

# ENGLISH MARTYRS & ST ROBERT'S NEWSLETTER 12TH SEPTEMBER 2021

## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

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

During Ordinary Time from September to Advent, we are asked to pray for these intentions;

Students & teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work & the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice & Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners & their Families

### 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
<b>12th September</b>	S.Aippe	D.Rushton	M/V.Douglas J.Hall-Murray	E.Hall
<b>19th September</b>	J.Hutchinson	T.Cross	N.Hedley S.Hughes	J.Watson

**ST ROBERT'S WEEKDAY MASS READERS ROTA w.b 12th September 2021**

**WEEK B**

## Mass Intentions

<u>Day</u>	<u>English Martyrs</u>	<u>St Robert's</u>
<b>Sunday 12th September</b> <b>24th Sunday of the Year</b> <b>Day of Special Prayer for</b> <b>Those Involved in Education</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> Public Mass Bismaya & Anoop (thanksgiving)	<b>11.00 am</b> Public Mass Golden Wedding Anniversary of Brian and Marguerite Beavis
<b>Monday 13th September</b> <b>St John Chrysostom Bp, D</b>	Private Mass Kathleen Moira O'Rawe	
<b>Tuesday 14th September</b> <b>The Exaltation of the Holy</b> <b>Cross</b>		<b>Rosary before Mass</b> <b>6.30 pm</b> Public Mass Kathleen O'Donnell RIP
<b>Wednesday 15th September</b> <b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b>	<b>Rosary &amp; Exposition</b> <b>10.00 am</b> Public Mass David Butler RIP	
<b>Thursday 16th September</b> <b>SS Cornelius Pp &amp; Cyprian</b> <b>BP, MM</b>		<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>10.00 am</b> Public Mass Patrick Geraghty & Deceased members of the Murphy & Geraghty Families
<b>Friday 17th September</b> <b>St Robert Bellarmine Bp, D</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> Public Mass Kathleen Moira O'Rawe	
<b>Saturday 18th September</b>		Private Mass
<b>Sunday 19th September</b> <b>25th Sunday of the Year</b> <b>Home Mission Sunday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> Public Mass Thanksgiving for the Binu Family (E.B)	<b>11.00am</b> Public Mass Madge Cowan RIP

# Newsletter .....



## 24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

### First Reading

Isaiah 50 : 5-9

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 114 (115) :1-6, 8-9

Response is:

*My soul give praise to the Lord*

### Second Reading:

James 2 : 14-18

### Gospel Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the Way, the Truth & the Life, says the Lord;*

*No one can come to the Father except through me Alleluia*



### Gospel:

Mark 8 : 27-35

## THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER- THE CHURCH

Let us pray that we all will make courageous choices for a



simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

## READER'S WEEKEND -11TH/12TH SEPTEMBER

We have not been able to have our Readers proclaim the Word of God at Mass in the way we normally do. Only one Reader has been allowed & many have not been able to join us at Holy Mass.

At our Sunday Mass, this weekend, we shall celebrate the ministry of proclaiming God's holy Word & ask our readers to commit themselves again to this important service. Eventually we shall return to our patterns of ministry that we had before the Pandemic.

## COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS—UPDATE

All of the COVID control measures & cleaning protocol will **remain** at present.

Last **Friday 10th September** Bishop Robert in consultation with the Episcopal Council, reviewed the available data & guidance to allow further decisions to be made regarding controls and protocols. An update will be given next week regarding any changes.

## SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation, is a time of sustained prayer & action which lasts a month & four days.

During this season we are encouraged to pray & engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with our God, our neighbour & the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth & the cry of the poor.



## EDUCATION SUNDAY

This Sunday is Education Sunday The theme for 2021 is 'A word in season', taken from Isaiah 50:4.

Churches Together in England describes teaching & studying as "demanding & privileged callings". Education Sunday gives us the opportunity to give thanks to God for all who teach & all who study, for all who continually have to find the right words & deliver them with enthusiasm & graciousness.

Teachers, pupils & leaders in our schools have suffered 18 months of disruption & uncertainty due to the pandemic. For the second year in a row, GCSE & A Level students have been Centre Assessed or Teacher Assessed – a challenging situation for both teachers & pupils.

We pray that God will fortify those working to make our schools places of learning & sanctuary – not just teachers & leaders but all the support staff, whose tireless work sometimes goes unnoticed.

We pray for all our primary & secondary pupils – particularly school leavers who have had such a difficult journey in recent times – not to mention students in higher education & vocational training.

## BREAKING THE WORD- A DAY OF REFLECTION FOR READERS

A Day of Reflection for Readers is to be held at **Ushaw College Durham** on **Saturday 9th October** from **10.30am -3.30pm.**

Registration & refreshments from **10am.**

A light lunch & tea/coffee will be provided.

The cost of the day is £15, but costs for the day will be met by the parish.

If you wish to attend, please sign up on the sheet at the back of both churches by **Sunday 19th September.** Alternatively send an email to St Robert's marking it 'Day of Reflection.'

## ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED 12TH SEPTEMBER - 18TH SEPTEMBER

- Anthony Judd Griffin, Thomas Hammill, Mary Sample, Melvyn Gurr, Arthur Burke, Robert Snowdon
- Jack Coombe, Stella McDonald, Alexander Biggerstaff, Andrew Dean Oliver, Liz Carr, An Williams, Emily Convery, Edward Bennett, Francis Wilson, Joseph Devine, Elizabeth Dowson, Ellen Devine
- Sheila Reynolds, Clare Currie, Gerard Halewood, Ethel Pearce, Rose McDonald
- Mrs E Robinson, Mary McColl, Mary Josephine Murray, Nora Boyd, James Welsh, Francis Flynn, Annie Wallace
- Tom Gleeson, Anthony Johnson, William Turner
- Ellen Reed, Christina Gent,
- Vincent O'Farrell, Monica Price, Henry Douglas, Patricia Taylor, Brian Johnson, Mary Conway, Cecilia ( Sheila) Ratcliffe



# Newsletter .....

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

Tony Knox, Ann O'Brien, Eamon Maloney, Brian Donkin, 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,



## REQUESTS FOR ENTRIES ON THE SICK LIST

The only people who can give consent for names of the sick to be included in the newsletter are as follows

1. The person themselves if they are physically capable.
2. Next of kin if they are not
3. A friend **CANNOT** give consent even if the person has no one else.
4. A priest can ask the person for consent, but this must be recorded.

This is for safeguarding and GDPR purposes.

## SICK VISITS

Any requests for a sick visit must be made to Fr Mariadass or Fr John in the first instance. They will then obtain the individual's consent for a visit. Once this initial consent has been received, details will be passed to the outreach teams of English Martyrs and St Robert's

## MASS INTENTIONS

I will be away from the end of September until the beginning of Nov. During this time, I will be on retreat, spending time with my family & also time with the Carmelite community.

If you wish to have Mass celebrated for a particular person or intention during this time, then please request your mass intentions as soon as possible so they can be printed in the newsletters.

Just pick up an envelope from the back of church. with the details on & hand in to myself or Fr John or post through the presbytery door of English Martyrs or St Roberts. Alternatively you can email [strobertsfenham@btconnect.com](mailto:strobertsfenham@btconnect.com)

Many Thanks

Fr Mariadass.

## ST ROBERT'S TODDLER PLAYGROUP

The playgroup at St Robert's restarted for pre-schoolers last **Friday 10th September** and will continue every Monday and Friday thereafter during term time.



We shall be open from **9.30am to 11.30am** & can provide a small snack will be provided for the children

We look forward to welcoming you back in our new sparkly parish hall.

Nuala and Jill

## ENGLISH MARTYRS BROWNIES, BEAVERS & CUBS



Brownie meetings resumed last **Wednesday 8th Sept at 6pm.**

Beaver meetings started again last **Thursday 9th Sept at 4.45pm** followed by Cubs at **6pm.**

The units are nearly full, but if you are interested please contact Angela on 07793918118

## ST ROBERT'S YOUTH CLUB

At long last, our Friday evening Youth Club will be starting up again in mid/late October for all young people in **Years 6, 7 & 8.**



A meeting will be held for all new members with their parents & guardians.

This will take place on **Friday 24th September at 7pm** in **St Robert's Church Hall.**

We are always looking for adult helpers, so any adults who are interested in helping with the Youth Club on Fridays, then please come along too.

Many Thanks Mel

## ST ROBERT'S CAFE

You are warmly invited each **Tuesday morning 10-12 noon**, when we will be serving teas, coffee & home-baked items from our Meeting Room & sitting out in our church garden. Fruit & drinks are also available for children.



'The café this week was enjoyed by many, due to the lovely sunshine along with wonderful home baking & fellowship!

Thanks to all of you who kindly baked goodies- next week promises more delights. If you haven't found time yet to visit, then hurry while the weather is good! Parents do drop by for some rest after the school run! Or why not call by for a take home treat?'

If anyone is able to donate some home-baked goodies or assist in this venture, please see me after Mass or ring 07831504243.

As our church restrictions continue, please wear a mask indoors while ordering. Car parking is available at the rear. Many thanks for your support.

Theresa

## WEEKLY Reflections

Based on the gospel for Sunday 12th September  
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"But you", Jesus asked, "who do you say I am?"**

Jesus is journeying to Jerusalem and to the Cross. En-route, he stops to ask his followers a key question: 'who do people say I am?' Then, 'who do you say I am?'

Today, Jesus is asking me, directly, the same question. What is my own response going to be?

The life, death and resurrection of Christ, the Messiah – what does this mean for me? For those suffering in the world today? For the misunderstood, the rejected, the overlooked, the oppressed, for those whose lives are being cut short even as I am praying this reflection? In my daily life, how am I challenged to think as God thinks and not as the world thinks; not as I would like to think?

I might, now, ask of myself a question. Who do I say I am? What kind of follower am I? How am I being called to renounce myself and take up my daily cross? To support others in the carrying of their crosses and even, through loving self-sacrifice, to put the life of another before my own?

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### **PROUD CATHOLICS**

For our next meeting, we will be resuming meetings in person. If you identify as LGBT+ or are you questioning your sexual or gender identity, you'd be very welcome to attend a support group run by and for LGBT+ Catholics in the North East. The group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.



For our next meeting, on **Tuesday 21st September**, we will have a celebratory Mass at St Andrew's Catholic Church (9 Worswick St, Newcastle upon Tyne), pending restrictions and guidance at the time. There will be the possibility to connect through Zoom for people who are not able or don't feel safe to come to church.

For more information, telephone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit our website <http://www.proud Catholics.co.uk>

### **CALLED TO THE SUPPER OF THE LAMB - A DAY OF REFLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

A Day of Reflection for Readers is to be held at **Ushaw College Durham**.

There are two dates available, so if you wish to attend, please choose the one which is most convenient.

**Saturday 16th October from 10.30am -3.30pm.**

**Saturday 30th October from 10.30am -3.30pm.**

Registration & refreshments from **10am**.

A light lunch & tea/coffee will be provided.

The cost of the day is £15, but costs for the day will be met by the parish.



If you wish to attend, please sign up on the sheet at the back of both churches no later than **Sunday 26th September or Sunday 10th October** respectively.

Alternatively send an email to St Robert's marking it 'Day of Reflection.'

### **FIRST STEPS – EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH ONLINE**

Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start?

Join us on a journey this Autumn and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you. It may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church. We gather weekly via Zoom and invite you to come along to find out more.

Starts **Wednesday 22nd September at 7pm**.

If you are interested to find out more, you can enquire/register using the Online Enquiry Form or email [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk).

For full details, please see the poster at the back of church..

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

If anyone would like to make enquiries about booking St Robert's Hall, please contact Joe Murray, Email [joe2@btinternet.com](mailto:joe2@btinternet.com) or telephone 07909 744750

### **ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH HALL**

English Martyrs Church Hall is now open, whilst adhering to current government guidelines.

For hall bookings, please contact Billy on 0191 243 1366

### **SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERTS @ J'S & B'S 3-4PM**

Donations on the day are welcome. Drinks & chairs are available - but do bring a rug or a picnic if you prefer.

As the concerts are weather dependant, if the sun is shining we gather in the garden. If the weather is inclement, we will relocate to the Church.

**12th September** Hannah Fumoleau & Mary Hitch

**19th September** Lindsay Hannon

To reserve tickets go to St James' & St Basil's website

<https://jamesbasilfenham.org.uk/>

### **SUNDAY AFTERNOON CLASSICS**

**Sunday 26th September at 3pm** in St J's & B's Church with Viv McClean on piano.

Includes pieces by Beethoven, Chopin & Gershwin.

Entry **£7**.



## **Thought for the Week .....**

**EVERY** day is  
a new  
**BEGINNING**  
— take a deep —  
*breath,* **SMILE**  
& start again

### **MINSTERACRES**

Minsteracres Retreat Centre offers day, weekend & week long retreats. These enable you to experience different ways of praying in a beautiful setting and gives you time for quiet personal prayer.

For further information go to the website

[www.minsteracres.org.uk](http://www.minsteracres.org.uk)

### **BLESSED JOHN INGRAM PETITION**

Blessed John Ingram (1565-1594) is a local reformation martyr, who was executed on Gateshead High Street for ministering to the faithful of this region. During his ministry, he was assisted and sheltered by local aristocrats, but was eventually apprehended & convicted on a charge of high treason.



You are asked to pray for the canonisation of this dedicated and selfless martyr.

An on-line petition has been set up to gain support for his cause. For the petition and more information on Blessed John Ingram, please go to

<https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/cause-of-canonisation-of-blessed-john-ingram> If you are

experiencing problems accessing this link, go to the home page of the diocesan website. [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)