

ST ROBERT'S FENHAM, ALL SAINTS & ST GEORGE'S
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024

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THE CYCLE OF PRAYER:

Autumn

During Ordinary Time from September to Advent, we are asked to pray for these intentions:

Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; the Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work & the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners & their Families

Mission Statement:-

"We, the Parishioners of St Robert's Church Fenham 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

St Robert's 11.00 am

| Date | Eucharistic Ministers | Readers of the Word |
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| 29th September | K.Murphy G.Murphy | C.Aleke G.Murphy |
| 6th October | The African Community | The African Community |

ST ROBERT'S WEEKDAY MASS READERS ROTA w.c 29th September 2024 Week A

Mass Intentions

| <u>Day</u> | <u>St George's</u> | <u>St Bede's</u> | <u>St Robert's</u> |
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| Saturday 28th September St Laurence Ruiz & Companions MM | 6 pm (Vigil Mass) Joan O'Neill RIP | | |
| Sunday 29th September 26th Sunday of the Year | | 9.30 am Caroline Shotton RIP | 11.00 am In Thanksgiving (M.N) |
| Monday 30th September St Jerome, P, D | | | |
| Tuesday 1st October St Therese of the Child Jesus | | | 6.30 pm In Remembrance of Attilio Montevecchi & for His Family here on Earth (J.W) |
| Wednesday 2nd October The Holy Guardian Angels | | 10.00 am Edie Milligan RIP | |
| Thursday 3rd October | 9.30 am The Holy Souls | | 9.30 am Lilian Keegan RIP (D.McG) Attended by Yr 6 from the Primary School |
| Friday 4th October St Francis of Assisi Rel | | | |
| Saturday 5th October St Maria Faustina Kowalska V | 6 pm (Vigil Mass) The Needy & Hungry of the World | | |
| Sunday 6th October 26th Sunday of the Year | | 9.30 am People of the Parish | 11.00 am The Holy Souls |

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY—4TH OCTOBER



Mel will be giving a short talk during Mass at St Robert's on Sunday 6th October. She will talk about Daniel from the Democratic Republic of the Congo who has overcome many struggles thanks to the help of your generous donations.

Spirituality

SANCTUARY CANDLE W.B 29TH SEPTEMBER

The sanctuary candle in our church this week will be lit for the following families or individuals

St Robert's

The Morgan & Kok Families



BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE CHANGE OF TIME

The next Baptism preparation course for those wishing to have their children baptised will be on **Saturday 5th October** at **English Martyrs Church** from **4 pm—5.15 pm.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Over the last few weeks, the number of requests for Masses to be celebrated for a loved one or a special intention has diminished. This is not just a wonderful gift to present to someone, but is also a way of supporting the parish as all monies offered for the celebration of Mass go to the parish.

Mass offering envelopes are available at the back of church.

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

Pat, Kennedy, Muriel Thompson, Maureen McGrath, Jim Newcombe, Kay Bowman, David Hutchinson, Josie Hastie, 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, Vivienne Iqbal, Rosemary Green, Tony Knox, Rosemary Burke, Tom Dudley, Michael Temperley, Kath Wood, John Emmerson, Rita Foreman, Norma Charlton



PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF



James (Jim) Devine Parish who died recently.

Jim's Funeral Service will be held at **St Robert's Church** on **Friday 11th October** at **12 pm** with the committal at **Jesmond Old Cemetery,**

Jesmond Rd at **1.30 pm**

Please keep Jim's family, friends & loved ones in your thoughts & prayers.
May he rest in peace.

RCIA (JOURNEY OF FAITH)



The RCIA (Journey of Faith program) is offered to those who wish to become Catholic and be part of the parish community or for those who are already Catholic & wish to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith.

It will be run on a partnership level.

There will be a choice of two sessions. The first will run at St Robert's on a Saturday morning from 11 am to about 12.30 pm.

The other session will run on a Thursday evening from 7 pm –8pm at St John Vianney Church, West Denton.

Please contact the office at St Robert's if this is something you are interested in. See the poster for dates

FIRST STEPS—AUTUMN 24 EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH ONLINE.

Are you someone, or do you know someone, who is wondering about their relationship with God and not sure where to start? Welcome to First Steps!

Join Deacon Shaun & the First Steps team on a journey this autumn & see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you, & it may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church. We gather weekly online via Zoom & invite you to come along to find out more. This programme is for people new to the faith & to anyone accompanying them on their journey in faith.

Starts on **Wednesday 2nd October** at **7pm** for 8 weeks. (First Steps is not an RCIA programme, but we can offer guidance to anyone wishing to continue their journey in faith.)

You can register here: <https://bit.ly/DHNFirstSteps>.

READERS' DAY

A day for readers of all levels of experience to explore the new translation of the Lectionary will be held on **Saturday 23rd November** at **St Aloysius, Hebburn, NE31 1BE**. It will provide an opportunity to look at the background of the new Lectionary and to be ready to proclaim the Scriptures.

For more information and to book, please visit:

bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents.

Thought for the Week

THE PROOF OF LOVE IS IN THE WORKS.
WHERE LOVE EXISTS, IT WORKS
GREAT THINGS, BUT WHEN IT CEASES
TO ACT, IT CEASES TO EXIST.

Pope St Gregory the Great

ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED 29TH SEPTEMBER—5TH OCTOBER

- Margaret Brennan, Dorothy Griffin, Margaret Charlton, Joyce Lynn
- Sr Doris Patterson
- Bernard McFadden Jnr, Mary Stott, Elsie Stott, Elizabeth Sample
- Bernard McClory, Sarah (Pat) Wakeford, Ann O'Brien
- Lyn Gilroy, Joan Garvey, Doris Griffin
- Agnes Donohoe, Dr James Finnerty, Mary Edna Carrick, Maurice McPartlan, Malcolm Cummings
- Michael O'Toole, William O'Brien, Danny Lowery, Isabella Doyle, Margaret Forbes



Spirituality

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL: FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER

There will be a collection at Masses on **5th/6th October**

The vastness of global struggles can feel overwhelming. However we are not asked singlehandedly to solve everything, but simply to respond to the needs we see before us. This Harvest, CAFOD urgently needs your support to enable them to continue to respond in communities that face extreme poverty, injustice and climate change. This Family Fast Day, your donation will help fund training, tools and safe places to support people in places like the Democratic Republic of Congo, who have had a life full of struggle, to learn new skills so that they can fulfil their God-given potential.

If you want to play your part, please take an envelope which will be available at church and give what you can - or donate online at www.cafod.org.uk .



ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

If you have any items for the newsletter, please email them to St Robert's by 12 pm each Thursday & they will be included in the following weekend's issue

If you would like the newsletter to be emailed to you each week, please contact myself at St Roberts by email & I will ensure your name is added to the list. . *Liz*

FLAME 2025

Flame 2025 takes place on **Saturday 15th March**. The theme is 'UNSTOPPABLE. FAN THE FLAME OF HOPE'. It is open to anyone from school year 9 to University/young adult age.

Under 18s must be part of an organised group. Please talk with your school chaplain, catechist or parish priest if you would like to come along. Two years ago, over 700 young people from our Diocese travelled to Wembley Arena for this national Catholic youth gathering. Once again YMT is hoping to take a large number of young people (up to 1,000 including accompanying adults).

COST: £45 per person (includes return rail travel, Wembley ticket and London travel card).

The cost has been generously subsidised by Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. For further information contact mary.hughes@ymt.org

SAFEGUARDING AGENCY REPORTS 'SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS' IN STANDARDS –

The agency which oversees safeguarding in the Catholic Church has reported "significant progress" in standards in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. An interim review of safeguarding in leadership, governance, ministry and culture, which was published on Tuesday by the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency, praised progress achieved since the last review of the Diocese. The summary of the report complimented the strong leadership and public commitment to effective safeguarding of Bishop Stephen Wright, saying the diocesan bishop has "empowered others to make their own positive contributions to promoting a safer environment within the Diocese"

PRAY AS YOU GO DURING ADVENT

A four session audio retreat will be available during Advent on the Pray As You Go app & website plus an online retreat hosted with the Jesuit Institute on Zoom. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Diocesan Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint to the following vacancies:

Deputy Director of Education – Full-time, term-time.
Closing date: 1st October.

Youth Safeguarding Adviser – Full-time, 2-year fixed-term contract.

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301

WEEKLY Reflections

**Based on the gospel for Sunday 29th
September :**

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mark 9:38-43, 45,
47-48**

"Anyone who is not against us is for us."

The disciples are indignant – someone "who is not one of us" has been casting out evil spirits in the name of Jesus. Surely he must be stopped! Jesus is quick to contradict them and in doing so shows us that we must be open to seeing God at work through those different to us, rejecting any form of "us" and "them" that brings only division and fragmentation.

There are many challenges our global family faces: inequality, racism, poverty and the climate crisis. It can be hard to know where to start. Today's gospel reminds us that we are not asked singlehandedly to solve everything, but simply to respond to the needs we see before us. A cup of water offered may seem insignificant but, Jesus tells us, will not go unnoticed or unrewarded. When we join our efforts with those of others, we can respond with compassion to the needs of our global family and begin to build a more just world.

As we approach Family Fast Day next Friday, let's remember that God's Spirit is at work today, perhaps in unexpected places, and together we can make a real difference.

CAFOD

God of unity,

You have made us one family, sharing one common home. Help us to value the gifts of each person, turning away from conflict and division, to seek the peace and justice of your reign.

Amen.

Saints of the Weeek

ST LAURENCE RUIZ

Laurence was born into a Christian family at Manila in the Philippines around the year 1600. As a married layman, he was very active in his local Dominican church. It appears that he was accused (for unknown reasons) of murder, & sought asylum on board ship with some Dominican priests. who were heading for Japan to carry out missionary work at a time of intense religious persecution. Soon after arriving, the group were exposed as Christians, taken to Nagasaki, & tortured for several days. All of them chose to die rather than renounce their faith. Laurence was canonized in 1987, the first Filipino martyr to be proclaimed a saint.

ST MARIA FAUSTINA KAWALSKA

The following extract is taken from the Decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship, issued 18th May 2020. "Born in Glowiec, Poland in 1905 & dying in Krakow in 1938, St Maria Faustina spent her short life among the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, developing an intense spiritual life. In her diary, she recounts what the Lord worked in her for the benefit of all. Listening to him who is love & mercy, she understood that no human wretchedness could measure itself against the mercy which ceaselessly pours from the heart of Christ. Thus she became the inspiration for a movement dedicated to proclaiming & imploring Divine Mercy. Canonised by Pope John Paul II in the year 2000, the name of Faustina quickly became known throughout the world, thereby proclaiming the invocation of Divine Mercy amongst the People of God & its credible witness in the conduct of the lives of believers."

In 2001, the 2nd Sunday of Easter was proclaimed as Divine Mercy Sunday, a Feast to be celebrated by the whole Church.

Volunteers Wanted

ENGLISH MARTYRS BROWNIES— HELPERS BADLY WANTED

There are a few spaces at English Martyrs Brownies for girls aged 7 -10 years.

They are meeting at **Holy Cross Church Hall** on **Mondays** as adult help is badly needed at English Martyrs.

Could you consider volunteering? The pack has been running since 1960 and this is the first time in crisis.

Register for 25th Newcastle on the Girlguiding website please.

www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/brownies/



Thank you

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

A big thank you from Sr Kathleen, the Sisters, Staff & Residents of St Joseph's Home to all those who supported the Pie, Pea & Chip Supper last Wednesday evening.

The funds raised are invaluable and will go towards the cost of much needed repairs at the home.

A great night was had by all

St Robert's

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



Thank you to everyone who organised, helped with, baked scones & cakes & supported the recent Macmillan Cancer Care Coffee Morning with their many kind donations. It was amazing. The final total will be confirmed next week.

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

strobert.newcastle@diocesehn.org.uk

ST ROBERT'S CAFÉ



The café will be running this **Tuesday 1st October** from **10 am—12 pm** with our usual offerings of scones, cakes etc along with tea & coffee. Look forward to seeing you then.

ST ROBERT'S LUNCH CLUB



The next lunch will be on **Thursday 3rd October**

Come along for a delicious meal, good company, a quiz & of course, a game or two of bingo. All are welcome.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY—13TH DECEMBER

St Roberts are hosting a Christmas Social evening with great singer Larry Paige.

Songs from the decades along with Bingo and a raffle.

Tickets on sale from November at a charge of **£5.00**

All proceeds will go towards SVP Christmas Appeal.



St Cuthbert's

COFFEE AFTER MASS AT ST CUTHBERT'S

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



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. Coffee is also available after **10 am** Mass every Wednesday.

