

**ENGLISH MARTYRS & ST ROBERT'S FENHAM, ST CUTHBERT'S KENTON
2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR YEAR C 16TH JANUARY 2022**

Rev A. Mariadass Pagyasamy (PP)
Rev John Juliet Ulaganathan (Ass)
Rev M.Purtill (Retired) resident at St Cuthbert's Kenton
English Martyrs Church, Stamfordham Rd, Newcastle, NE5 3JR
0191 273 3903
E-mail:- strobertyfenham@btconnect.com
Website:- www.strobertyfenham.org.uk
Diocesan Website:- www.diocesehn.org.uk

**THE CYCLE OF PRAYER:
Ordinary Time (Winter)**

In the time leading up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions :
Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick & Those Who Care For Them; Victims of Trafficking & Those who Work To Combat it; the Unemployed

Mission Statement:-

"We, the Parishioners of English Martyrs, St Robert's & St Cuthbert's, Kenton 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 9.15am		St Cuthbert's 10.15am		St Robert's 11.15am	
Date	Minister	Reader	Minister	Reader	Minister	Reader
16th January	T.Lamb	S.Picola	J.Hastie	C.Thompson	K.Murphy C.O'Toole	G.Murphy
23rd January	P.Cross	L.Edache	S.Jenkins	M.McLoughlin	N.Hedley K.Dimambro	M.Hannon

ST ROBERT'S WEEKDAY MASS READERS ROTA w.c 16th January 2022

WEEK A

Mass Intentions

Day	English Martyrs	St Cuthbert's Kenton	St Robert's
Sunday 16th January 2nd Sunday of the Year Day of Special Prayer for Peace	9.15 am Fr George Panakezham	10.15 am Danny Sharpe RIP (I.B)	11.15 am McCormick & Finnegan Families
Monday 17th January St Anthony Ab	Private Mass Kathleen Moira O'Rawe		
Tuesday 18th January			Rosary before Mass 6.30 pm Robert & Dorothy Molloy
Wednesday 19th January St Wulstan Bp	10.00 am Madison Brown RIP (T.H)		
Thursday 20th January St Fabian P,M St Sebastian M		9.15 am People of the Parish	NO MORNING MASS 1pm Requiem Mass for Eileen Brown RIP
Friday 21st January St Agnes V, M	10.00 am Hodgson Family Get well soon (T.H)		
Saturday 22nd January St Vincent Deacon, M		Private Mass	
Sunday 23rd January 3rd Sunday of the Year Sunday of the Word of God	9.15 am Gigi RIP	10.15 am In Loving Memory of Jimmy Ender RIP (B.E)	11.15 am Eileen Brown RIP

To inform all parishioners, a synopsis of the responses from the Synod questionnaires will be read out during the Homily at each Mass, this Sunday.

Spiritual.....

PEACE SUNDAY - 16TH JANUARY

Peace Sunday follows the International World Day of Peace & is celebrated this Sunday, 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time.

The theme for this Sunday is taken from Pope Francis' message for 55th World Day of Peace 'Dialogue Between Generations, Education & Work; Tools for Building Lasting Peace'

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, the National President of Pax Christi says:

"This year has been one of unprecedented and continuing challenges. We are all conscious of the need to restore and rebuild our communities here and around the world, accepting that we need new ways of working and relating to each other.

"The Christian message of peace, through reconciliation, justice and nonviolence, can offer hope and direction in these times."



The gift of peace

May God give wisdom and courage to those who work for peace. We pray that their efforts may be blessed,

that they may bring an end to violence and solace and stability to suffering peoples.

May the gift of peace permeate all troubled souls, convert all who live by violence and comfort all children who live in menacing situations, that the freedom to enjoy life and grow in safety may be theirs.

And may each one of us know peace of mind and heart, peace of body and spirit, peace of community and world.

Holy Spirit of Peace, grant our prayer. Amen.

Sr Bridgetta Rooney/CAFOD

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK 18TH - 25TH JANUARY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) is traditionally celebrated between January 18th and January 25th.

This year's theme is 'We Saw His Star in the East'.

The story of the Magi visiting the Holy Family in Bethlehem is a very familiar one. The Magi have sometimes been seen as a symbol of the world's diversity – different religions and cultures – that come to pay homage to the Christ-child.

The story might therefore represent the unity of all created that God desires.

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

Russell Bond, Rosemary Green, Tony Knox, Eamon Maloney, Tom Dudley, Stella Swinburne, Michael Temperley, Rosemary Burke, Tony Carr, Kath Wood, Ann & John Emmerson, Betty McGurk, Rita Foreman, Norma Charlton,



ORDINARY TIME

The Church is now in the period that is called Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.

Ordinary Time is divided into two sections totalling 34 weeks in all.

The first section of Ordinary Time begins after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord & continues until Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

Ordinary Time then recommences after Pentecost Sunday & continues until the Feast of Christ the King, the end of the Church's year.

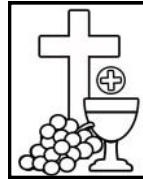
The liturgical colour for Ordinary Time is green. This is to represent the time of growth and expansion of the Church following the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Green is a very natural colour, and is often a symbol for growth and new life.

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.

SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION & THE EUCHARIST



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

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY - FOR TRUE HUMAN FRATERNITY

Let us pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination & persecution ; may their own rights & dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers & sisters in the human family

ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED 16TH JANUARY - 22ND JANUARY

- Mary Smith, Mary Murray, Harold McKay, Kenneth Johnson, Joseph Flaherty
- Doris Hall, Fred Kemmish, Catherine Beresford, Alexander Russell, John Bennett, James Johnson, James Hassan
- Patrick Ruff, Anne Brennan, Maurice Tharagonnet, Sheila White, Kathleen Johnson, James Smith, Kenneth Blenkinsop, Alan Gilchrist
- Peter Lennon, Mary Smith, Mary Costello, Terence Wood
- Alec Murray Margaret (Peggy) Dunlavy, Rosina Condor, John Loughran, Raymond Davison, Thomas Stubbs, Henrietta Armstrong, John Robinson
- Margaret McFadden, Ellen Watson, Patrick Green, Wilfred Valentine, Joan Shaughnessy, Mary Davison, George Coulter, Sally Latimer, Sarah Curry
- Phyllis Rea, Robert Brown, John Bush, John Sullivan, James Gow



Spirituality

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>

English Martyrs

FINANCE OR COUNTING TEAM

If anyone wants to be part of the finance or counting team, then please see Fr Mariadass or Joan Crozier.

READERS

If you would like to be a reader at Mass and want to find out more about it, please speak to Susan Picola at end of Mass.

SPIRITUALITY

We are starting up our spirituality group again. If you are interested and want to find out more, or to join us, please speak to Susan Picola at end of Mass.

St Cuthbert's Kenton

ST CUTHBERT'S 200 CLUB



The St Cuthbert's 200 club has now officially closed.

Father Michael and Mel would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the club over the years.

A special thank you to Ann Fisher who ran the club prior to Mel.

The bank account has been closed and £7000 has been paid into the parish funds.

Many Thanks

Mel

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION – VOLUNTEER FOR CAFOD

A vital aspect of church is people being willing to share their talents, experience and energy. Could your New Year's resolution be volunteering for CAFOD?

We have lots of different ways you can get involved such as:

In the parish - where you will be highlighting CAFOD's work to support communities globally who are living with injustices and in poverty.

In local schools – where you'll deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided.

Coordinating volunteers to help us support, encourage and bring together a small group of volunteers.

If you'd like to know more about volunteering for CAFOD, please get in touch with them by phoning Mark Maughan on 07779804243 or email him at mmaughan@cafod.org.uk

St Robert's

Thank You

ST. ROBERT'S SVP CHRISTMAS APPEAL



The SVP Conference would like to thank you for your amazing support for our annual Christmas Appeal. The amount raised totalled £2000.32, which has allowed us to support 23 local families. We would also like to thank parishioners for their very kind donations of children's toys. Thanks also to the British Sugar Guild for their kind donation of Christmas cakes.

These were distributed just before Christmas. We have also supported the Newcastle West End Food Bank, Blackfriars SVP Centre & the Missionaries of Charity thanks to your very generous support.

If anyone would like to join the SVP or support us in any way, please speak to one of the members. On behalf of St Robert's SVP conference thank you once again.

Pete McTernan

THANK YOU FROM FAR - (FENHAM ASSOCIATION OF RESIDENTS)

'On behalf of FAR Community Centre, our trustees & residents, we would like to offer a heartfelt thank you for the generosity of the St. Robert's parishioners. This coupled with the great kindness and hard work of the SVP members, including Des and Pete, has enabled our charity to provide support & help to a large number of families throughout Christmas.

They were overwhelmed with your help. Additionally, we would like to thank Ann & Kevin Milburn for their continued donations of toys to help make sure that every child we support, has something to look forward to on Christmas morning.

Thank you all for your support & our warmest wishes for the New Year.'

Mark Gowland (on behalf of the trustees of FAR Community Centre)

CHRISTIAN UNITY

You are warmly invited to join Churches Together in Fenham at a service prepared by the Churches of the Middle East, who are conscious of the difficulties faced around the world & the need for us all to work together in unity for the good of our future.

A service will be held at Holy Cross Church on **Sunday 23rd January at 6.30pm.**

All are welcome.

ST ROBERT'S 200 CLUB



Can you please check to make sure that you have renewed your membership for this year?

If you would like to renew by cheque, please make it payable to 'St Roberts 200 Club' annual payment of £52, half yearly £26, and pop it through the presbytery door.

If you need a standing order form, or any other query, please email me at strobertsfenham@btconnect.com.

Winners of the latest draws#

November: Number 84 A Hodgkinson

December: Number 116 J Fitzsimmons

General Notices



Copies of this month's Northern Cross are available at the back of church at a cost of £1.50.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

Due to the on-going uncertainty of COVID-19 and the continuing rise of infection rates, having sought advice from our Health & Safety Advisor it is with regret the Diocese has decided to cancel the two Holocaust Memorial Evenings, due to take place on Tuesday 25th January and 27th January 2022.

The Interreligious Relations Team are currently looking into the possibility of producing an alternative online event and a further update will be provided in due course.

PROUD CATHOLICS

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 18th January at 7.30pm**. This meeting will be dedicated to listening and sharing, prompted by questions from the Synod.

The questions will explore some of the areas in which we are journeying together as a group within the Church. The meeting will be followed by social 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, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit our website <http://www.proud Catholics.co.uk>



Vacancies

CARE HOME - STAFF VACANCIES

St Joseph's Home

This is a large residential care home for the elderly run by the Little Sisters of the Poor in Newcastle, with over 100 staff.. Full and Part-time Hours available.

Shifts are 8am-3pm, 3pm-9pm. Excellent rates of pay. For more information please contact Lee-Marie Thornley on 07856256095 or email lee.marie@lsplondon.co.uk.

St Catherine's Nursing Home.

As a charity, St Cuthbert's Care is committed to providing excellent person-centred care, showing dignity, respect and compassion at all times. As such, they are looking to recruit people who share in their values and commitments to work alongside them at St Catherine's Nursing Home on West Road, Newcastle with competitive rate of pay, 30 days' annual leave, free life insurance and many more benefits for carers.

For more information please contact Nicola Milne on 07824 452 885.

DIOCESAN HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER

The Diocese is looking to appoint a Health & Safety Officer to co-ordinate & manage all aspects of health & safety across the Diocese of Newcastle. This will include, but is not limited to ensuring that all Diocesan personnel are kept safe & that the Diocesan properties & projects & associated activities are safe & without risk as far as is reasonably practicable.

Full time - permanent. Closing date 27th January
For further information & details of how to apply, please visit our website or contact us on 0191 243 3301

Reflection

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
January 16th, 2022 -
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
John 2:1-11

We live in a world filled with signs. Most of them are sent to us via our computers, laptops, iPads, cell phones and television sets. It has been estimated that a typical person who uses these communicative devices will view more than a thousand signs and messages each day. And these signs are important, especially for companies selling things, but also for movements and groups and individuals selling ideas.

The first part of John's Gospel is called the Book of Signs. Most of the signs are accounts of things Jesus did that communicated or illustrated his ideas and values. His actions embodied his thoughts. In today's gospel, we have described for us in wonderful detail, the first of the signs mentioned by John, the Evangelist. Most of us are familiar with its general details. Just mention "the wedding feast at Cana" and images of worried hosts, an observant mom (Mary), a reluctant Jesus, a bunch of large earthen pots filled with water and a surprised headwaiter come to mind. I also like to imagine the grateful guests.

And it's the setting itself that is important. Wedding feasts were special times in middle eastern culture at the time of Jesus. They could last for days. They also indicated who was valued by the families of the newly married couple. You had to receive a personal invitation. And the wine served was an important part of the festivities. To run out of vino would be considered a major societal faux pas. Jesus often mentioned that the Kingdom or Reign of God was to be likened to a wedding feast. It was to be a time for joy (a favourite theme of Pope Francis) and gratitude.

It was what God wanted for all God's people. And all humans were invited to the feast. This first sign was to show that God is, first of all, one who loves and who loves a good time.

Obviously, there will be times of sadness and suffering, but in the end (and hopefully, a few times along the way) there would be feasting and enjoyment. And these times should be appreciated as special gifts from God. Water, the most common liquid in the universe is changed into wine, which can be the best and most enjoyable drink we might enjoy. Such great symbolism is a powerful sign of why God decided to share life and joy with all of us.

I once came across a rabbinic saying that captures this spirit. It goes something like this: God will hold us accountable for every pleasure God sends that we fail to enjoy. What great wisdom!

David M. Thomas, PhD



**BE SO
HAPPY,
THAT
WHEN
OTHERS
LOOK AT
YOU,
THEY
BECOME
HAPPY
TOO!**