

**ENGLISH MARTYRS & ST ROBERT'S FENHAM, ST CUTHBERT'S KENTON
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C 28TH NOVEMBER 2021**

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**THE CYCLE OF PRAYER:
Advent & Christmas**

During Advent & Christmastide, we are asked to
pray for these intentions
Migrants & Refugees; Expectant Mothers

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
28th November	A.Joseph	P.Cross	D.McGraham M.Bulman	C.McCormac
5th December	J.Lawson	E.Binu	K.Dimambro S.Jenkins	P.McTernan

ST ROBERT'S WEEKDAY MASS READERS ROTA w.c 28th November 2021

WEEK A

Mass Intentions

<u>Day</u>	<u>English Martyrs</u>	<u>St Robert's</u>	<u>St Cuthbert's Kenton</u>
Sunday 28th November 1st Sunday of Advent	9.30 am Public Mass Gladys Lumley RIP (T.H) Rebecca & Eddie McCaffrey (S.McC)	11.00 am Public Mass Forster, Welsh & Rickerby Families RIP (S.R)	10.00 am Public Mass People of the Parish
Monday 29th November	Private Mass Kathleen Moira O'Rawe		
Tuesday 30th November St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland	10.00am Requiem Mass Ann Tennant RIP	Rosary before Mass 6.30 pm Public Mass Mary Agnes Murray (M.T)	
Wednesday 1st December	Rosary & Exposition 10.00 am Public Mass Harry Douglass RIP (R.D) Intentions of Lisa Matthew		
Thursday 2nd December		10.00 am Public Mass Margaret & Michael Brennan RIP (MM & KM)	
Friday 3rd December St Francis Xavier	10.00 am Public Mass James & Katherine Maley & Family RIP (R.D)		
Saturday 4th December St Osmund Bp		Private Mass	
Sunday 5th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	9.30 am Public Mass Alan Hodgson RIP (T.H)	11.00am Public Mass Peter Rickerby RIP (SR)	Win Brass (L.D)

ADVENT ALMS

There will be a second collection next week for Advent Alms. This is to support the work of St Cuthbert's Care.

DEANERY PENITENTIAL SERVICE

The Deanery Penitential Service will take place at **St Bede's Church**, Whickham View on **Wednesday December 15th**
at 7pm

Spiritual.....



THE ADVENT WREATH

1st CANDLE - (purple) **THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE** - We can have hope because God is faithful & will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15: 12-13)

2nd CANDLE - (purple) **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION** - God kept his promise of a Saviour, who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready." Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3 : 4-6)

3rd CANDLE - (pink) **THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY**. The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)

4th CANDLE - (purple) **THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE** -The angels announced the Good News of a Saviour. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3;16-17)

5th CANDLE- (white) **"CHRIST CANDLE"** The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless Lamb of God, sent to was away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1:29)

ADVENT PRAYER

Eternal God, you will come when we do not expect you. Help us to welcome you now in one another, to reach out to our sisters & brothers in need of care & support. And in this way, may we be found ready, when you come again in glory. Amen

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

The Vicariate of Faith & Mission has produced a set of booklets for Advent reflections, The Seasonal Reflections page on the diocesan website can be found here

<https://diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/liturgy-prayer/#seasonal>

HOLY HOUR

In this Year of the Eucharist, the Association of the Eucharist are holding a Holy Hour at St Andrew's, Worswick St, Newcastle on **Sunday 5th December** from **2-3pm** followed by refreshments . All are welcome.

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

Rosemary Green, Tony Knox, 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,



PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF :



Ann Tennant, formerly of English Martyrs Parish who died recently.

Ann's Requiem will be celebrated this coming Tuesday 30th November at 10 am in English Martyrs Church.

Please keep all of Ann's family, friends & loved ones in your thoughts & prayers. May she rest in peace.

DIOCESAN SYNOD

Over the coming weeks within our parishes, we will be praying and discussing the Synod requested by Pope Francis. Someone will speak at Mass today about the Synod and how we can be involved. Today, we will begin with a sheet of questions for us to reflect on and your response to these is important. The first opportunity for feedback/ discussion will be on 5th Dec. Responses can be handed in at Mass any time before then. More information will be available soon.

LIVESTREAM CHANGES:

Recent changes to Facebook have caused difficulties on that platform. Until this is resolved, we will stream to YouTube, but will post a link on Facebook to enable people to easily switch to YouTube (Any device which can access Facebook can access YouTube).

You can also go to our Youtube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7r7UXeKigvroExszCPPK4A>

(on a 'smart' TV, open YouTube & search for "stroberts englishmartyrs"), save the settings & 'subscribe' (its free!)

Thank you for your patience

Livestream Team

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER- FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM DEPRESSION

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

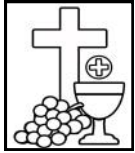
ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED 28TH NOVEMBER - 4TH DECEMBER

- Roy Price, Tom Donohoe, Roger Fairlie, Teresa Butler, Lily Harris, Raymond Rowe, William Armstrong
- Kathleen Dorward, Mary Robinson, Elizabeth Keenan, Margaret Smith, Robert McDonald, Lilian Howard, Thomas Hayes
- John Egan, Joseph Cyril Finn, Ron Gurr, Anne Durkin, Margaret Whitenstall, Charles Dowson, Caroline Thomson
- Sarah McKay, Joseph Burns
- Clare Elliott, Michael Brennan, Tommy & Mary McWilliams, Bill Arnold, Patrick Reilly, Catherine Fairs, Robert Kirsop, Margaret Duffy, Stanislaw Drazkiewich
- George Hall, Henry Frizzle, George Davidson, Rebecca Bell, David Thomas
- Joan McGowan, Norah Nugent, Ben Rudden, Philip Waggott, Margaret Ryan, Arthur Buckley, Hugh Charters



Spiritual.....

SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION & THE EUCHARIST



Please keep all our children preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation & the Eucharist in your prayers.

First Reconciliation services

St Robert's Thursday 9th December after 9am Mass
English Martyrs Wednesday 15th December after 10am Mass

SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM MALAWI

Lots of good news to share - the team - along with some of our amazing Sacred Heart Primary



School staff & pupils will be with us all at

11.00 Mass on Gaudete Sunday 12th December to sing and pray & bring you love from the village. Malawi market afterwards to buy some very special Christmas presents.

See you all there! Bring an instrument if you have one! Cath and the team cfmac@hotmail.com

English Martyrs

HALL BOOKINGS

English Martyrs Church Hall is now open, whilst adhering to current government guidelines. For hall bookings, please contact Billy on 0191 243 1366

GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW

Christmas Raffle Tickets are available at English Martyrs, £1 per book.

The raffle will be drawn on **Sunday 5th December** after **9.30 am** Mass

1st prize - £100 cash, 2nd prize - Luxury Hamper, 3rd prize - Drinks Hamper, 4th prize - Chocolate Hamper and many more prizes.



THE PEOPLE'S KITCHEN

During Advent, as part of our regular commitment to those in need, English Martyrs will be collecting tinned & dried goods for the People's Kitchen

A box for your donations will be at the back of church.

Thank you

Sincere thanks to Jim Derrick & Family for their kind donation of a new rose for St Robert's Church garden. It is presently wrapped up in fleece to protect it until the Spring comes!

CHRISTMAS ANGELS

A huge thank you to anyone who has been able to knit angels for us.

Please bring them along to St Robert's sometime in December or contact Judith or Mel to collect them.

"INFORMATION NOW"

The latest update of information on many issues for people in Newcastle is now available at www.InformationNOW.org.uk

St Robert's

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 or telephone 07909 744750

ST ROBERT'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Please be as generous as ever, not only to support local causes, but also to have a chance of winning one or may be two of our 20 or so fantastic prizes.

These include cash prizes, Christmas hamper, vouchers, wine, sweets, kiddies treats & more besides!

Tickets will be on sale on **Sunday 27th November** & again at our Christmas café morning on **4th December**.

ST ROBERT'S CAFE

The Cafe will be open on the following dates :

NB There will be **NO** cafe on **30th November**.

Saturday 4th December 10am-12.30pm

*Our 'Christmas Cafe' **IN THE HALL** with delicious goodies & hand-crafted items for sale including the 'Aid to Chad & Peru' charity & St Robert's 'Knit and Natter' group (tree decorations/bunting) plus the social team will draw..... The Big Raffle

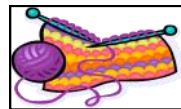
If you can offer a prize for this, please speak to the social team.

For café related enquiries please contact Theresa on 0191 273 0724



MONDAY CRAFTERNOON (AKA KNIT AND NATTER)

Sessions run each Monday from **2pm - 4.30pm**.



If you'd like to come along, but can't easily get out, please call me and we will try to arrange a lift.



Many Thanks

Jill. Tel: 07875 966012

ST ROBERT'S YOUTH CLUB

The last meeting of the Youth Club this year will be on **December 3rd** from **6-30 - 8pm**. It will resume in the Spring of 2022.

ST ROBERT'S 200 CLUB



Thank you for your support over the last year. We have raised **£1289.00** for parish funds.

If you would like to continue as a member, renewals should be with you shortly.

If you wish to become a member of the 200 club, the subscription is £1 per week, (£52 per year);

For further details please drop an email to: strobartsfenham@btconnect.com.

Many Thanks

Cecilia

ST. ROBERT'S SVP CONFERENCE



We will be holding our annual Christmas appeal on **Sunday 5th December** to support local families.

Your generous support will be much appreciated. If you would like to contribute, please leave donations marked SVP at St Robert's Presbytery or hand to a member of the SVP
With grateful thanks
Pete McTernan

St Cuthbert's Kenton

HELP WANTED!

We are looking for members of St Cuthbert's parish who would be willing to assist as Eucharistic ministers, Readers of the Word, and Welcomers and to support the parish in the following areas :

finance, liturgy & spirituality, communications, outreach, social, young people

If you could help, please see Fr Mariadass, Fr John or Pat Kennedy.
Many Thanks

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER



If you have any items for the newsletter, please give them to Fr Mariadass or Fr John.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to have Holy Mass celebrated for a particular person or intention, please write down the relevant details & hand into Fr Mariadass or Fr John with your Mass Offering.

If it is for a specific date, then please give as much notice as possible.

Diocesan Vacancies

Our Lady Immaculate & St Cuthbert, Crook - Cleaner – permanent, 6 hours per week
St Anne, Darlington - Cleaner – permanent, 3 hours per week. Closing date for applications – 3rd December
For further information & details of how to apply please visit our website or contact us on 0191 243 3301

HOLY ISLAND VINNIE CAMP 2022

Holy Island Camp will be running holidays for children in 2022. Our helpers are all volunteers & in order to go ahead successfully in 2022, we urgently need new volunteers to help in the kitchens, preparing food, washing up & clearing the dining hall. We also need caretaking staff who would be able to carry out a cleaning role. The work is tiring but also fun (you would be joining an established & very welcoming team) & the young people benefit enormously from a traditional seaside type holiday. The commitment can be for as little as three days a year in Term Time or more if you are able to help on multiple weeks or through the Summer Holidays. All helpers will be required to obtain a free Diocesan DBS check & some training. If you are interested please visit our website or click below
<https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island/about-camp>

Congratulations

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GEORGE!

Congratulations and warmest wishes to George Thornton who celebrated his 93rd birthday on 26th November. George would like to thank God for all the many blessings he has had over the years.

We hope you had a lovely day George and send you every good wish for the future.

From your friends and parishioners of St Robert's & English Martyrs.



Appeals ...

DONATIONS OF TOILETRIES REQUIRED

The Mercy Hub at St Mary's Cathedral is a café style drop-in for homeless people & others who need the services it offers.

Donations of men's & women's toiletries, which can be used as part of a small gift for those who attend would be very welcome. If you can help with this, please bring your donations along this weekend or next

For St Robert's, please hand in to Nikki or Mel
For English Martyrs or St Cuthbert's, please give to Fr Mariadass or Fr John & they will be passed on.

Thank you for your help & support.

ST CUTHBERT'S CARE - ADVENT ALMS 2021



This Advent, we ask you to consider supporting St Cuthbert's Care.

Our charity provides frontline registered care services for people with complex disabilities, residential homes & fostering for young people & two Catholic nursing homes for older people.

All Advent donations will help to purchase gifts for all our residents in our care this Christmas, along with new electronic devices to help our older residents keep pace with our digitised world.

Your support is precious to us & helps us to continue to provide outstanding care & peace of mind to families.

Thank you so much.

Moira Ashman CEO, St Cuthbert's Care

ST VINCENT'S CENTRE, BLACKFRIARS

If you are able to & would like to support our Christmas appeal, then every penny donated will help us to make Christmas that extra special to those in need.

A **£5 donation** helps us to provide a 3 course Christmas lunch, wrapped gift and treats.

If you are making a personal donation and are able to gift aid please think about adding it to our Vinnies Christmas just giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/vinnies-newcastle>

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO FOSTER AN UNACCOMPANIED ASYLUM-SEEKING CHILD (UASC)?

There is a lot of pressure on LA's to take unaccompanied asylum seeking children. (UASC). No idea of ages or specifics yet, however when the time comes, we get very little notice. These children are allocated to a social worker or personal advisor (depending on their age), & most fall into foster care. Some (aged 16+) could possibly live in supported accommodation. Ideally though if they're under 18 they go into foster care.

Local authorities may well be asked to take in USAC's before Christmas. Not much is known about their backgrounds & it can be in the short-term or possibly longer teaching them basic skills, English & helping them to prepare for independent living.

If there are a few people who are interested in doing this rewarding & worthwhile work, I would be happy to visit/run presentations on the subject either 1:1 or in a small group.

Many Thanks

Martin Hanson Team Manager
Gateshead Fostering Service
Care, Wellbeing & Learning (0191 4332908)