

ENGLISH MARTYRS & ST ROBERT'S FENHAM, ST CUTHBERT'S KENTON

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 21ST JANUARY 2024

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THE CYCLE OF PRAYER:

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 9.30 am		St Cuthbert's 10.15 am		St Robert's 11.00am	
Date	Minister	Reader	Minister	Reader	Minister	Reader
21st January	J.Xavier G.Hands	D.Rushton A.M.Maxim	R.Mills	S. Pakirathan M.McLoughlin	M & V.Douglas	L.Hall G.Wright
28th January	A.Joeeph C.Rushton	J.Johnson Eileen Binu	J.Pakirathan	E.Luke P.Kennedy	C.Aleke N.Hedley	V Ande M.Bulman

ST ROBERT'S WEEKDAY MASS READERS ROTA w.c 21st January 2024 Week A

Mass Intentions

Day	English Martyrs	St Cuthbert's	St Robert's
Sunday 21st January 3rd Sunday of the Year Sunday of the Word of God	9.30 am Christine & Sam Holland—Anniversary (C.J.H)	10.15 am Jimmy & Peter Nesbitt (A.B)	11.00 am John Reilly RIP (The Reilly Family)
Monday 22nd January St Vincent	10.00 am (Private Mass) Kathleen Moira O' Rawe		
Tuesday 23rd January			6.30 pm (In Narthex) Peter Hammill RIP (S.Mc)
Wednesday 24th January St Francis de Sales Bp, D	10.00 am Lena Thompson RIP (T.H)		
Thursday 25th January The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle		11.15am The Holy Souls	10.00 am (In Church) Attended by Y5 from the Primary School
Friday 26th January SS Timothy & Titus Bps	➡ NO MASS TODAY		
Saturday 27th January St Angela Merici V			
Sunday 28th January 4th Sunday of the Year	9.30 am William Brown RIP (J.D)	10.15 am John Durkin	11.00 am Joe Welsh RIP (S.R)

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK 16TH-23RD JANUARY 2024

Churches Together in Fenham will be holding a joint service this **Sunday 21st January** at **4 pm** in **St Peter's Church, Ponteland Rd.** Please come along to pray with our friends from the other churches.

MASS INTENTIONS.

If you wish Mass to be celebrated on a particular date or for a special intention, please give as much notice as possible, **preferably three months (especially if you want a Sunday)**

Dates are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so it is important to put your intention in as soon as you can.

Spirituality

SANCTUARY CANDLE W.B 21ST JANUARY

The sanctuary candle in our churches this week is lit for the following families or individuals

St Cuthbert's

Moira Woodford

St Robert's

The Douglas Family

English Martyrs

The Crozier Family



PARISH MASSES TO BE ATTENDED BY SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 25th January in Church Y5

Thursday 1st February **in School** Y4

Thursday 8th February in Church Y3

Ash Wednesday at 9.30 am on 14th February in Church—whole school)

Thursday 15th February in Church Y2

Thursday 29th February in Church Y1

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD—21ST JANUARY



"Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world." Pope Francis - 'Aperuit Illis'

On 30th September 2019, the Feast of St Jerome, Pope Francis, declared the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time to be the Sunday of the Word of God.

This year it falls on **Sunday 21st January** & is devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God.

THE YEAR OF PRAYER

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. It started at the beginning of Advent. There is a particular focus on the Our Father, and this presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer.

The Gospel is a message of joy & one we should be eager to share with others. This can be done by engaging in a deeper, prayerful encounter with Jesus Christ this year.

We are invited to reflect on our life of prayer: what we pray, how we pray, & why we pray. This is for two reasons:

To encourage us to go deeper in our commitment to pray, & in our love of God;

To think about how we might accompany someone else to pray during the coming Year of Prayer.

The Vicariate for Faith & Mission will be producing and sharing resources for the preparatory year of prayer, focusing on the 'Our Father', as well as resources about Jubilee in the Catholic Church.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL EVENT

This will be held this coming **Tuesday 23rd January**, at **St Mary's Catholic School, Benton**

The Diocesan Interreligious Relations Team are most grateful to St Mary's School for hosting the event & are delighted to welcome Mrs Deanna Van Der Velde from the United Hebrew Congregation as their guest speaker. The theme for this year's commemorations is 'Fragility of Freedom'.

Diocesan Holocaust Memorial Evening 2024



Fragility of Freedom

Booking for the Holocaust commemorations is essential, so please book your place by emailing: interreligious.relations@diocesehn.org.uk or call

SERVICE OF HEALING—FEBRUARY 11TH

February 11th is traditionally the Feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. As 11th February is a Sunday & this year, is a special day of prayer for the Sick, it is proposed to have a service of healing in ST Robert's Church at 6 pm that day. We are invited to come along & pray for ourselves & our family & friends need of our prayers. Further information will follow next week.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2024

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal at **St Robert's** next weekend. SPUC's vision is for a world where abortion is unthinkable. This year's appeal calls for the Government to end the pills-by-post DIY abortion policy.



As well as ending the lives of precious babies, this policy lacks safeguards against illegal late-term abortions & puts mothers at physical & psychological risk. 86% of G.P.'s are concerned that this scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion.

Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies & their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis.

Every donation however small will help us to save babies' lives.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED 21ST—27TH JANUARY

- Margaret McFadden, Ellen Watson, Patrick Green, Wilfred Valentine, Joan Shaughnessy
- Phyllis Rea, Mary Davison, George Coulter, Sally Latimer, Sarah Curry
- John Robert Carr, Marie Monica Dixon, Rose McDermott, Gerard McKendry, Frank Digham, Wilfrid Wood, Maureen Birks, Robert Brown, John Bush, John Sullivan, James Gow
- Trevor John Saunders, Teresa Queen, James William Garrity, James Shanley, Louise Davy, Sheila Oliver
- Dorothy Stubbs, Lily Ann McCartan, Barbara Mullins, Kathleen Moira Murling, William Armstrong, James Jeffrey, Norah Robson, William Atkinson, Joan Brogan
- Oswald Cairns, Peggie Whittonstall, James McCabe, Patrick Coyle
- Dr John Elliott, Johanna Neesham, William Cooney, May Gurr, William Gallagher, John Brett, William Bell, Madeleine Sparnon, Kathleen Gallagher



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

Eileen Spraggon, George Thornton, Paula Coyne, Irene Brotherton, Francesca Dixon, Terry Wright, Dorothy Okoh, Carol McCormac, Lilian Keegan, Sylvia Stevenson, Siobhan Daly, David Hutchinson, Vivienne Iqbal, Rosemary Green, Tony Knox, Rosemary Burke, Tom Dudley, Michael Temperley, Tony Carr, Kath Wood, John Emmerson, Rita Foreman, Norma Charlton



THE NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear about Root & Branch - an exciting new forum for reform, working for 'a safe, just and inclusive Roman Catholic Church'.

The meeting will be at **Holy Name Parish Hall, Jesmond**, (a new venue), on **Thursday, 25th January at 7.30pm**.

For more information about Root & Branch, see www.rootandbranchsynod.org.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

David & Theresa O'Neil write..... "We raise funds for St Joseph's Home in Newcastle which, as you know, also looks after several retired priests among its residents. Over the years we have raised over £20,000 to help the Sisters in their work & would like to invite the whole diocese to be involved. We collect used postage stamps (any country or period including unwanted stamp collections), foreign currency (any country or period), broken or unwanted gold & silver jewellery (even backs of earrings etc) & military medals (although not if they have current sentimental value to the owners). We sort all items & our dealers collect. Any stamps which they don't accept go to the RNIB who collect from us periodically. Any help which you can give will be gratefully accepted. We and the Sisters and residents remember all donors in our prayers & Masses. Donations may be sent to David & Theresa O'Neill, 34 Morston Drive, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7RZ".

Thank you very much. .

Thought For the Week-

We're all a little broken,
But last time I checked,
Broken crayons still colour.



Trent Shelton

Thank you

THE COLLECTION FOR SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS

I wish to record my thanks to the parishioners of all three churches for their generosity in collecting for the Sick and Retired Priests Collection last April.

The Collection raised £38,152.33 & we also received a further £24,300 in private donations from people around the diocese sent directly to us, some with Gift Aid, or via BACS.

We received in total £62,452.33 which is an increase on the previous year & is wonderful. Thank you once again for your generosity. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Fr Peter Stott

Events in the Diocese

MARRIAGE PREPARATION DAYS 2024:

Saturday 9th March: St Joseph, Blaydon NE21 5AE.
Saturday 16th March: St Mary's, Bishop Auckland DL14 6PQ.

Saturday 13th April: St Hilda's, Sunderland SR5 2JD.
Saturday 18th May: St Robert of Newminster, Morpeth NE61 1QF.

Saturday 21st September: St Robert of Newminster, Morpeth NE61 1QF.

Saturday 9th November: St Mary's, Bishop Auckland DL14 6PQ.

Engaged couples can find more information at <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/marriage-preparation-2/>.

To find and book on a course, please visit: <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/find-pt-course/> or call the booking service: 0800 389 3801 (NB. In person and online courses are available).

YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 3RD 2024



This Youth Ministry and Practical Theology Conference is YMT's first conference since the COVID-19 pandemic and we look forward to gathering with youth ministers, catechists, clergy, teachers, staff and volunteer co-workers from across the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle and beyond! The theme for the conference is "Investing in the Fearlessness of Youth", inspired by a quote from Pope Francis' letter, Christus Vivit (Chapter 7 no. 233). We hope you can join us for this Youth Ministry Conference.

Booking is still open and you can either email nsalkeld@ymt.org or book online

here: www.ticketsource.co.uk/youthministryteam.

Online booking will apply booking fees.

We are looking forward to welcoming keynote speaker, Reverend Professor David Wilkinson, Director of Equipping Christian Leadership in an Age of Science, an international project based at St John's College, Durham, who will explore how we can engage young people in the Gospel when we live in a world of science. We are also pleased to welcome back David Wells, international speaker, best-selling author and friend of YMT, to guide us to reflect on our theme.

For more information about the conference visit www.ymt.org/ymt-conference

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Bishop Stephen will preside at a Celebration of Marriage & Family Life Mass in **St Mary's Cathedral** on **Saturday 17th February 2024 at 12 pm**.

This open invitation will focus on couples celebrating significant anniversaries in 2023 but is open to engaged couples preparing for marriage, those who have been married since our last Mass in 2022 & all married couples.

We include those widowed & bereaved who were unable to visit wives and husbands in hospital & homes prior to their deaths. In these unprecedented times, we remember couples in crisis, individual adults & children experiencing & abuse in their family relationships.

Anyone celebrating a special anniversary can request a certificate by completing a form with their details: <https://bit.ly/DHNMarrriageMass> or scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church, using a smartphone camera; Alternatively contact marriage@diocesehn.org.uk or ring 0191 243 3316.

Diocesan Events

THE CHARISMATIC DIOCESAN SERVICE OF COMMUNION (CDSC)

A series of seminars entitled 'Life in the Spirit' are being run which may be of interest.

More details and a booking link can be found here; but, in short, The Life in the Spirit Seminars are designed as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit.

They provide an opportunity for people to find out more about that life, and to be helped in taking the first steps of a new, dynamic relationship with the living Lord.

The key details for each seminar are as follows:

Life in the Spirit Seminar Series

Venue: **St Mary's Parish Centre, Bridge Street, Sunderland SR1 1TQ.**

Cost: Free

Refreshments: Light refreshments will be served at the beginning of the sessions.

Time: **7.pm to 8.30pm**

Dates and Titles of Sessions:

21st February : God's Love – Andy Drozdziak

28th February Salvation – Amy Cameron

6th March: The New Life – John Wheeler

13th March: Receiving God's Gifts – Pat Kennedy

20th March: Baptism in the Holy Spirit – Fr Shaun O'Neill

24th April: Growth – Deacon Alison Rebello

8th May: Transformation in Christ – Bp Stephen Wright

Volunteers Wanted

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The SVP are looking for volunteers willing to help children put their faith into action.

Could this be you?

The St Vincent de Paul Society have primary school groups called Mini Vinnies & volunteers would support teachers or youth leaders wishing to start a group in their school or parish. They will talk to children about how they can make a difference to those living in poverty & share resources to support the group.

The role is flexible but does need people with some availability during school hours (at least 2 mornings or afternoons per month) who are willing to travel within the Diocese (all costs are covered).

If you are passionate about helping children discover how they can make a difference in their communities, please email Sarah for more information on youngvincentians@svp.org.uk.

You do not have to have previous experience of working with children as all training will be given.

Our next initial training day is on **Tuesday 27th February**

St Robert's

ST ROBERT'S CHURCH HALL

Hall bookings are restricted to parishioners, regular groups, and commercial organisations only.

Anyone wishing to enquire about booking St Robert's Hall, please email strobertsfenham@outlook.com

ST ROBERT'S LUNCH CLUB

The next lunch in the New Year will be on **Thursday 1st February**. Come along for a delicious meal, good company, a quiz & bingo.

St Robert's ...

ST ROBERT'S CAFÉ TUESDAY 10AM—12 PM

The café will be on this **Tuesday 23rd January** with freshly made coffee & tea & home baked goodies. Please come along and catch up with old & new friends. We look forward to seeing you then.

A great big thank you to Lucy for spending so much time to make our notice board so special.



English Martyrs

HALL BOOKINGS

For hall bookings at English Martyrs, please contact Billy on **0191 243 1366** between **9 am & 5 pm**.

MORNING COFFEE

Tea coffee & biscuits are available each **Sunday** after **9.30 am** for a small charge. Also coffee is available after **10 am** Mass every Wednesday.



St Cuthbert's

COFFEE AFTER MASS AT ST CUTHBERT'S

Tea/Coffee is available after Sunday Mass & Thursday Mass/Eucharistic Service in the Parish Room.

