united in prayer at **7pm** every evening.



## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Fr. Adrian Dixon has produced a short reflection for all Eucharistic ministers ahead of Corpus Christi; the usual time when ministers are asked to renew their commitment. Under normal circumstances, this would have taken place last Sunday, but given the current restrictions, this will take place later on in the year.

The reflection can be accessed by going to the diocesan website and scrolling down the home page.

Alternatively you can click on this link

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lan3AB896Rg&t=2s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lan3AB896Rg&t=2s)

Please keep all our Eucharistic ministers in your prayers and give thanks for their ministry within our churches & to the sick and housebound.

## ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

- Brian Lynn, Margaret Colville, Peter White, Mary Allan
- Elizabeth Crilly, Mark Harmeston, Eleanor O'Hare, David Hines, Henry Young, Joshua Andrew Buck, Harry Brearley, James Hinds, Margaret Nicholson, Mary McKeown, Philip Reynolds, Isabella Glynn, Denis Roche
- Margaret Mary Rudden, Jack Temperley, Katy Temperley, Laura Hubbard, Margaret McIver, Stephen Lydon, Joseph Harrop, Vincent Joyce, Thomas McAlhone, Eileen Avery, Albert Charters
- Siobhan Dixon, Thomas Beckingham, Edward (Ted) Heslop, Mary Storey, Patrick Dinnington, Clive Hogarth
- Joyce Hedley, Helen Dias, Francis John Prince, Norah Cassidy, Amanda Spraggon
- Charles Clark, Walter Flisher, Charlotte Lamb, Charlotte Law, James Patterson, Thomas Etherington, Thomas Arthur Dickinson
- Josephine Groves, Judith Dale, William Simpson



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## **PLEASE KEEP THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND THEIR CARERS IN YOUR PRAYERS ESPECIALLY:**

Ann O'Brien, Tony Watson, Eamon Maloney, Brian Donkin, Fr Ted Featherstone, Tom Dudley, Stella Swinburne, Michael Temperley, Rosemary Burke, Tony Carr, Eileen Brown, Kath Wood, Ann Emmerson, John Emmerson, Betty McGurk, Rita Foreman, Norma Charlton, Judy & Lawrie Ashton,  
If you wish sick relatives or friends to be included, please let us know and they will be added to the list.



## **REFUGEE WEEK - 14-20 JUNE**

Let us pray during this week for all refugees and those who find themselves without sanctuary. May we celebrate their contributions, creativity & resilience

God of all humanity,  
In a world full of fear, open our hearts to your love.  
Though we walk in desolate valleys,  
Open our minds to your hope.  
We turn from hatred, towards love.  
We turn from intolerance,  
Towards understanding.  
We commit ourselves to compassion.  
Together, not alone, we pray for peace.  
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



## **RNIB STAMP APPEAL**

The stamp collection is still ongoing & there is a box for donations in the Narthex of both churches.  
Your support for this excellent charity is greatly appreciated.



## **ENGLISH MARTYRS BROWNIES, BEAVERS & CUBS**

The English Martyrs' Brownies returned to the hall on **Wed 9th June** and the Beavers and Cubs on **Thurs 10th June**.

We are delighted to be finally back in our own meeting place!  
Anyone interested in joining please contact Angela on 07793 918118



## **ST ROBERT'S CHURCH HALL**

Loose ceiling tiles have delayed the opening of the hall on health & safety grounds.  
This problem is being attended to as quickly as possible.  
Plans are also in hand for repainting, sanding of the floor etc.

## **ST ROBERT'S PRESBYTERY**

A flat is being created at St Robert's presbytery for residential purposes.  
Work will be starting soon to enable this to happen.

## **VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

Minsteracres Retreat Centre are looking for volunteers. If you would like to share your skills or learn new ones, meet new people or simply help us provide our unique service please email:  
info@minsteracres.org or visit their website at [www.minsteracres.org/get-involved/volunteer-experiences/](http://www.minsteracres.org/get-involved/volunteer-experiences/)



## **REFLECTION BASED ON THE GOSPEL FOR 13TH JUNE**

**"Yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all."**

Try to recall your greatest successes in life: can you exactly remember all the steps and factors that led to this? Try also to think of a time when you exerted a lot of effort and had little to show for it.

There is perhaps a part of the human condition that tells us that our successes come purely from our own efforts, and that our failures, likewise, are the result of our own hand; it can be troubling when we apply this logic to other people. And if we keep on with this line of thinking, we inevitably risk burnout, one of the great afflictions in our society.

This is not to say that we should not put in effort. St Thérèse of Lisieux teaches in her little way that we should perform each of our actions, even, or especially, the smallest ones, with great love. In doing this, we draw closer to union with God and help to make the kingdom of God more visible on earth.

If each of our actions is a seed that we plant, what type of garden is our life cultivating?

*Sophia White CAFOD*

## **Emmaus Bereavement Listening Service**

**Tel: 07732 980 740**

Please leave your name and number and a member of the team will contact you

## **LOOM BAND JEWELLERY**

Evangeline from English Martyrs has made some lovely bracelets and rings using loom bands. She is selling them in the narthex of English Martyrs with all proceeds going to charity.



## **Did You Know...**

### **ST RICHARD OF CHICHESTER**

Wednesday 16th June is the feast day of St Richard of Chichester.

He was born in Droitwich, Worcestershire in 1197, and died at Dover in 1253. As a boy, he worked on his father's farm, though he eventually went to the universities of Oxford, Paris and Bologna. He was not ordained priest until the age of 45. Two years later he was appointed Bishop of Chichester, but due to the King's opposition he was

unable to take over the see until 1247. In the intervening period, he lived in a priest's house, visiting the parishes of his diocese on foot. He is noted for his generosity to the poor, the mercy he showed to sinners, and the reform of the liturgical life of his diocese.



## Courses.....



### CONTINUING THE JOURNEY (BEYOND RCIA)

Some people may feel that they would like to pause and reflect at the end of their RCIA journey, whilst others may be asking what next after RCIA?

For anyone who has completed an RCIA programme, we are offering an opportunity to continue the process of learning and sharing the Faith, using video & group discussion, through five online Zoom sessions in June/July. These will take place on **Wednesdays at 7.00 pm** beginning on **June 30th**, followed by **July 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th**.

Each session will last for around 1¼ hours.  
Please register at

<https://forms.office.com/r/LMPReCA8nK>  
or contact Faith & Mission by email at [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk).



This year's conference focuses on St John of the Cross & his life changing teachings of how love can transform each one of us.

Through six thought provoking talks, we can learn how to be beacons of light to greater reflect Christ & offer hope to a world in need of healing. Six renowned speakers, authors & experts will help bring St John's teachings to life & transform how we grow in our love & spirituality.

The conference will be online and takes place on **Saturday 10th - Sunday 11th July**

For more information go to [www.carmelite.uk.net/ssc](http://www.carmelite.uk.net/ssc)  
or contact [ruth.preston@carmelite.org.uk](mailto:ruth.preston@carmelite.org.uk)  
telephone 07849 596572



The Summer School is online this year .

**5th - 9th July, 3.15pm to 7pm daily**

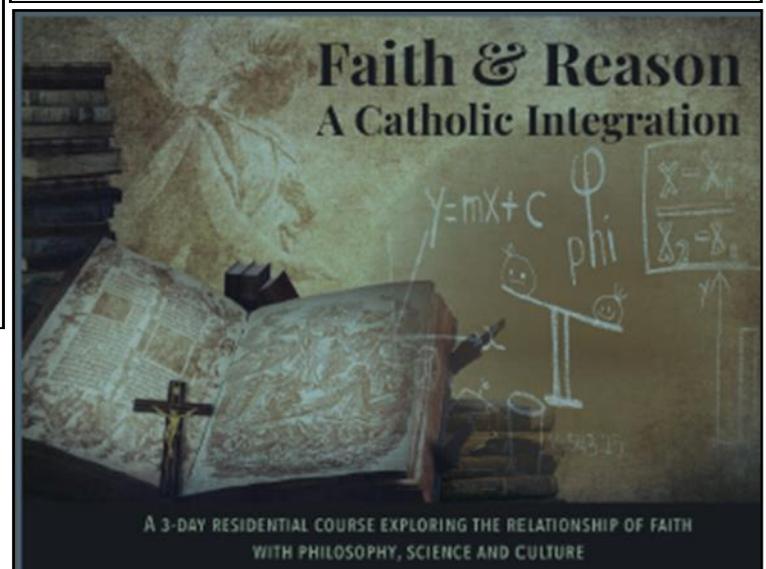
For more information go to [www.carmelite.uk.net/ssc](http://www.carmelite.uk.net/ssc)  
or contact [ruth.preston@carmelite.org.uk](mailto:ruth.preston@carmelite.org.uk)



### TERESA'S FOUR WATERS IN WORD, IMAGE & SONG

An evening sharing in Carmelite spirituality through music & art. An opportunity to be enriched by the music of Sr Claire Sokol & inspired to develop your prayer life with God after seeing Sr Sa Ra iconic art & photo exhibition.

This takes place on **Sunday 11th July** from **7pm to 8.45pm**  
For more information go to [www.carmelite.uk.net/ssc](http://www.carmelite.uk.net/ssc) or  
contact [ruth.preston@carmelite.org.uk](mailto:ruth.preston@carmelite.org.uk)  
telephone 07849 596572



Faith & Reason is a 3-day residential course exploring the relationship of faith with philosophy, science & culture. Running from **Thursday 5th - Sunday 8th August** at the **Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst**, it is for anyone seeking a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith, particularly teachers & catechists fielding commonly asked questions about Catholicism.

For more details & how to book go to [www.christianheritagecentre.com/events](http://www.christianheritagecentre.com/events) or  
email direct at [events@christianheritagecentre.com](mailto:events@christianheritagecentre.com)

## Thought for the Week...

