

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

## 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 28TH 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
<b>28th January</b>	A.Joseph C.Rushton	J.Johnson Eileen Binu	J.Pakirathan	E.Luke P.Kennedy	C.Aleke N.Hedley	V Ande M.Bulman
<b>4th February</b>	M Kachappilly L.Maxim	A.Joseph J.Elliott	S.Jenkins	K & O.Odo	The African Community	The African Community

### ST ROBERT'S WEEKDAY MASS READERS ROTA w.c 28th January 2024 Week B

## Mass Intentions

Day	English Martyrs	St Cuthbert's	St Robert's
<b>Sunday 28th January</b> <b>4th Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> William Brown RIP (J.D)	<b>10.15 am</b> John Durkin	<b>11.00 am</b> Joe Welsh RIP (S.R)
<b>Monday 29th January</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> <b>(Private Mass)</b> Kathleen Moira O' Rawe		
<b>Tuesday 30th January</b>			➡ <b>12.45 pm</b> Requiem Mass for Peter Hammill RIP <b>6.30 pm (In Narthex)</b> The Welfare of Lilian Keegan (F.K)
<b>Wednesday 31st January</b> <b>St John Bosco P</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> Carol & Alan Hodgson Jnr Get Well Soon (T.H)		
<b>Thursday 1st February</b>		➡ <b>11.15am</b> <b>EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE</b>	➡ <b>10.00 am (In School)</b> John Reilly RIP (N.O'T)
<b>Friday 2nd February</b> <b>The Presentation of the Lord</b>	➡ <b>10.00 am (In school)</b> The Holy Souls		
<b>Saturday 3rd February</b> <b>St Blaise Bp, M</b>			
<b>Sunday 4th February</b> <b>5th Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> Lena Thompson RIP Eddie Mullen Get Well Soon (T.H) Brigit Joseph RIP (J.A())	<b>10.15 am</b> Maggie McNeil & Donald Smith (P.McN)	<b>11.00 am</b> Joan & Anne Fitzsimmons RIP (S.B)

### 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, **at least 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 28TH JANUARY

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

St Cuthbert's

The Rowe Family

St Robert's

The Barron Family

English Martyrs

The Milburn, Douglas & Gannon Families



## 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



## RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY—28TH JANUARY

Racial Justice Sunday is the day the Church focuses on the need to oppose racism & pursue racial justice with renewed vigour.

The theme this year is "Seeing one another in the life of the Church".

It is important to recognise that we are all children of God, regardless of our race & background. This year's theme seeks to promote reflection, discussion & action on our theme & to encourage us to carry this through in the weeks & months after Racial Justice Sunday.

For this year's resources, we are celebrating the diversity of those who have led holy & exemplary lives. Our Catholic saints walked in this world as we do & were men and women of heroic virtue that can intercede for us to bring our prayers to the Lord.

## WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2024

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal at **St Robert's** this 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.

## 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 **6pm** that day. We are invited to come along & pray for ourselves & our family & friends who are in need of our prayers. Further information will follow next week.

## PARISH MASSES TO BE ATTENDED BY SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

## THANK YOU FROM ST ROBERT'S SVP



A huge thank you for the amazing support for our annual Christmas appeal; the final total was **£2,153**.

Thanks for the many kind donations from parishioners, the knit and natter group, the Tuesday coffee morning group including the raffle and the Geordie night.

Your support allowed us to help 24 families; we also supported the Missionaries of Charity, St. Vincent's Blackfriars Centre, and the West End Food Bank. Thanks also to the British Sugar Guild for donating their Christmas cakes and the donations of toys from parishioners.

St. Robert's SVP conference is the only active parish conference in the west end of the city, so we are receiving many calls for help and support. We therefore are appealing for new members to join the conference. All new members will receive training and guidance.

If you are interested in helping, please speak to any member at church or email: [Petem@svp.org.uk](mailto:Petem@svp.org.uk)

## ENGLISH MARTYRS' READERS & MINISTERS ROTA

A copy of the rota for ministers & readers up to the end of May is available on the notice board at the back of English Martyrs church. If you are unable to do your ministry on that day, please let Susan & Armand know as soon as you can, so a replacement can be found..

## ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED 28TH JANUARY —3RD FEBRUARY

- William Gill, Jane Finnegan, Ronald Balbra, Margaret Davison, David O'Driscoll
- Maud Reid, Joan Coombe, Isabella Gorman, John Keenan, Mary Lynch, Terence Knight, Sarah Lawrence, Mark Duffy, David Boyle, Annie McGurk, Lawrence Harper
- Molly Scott, Sean Ridley, Annie Bendelow, Winifred Smith
- Dorothy McCormick, Stanley Bruce, John Patrick Gould, Sarah Atkinson< Ann Muras, Jane Websell, William Douglas
- Andrew Stuart, Joan Murray, James McKendry, John Lynn, Annie Brink, Angela Rochford, Molly Roxby
- Mary Feeney, Norah Little, Jan Philpott, Ian Lee-Prudhoe
- Kathleen Jameson, Margaret Murphy, Hugh McPartlan, Thomas Hoy, Patrick John Barnes, Lillian Keith, Ellen Mullin



### **DOROTHY SUTCLIFFE**

Dorothy is now in Sutherland Court and would be very happy to have visits from anyone from St Robert's who knows her.

### **REFUGEE PROJECT**

Holy Name Church has received a request for suitcases, large bags & back packs. Many of the asylum seekers in the hotels are being told that they will be moved but not where they are going. As they are only given £8 allowance per week, they cannot afford to buy anything to carry their belongings in. If you have any unwanted suitcases etc, please take them to the church hall at Towers Ave, Jesmond on **Saturday 3rd February** between **9 & 10am**.

### **RECYCLING SMALL ELECTRICALS WITH NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL**

Recycling your small electrical items has just got easier thanks to a new Council service. You can book online to have your broken or unwanted electricals, such as toasters and chargers, collected from your doorstep for free.

Find out more about the scheme <https://orlo.uk/kaVn6>

### **INSIGHTS PUBLIC LECTURES & LIVE MUSIC CONCERTS AT NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY**

The INSIGHTS Public Lectures series includes weekly talks given by leading scholars, scientists, literary & cultural figure. LIVE music concerts will be held every Thursday lunch time & cover a variety of musical genres. The lecturers are free but prebooking is essential & are open for one week before the event date. Prebooking for the music concerts is not required.

See the leaflet on the noticeboard at the back of church for further information on the talks & concerts & how to book.

## **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

### **USED STAMPS WANTED**

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 along with the Sisters & 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. .

## **Lent 2024**

### **MASSES DURING LENT**

The season of Lent is fast approaching and begins on **Ash Wednesday 14th February**.

Blackfriars Partnership will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) along with the celebration of Holy Mass at a different church each Thursday during Lent.

Each Thursday will begin with an opportunity for individual Reconciliation from **6.30 pm** followed by Holy Mass at **7.30 pm**

**Thursday 15th February**

**St Robert's Church, Cedar Rd, Fenham, NE4 9PH**

**Thursday 22nd February**

**St Bede's, Whickham View, NE15 7HP**

**Thursday 29th February**

**English Martyrs, Stamfordham Rd NE5 3JR**

**Thursday 7th March**

**St George's, Bell's Close, NE15 6XX**

**Thursday 14th March**

**St John Vianney, Hillhead Parkway, West Denton NE5 1DP**

**Thursday 21st March**

**St Mark's, Trevelyan Drive, Westerhope, NE4 4BT**

A copy of these dates will be posted on the noticeboard at the back of church

### **LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLETS**

The Vicariate for Faith and Mission has produced Lenten Reflection booklets to include daily reflections written by people throughout our Diocese.

These reflection booklets will be available for viewing, downloading and printing on the Diocesan website.

The weblink to access the reflections will go live in time for Ash Wednesday (Wednesday 14th February) & will be published in our newsletter the following Sunday.



### **LENTEN LUNCHES**

As in previous years, Churches Together in Fenham will be hosting Lenten Lunches at our different churches during the season of Lent.

All lunches start at **12.00pm**

The lunches will comprise a simple meal of soup and rolls, followed by fresh fruit & tea or coffee.. There is no charge, but donations are invited to support the West End Refugee Service & the Peoples Kitchen

### **Dates**

**Thursday 15th February** at Holy Cross, Lanercost Drive

**Wednesday 21st February** at St Roberts, Cedar Rd

**Thursday 29th February** at West End URC

**(w.b 4th March TBC)** Salvation Army Stamfordham Rd

**Thursday 14th March (TBC)** St James and St Basil

**(w.b 18th March TBC)** Robert Stewart Memorial

## Diocesan Events

### 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

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).

Booking is still open and you can either email [nsalkeld@ymt.org](mailto:nsalkeld@ymt.org) or book online here: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/youthministryteam](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/youthministryteam).

Online booking will apply booking fees.  
For more information about the conference visit [www.ymt.org/ymt-conference](http://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.

### CHARISMATIC DIOCESAN SERVICE OF COMMUNION (CDSC)

The CDSC are running a series of seminars entitled 'Life in the Spirit'. These seminars are designed as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit, providing an opportunity for people to find out more about that life, & to be helped in taking the first steps of a new, dynamic relationship with the living Lord.

Further details and a booking link can be found here;

The seminars will take place at **St Mary's Parish Centre, Bridge St, Sunderland SR1 1TQ** from **7—8.30pm**  
There is no charge & light refreshments will be served at the beginning of each session.

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](mailto: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 [strobartsfenham@outlook.com](mailto:strobartsfenham@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 CAFÉ TUESDAY 10AM—12 PM

The café will be on this **Tuesday 30th 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.



## 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.

