

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

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B 17TH MARCH 2024

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THE CYCLE OF PRAYER:

During Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions :

Candidates for the Sacraments;
 Women:
 The Needy & Hungry of the World;
 Penitents & Wanderers



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
17th March	S.Aippe J.Xavier	D.Fernandes D.Rushton	P.Kennedy	K.Rose C.Thompson	S.Hughes T.Lowery	J.Watson P.McTernan
24th March	G.Hands J.Lawson	A.M.Maxim J.Johnson	J.Hastie	A & P.Fisher	C.Aleke D.Drozdowski	N.Hedley L.Hall

ST ROBERT'S WEEKDAY MASS READERS ROTA w.c 17th March 2024 Week C

Mass Intentions

Day	English Martyrs	St Cuthbert's	St Robert's
Sunday 17th March 5th Sunday of Lent Day of Prayer : Candidates for the Sacraments	9.30 am In Thanksgiving Mary Abraham RIP (J.A) Norma & Maurice Harker—65th Wedding Anniversary (M.H)	10.15 am Stephen Sheehan RIP (A.,M)	11.00 am Bernadette Bulman RIP (M.B)
Monday 18th March St Cyril of Jerusalem Bp, & D	10.00 am (Private Mass) Kathleen Moira O' Rawe		
Tuesday 19th March St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary			6.30 pm (In Narthex) Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 20th March St Cuthbert , Patron of the Diocese	10.00 am Eucharistic Service 10.30 am Stations of the Cross		
Thursday 21st March		11.15 am Eucharistic Service 11.45 am Stations of the Cross	NO MORNING MASS 6.30 pm Partnership Mass at St Mark's Church, Westerhope
Friday 22nd March	NO MORNING MASS Church open from 10 to 10.30 a.m. for Rosary & private prayer 6.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	6.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	6.30 pm (In Church) Stations of the Cross
Saturday 23rd March			
Sunday 24th March Palm Sunday—Passion of the Lord	9.30 am Harry Hurst & David Varsey RIP (T.H) Joseph C.M (J.A)	10.15 am George Harkness (I.B)	11.00 am Sr Anne McCarthy RIP (N.O'T)

THE VIEW FROM CALVARY—A LENT RETREAT DAY 10 AM—3 PM

Given by Fr Damian Cassidy O.Carm on **Saturday 23rd March** at **St John Vianney Church, West Denton**
 The day will begin with Mass at **10 am** & end with adoration. See the poster at the back of church for further information.

Spirituality

SANCTUARY CANDLE W.B 17TH MARCH

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

St Cuthbert's

The Stout Family

St Robert's

The Adams & Hamilton Families

English Martyrs

The McElvogue Family



GIFT AID

Have you ever considered helping the church to gain even more income through your donations at Mass?

It does **not** cost you anything apart from what you give as normal each week.

As long as you are a UK tax payer, the tax you pay on your contributions can be reclaimed back by the church resulting in extra income.

You do not have to pay a set amount or even give every week but all the tax claimed back will generate valuable funds for your parish. Every little helps!

The process is simple and straightforward, so please consider helping.

Please speak to:

Joan Crozier at English Martyrs, Tony Lowery at St Robert's or Kath Rose at St Cuthbert's and they will be able to help you and answer any queries.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR THOSE CATHOLICS ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Those preparing for First Holy Communion in **Y4 & above** who are attending non-Catholic schools are asked to obtain a form from Fr Mariadass or Fr John after Sunday or weekday Mass.

Dates for the sessions at St Robert's are outlined below.

All sessions begin at **5.30 pm** in the **meeting room** ending between **6.30 & 7 pm**

Session 1 children **Saturday 27th April**

Session 2 children **Saturday 4th May**

Session 3 children **Saturday 18th May**

First Reconciliation TBC

Session 4 children **Saturday 8th June**

Session 5 children **Saturday 15th June**

Session 6 children **Saturday 22nd June**

Session 7 children **Saturday 29th June**

Rehearsal for FHC **Friday 5th July**

First Holy Communion Mass Saturday 6th July 11am



ST PATRICK PATRON OF IRELAND

March 17th is St. Patrick's Day, the annual feast day celebrating the patron saint of Ireland. He was born around the year 385, in a village in Wales. When he was 16, a group of Irish pirates raided his village taking many of the young men back to Ireland to work as slaves. Patrick worked for six years as a herdsman in the Irish countryside. In his sixth year, he escaped & made his way back to Wales. But, according to his autobiography, soon after he got back home he heard a voice telling him to go back to Ireland & convert the Irish to Christianity. That's eventually what he did, but firstly he went to France to visit monasteries & study religious texts. After 12 years in France, he went back to Ireland, where he founded monasteries, schools, & churches converting much of the island to Christianity. We pray for all those members of our parishes whose family are from the 'Emerald Isle.'

Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig oraibh.
Beannacht Dé oraibh go léir



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Please note that the next session for the those young people preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be at **St Mary's Cathedral** this coming **Thursday 21st March** from **7 pm—8.30 pm** when the group will be attending **The Source**—a time of music, worship, prayer & inspirational speaking.

Please meet at the Cathedral at **6.45 pm** where the catechists will be there to welcome you.



ST ROBERT'S SVP

St. Robert's SVP conference would like to thank parishioners and friends for the very generous donations at Lillian's funeral. The amount raised was **£500**, which has been equally divided between the parish conference & the Missionaries of Charity to support local people.

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

Sheila Sharpe, Ann Brown, Peter Wilson, Kevin Milburn, Eileen Spraggon, George Thornton, Paula Coyne, Irene Brotherton, Francesca Dixon, Terry Wright, Dorothy Okoh, 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



ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED 17TH —23RD MARCH

- Kitty Tait, Margaret Green, George Roland Rigg, Ellen McCue, Annie Kerr, Norah Rae, Phyllis Parker, James Hall
- Percy Watson, Bernadette Bulman, John Henry Brannan, Sonny Nee, Greta Lennon, Joan Pollard, Margaret Charlton, Alan Moore, Gordon Cunningham, Robert Wilson, Robert Sweet, Millie Mason, Mary Irving, Peter Joyce
- Peg Kelly, Margaret Gill, Terence Adair Atkinson, Clare Maria Hughes, Edith Smith, Robert Pollard, Eddie Lovell, Norah Douglass, John O'Neill, Henry Stephenson, James Anthony McGovern
- Hugh Docherty, Norman Ingledew, Paul Alan Clamp, Joyce Moses., Alma Walton, Helena Arthur, Monica Nugent, Daniel Lawson, Moira McCartney, Alexander McCulloch
- Alice Nugent, Mary Jane McAllister, Angus Kennedy, Margaret Atkinson, Catherine Telford
- Kathleen McCabe, Cuthbert Gilroy, Elizabeth Doreen Power, Maureen Sarginson, John Driver, John Strong, Henry Hayter
- Paul Ekanem, John Cronogue, John Conlin



Lent 2024



LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

A Lenten Penitential Service for all three parishes will be held at **St Cuthbert's Church** Kenton on **Monday March 25th** at **6.30 pm**.

The Sacrament of Confession is available as well as a listening service for those who don't feel like going to confession but wish to have a chat in confidence.

Everyone is welcome!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at our different churches during Lent.



English Martyrs each **Wednesday morning** at **10.30 am** (followed by soup & a roll.)

St Cuthbert's each **Thursday morning after Mass** (followed by soup & a roll.)

St. Robert's each **Friday evening** at **6.30pm**

SYCAMORE - ONLINE SESSIONS FOR LENT 2024

The sessions will take place on Thursdays throughout Lent from **7.pm to 8.15pm**.

21st March "The Meaning of Love"



LENTEN LUNCHES @ 12 PM

The lunch will comprise a simple meal of soup & rolls, followed by fresh fruit & tea or coffee..

Tuesday 19th March at Robert Stewart Memorial, Wingrove Rd

TIMES OF HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY

English Martyrs **9.30 am**

St Cuthbert's **10.15 am**

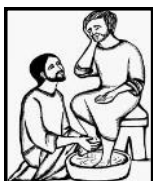
St Robert's **11.00 am**



HOLY THURSDAY - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

St Cuthbert's **Kenton 6.30 pm**

English Martyrs **5.30 pm**



GOOD FRIDAY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All Churches **10 am**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

All Churches **3 pm**



HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

English Martyrs **5.30 pm**

St Robert's **6 pm**



EASTER SUNDAY

English Martyrs **9.30 am**

St Cuthbert's **10.15 am**

St Robert's **11.00 am**



Saints of the Week.....

ST JOSEPH

Tuesday 19th March is the feast of St Joseph. Nothing is known of St Joseph except what is said of him in the Gospels. He was a carpenter; he accepted the will of God; he supported Mary & brought up Jesus. From the human character of his son, it is seen that he was a good & responsible father. He is widely venerated as a patron of artisans, who honourably do good work with the gifts God has given them, & of workers in general. To those who exercise the role of an adoptive parent, whether formally or informally, whether over one child or as the support of a whole family, he is a source of inspiration

ST CUTHBERT DIOCESAN PATRON MARCH 20TH



Cuthbert spent his early life in north Northumberland. As a teenager he joined the monastery at Melrose under St Eata. After the Council of Whitby, he was made Prior of Lindisfarne, where he persuaded the community to change from Celtic to Roman customs & practices. During his years as a priest, Cuthbert was an indefatigable worker, travelling long & arduous journeys to minister to people in the remotest parts of the diocese. His love of solitude took him to St Cuthbert's Isle, just off Lindisfarne, but he later sought permission to live as a hermit on the remote island of Inner Farne. In 684 Cuthbert was asked to become Bishop of Hexham, but he immediately exchanged his see with St Eata of Lindisfarne. Once again he devoted himself wholeheartedly to the care of his people. His time as a bishop was short and, sensing that his life was drawing to a close, he returned to his beloved Inner Farne, where he died in 687.

Eleven years later, during the transfer of his remains to a new shrine, his body was found to be incorrupt & it immediately became an object of special veneration.

When the Vikings destroyed Lindisfarne in 875, Cuthbert's body was removed for safe keeping. It travelled all over the north—just as it had during his life—reaching Durham, its final resting place in 955, where a Saxon church was built to house the relics. Many miracles were attributed to Cuthbert's intercession & during the Middle Ages, his shrine became one of the most popular places of pilgrimage. The present Romanesque cathedral at Durham is a fine tribute to this great Northern saint.

We keep in our prayers especially on this day all the parishioners of St Cuthbert's Kenton & the Staff & Pupils of St Cuthbert's Primary School Kenton & St Cuthbert's High School.

DEANERY ANNUAL DAY OF REFLECTION.

"Become What You Have Received"

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS.

READERS and CATECHISTS

(Plus anyone interested)

On **May 25th** from **11am – 3.30pm** in **St. Cuthbert's Primary School Hall Balmain Rd. Kenton**

Coffee **10.30am** (bring a packed lunch)

Given by Fr Damian Cassidy OCarm
Enquiries ; 0191 2841690.

Booking; pat.kennedy42@icloud.com

Numbers would be helpful please.
There will be a collection on the day

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

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

Next **Thursday 21st March** is World Down Syndrome Awareness Day. A great big thank you to Lucy for her fantastic poster. Well done Lucy. It's brilliant!



JUSTICE AND PEACE COFFEE ON SUNDAYS



Coffee and tea are served most Sundays in term time in the narthex/meeting room after 11 am Mass.

All proceeds go to the West End Foodbank.

ST ROBERT'S CAFÉ TUESDAY 10AM—12 PM

The café is on this **Tuesday 19th March** with our usual offerings of scones, cakes etc & freshly brewed tea & coffee.

We will be having an Easter Raffle with all proceeds going to the SVP.



Tickets will be on sale at the cafe with the raffle drawn on **26th March**, the last cafe before Easter.

We will also be having our loyalty draw then as well. Please do come along. It will be lovely to see you.



ST ROBERT'S LUNCH CLUB

The next lunch in the New Year will be on **Thursday 4th April**. Come along for a delicious meal, good company, a quiz & of course, a game or two of bingo.

English Martyrs

ROSARY BEADS

If you have any unused or broken rosary beads that you no longer want, then bring them along to church and leave them in the basket. Fr Mariadass or Fr John will collect them & then reuse them.



English Martyrs

HALL BOOKINGS

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH

- Easter Raffle to be drawn on **Palm Sunday 24th March** after **9.30 a.m. Mass**



- Lenten Spiritual Journey **Wednesday 27th March 5.30pm - 7pm**.



It will begin at **5.30 pm** with a talk from Fr John followed by Mass at **6 pm**. Light refreshments will be available afterwards.

- Bingo afternoon **Saturday, 18th May** at **2:30pm** Entrance **£3** to include glass of wine and cheese.



St Cuthbert's

EASTER RAFFLE AT ST CUTHBERT'S



An Easter Raffle is taking place at **St Cuthbert's** with the draw taking place on **Sunday 24th March**.

Tickets costing **£1 per strip** will be on sale before and after Mass.

Get your tickets now! You might be one of the lucky winners!

GIFT AID DONORS ST CUTHBERT'S

If any gift aid donor requires a statement of donations during the tax year 2022/2023, then please speak to Margaret Maynard or Kath Rose after Mass. Many Thanks

FORTNIGHTLY CLEANING ROTA AT ST CUTHBERT'S

A rota is being drawn up for cleaning the church every fortnight after Sunday Mass. This will begin on **24th March**.

If you wish to be involved in helping with this task, please see Irene Brotherton.

A list for signing up will be on the notice board.

Thank you for your help



COFFEE AFTER MASS AT ST CUTHBERT'S

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS



During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed each **Thursday** after **11.15 am** Mass followed by a simple meal of soup and a bun. All are welcome to come along.