

**ST ROBERT'S FENHAM, ALL SAINTS & ST GEORGE'S
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 13TH OCTOBER 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
13th October	M. Douglas V.Douglas	M.Bulman J.Kemakolam
20th October	T.Morgan C.O'Toole	G.Wright T.Wright

ST ROBERT'S WEEKDAY MASS READERS ROTA w.c 13th October 2024 Week C

Mass Intentions

<u>Day</u>	<u>St George's</u>	<u>St Bede's</u>	<u>St Robert's</u>
Saturday 12th October	6 pm (Vigil Mass) Joan O'Neill RIP		
Sunday 13th October 28th Sunday of the Year Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners & their Dependants		9.30 am People of the Parish	11.00 am Kathleen Reilly RIP (B.M)
Monday 14th October St Callistus I Pp, M			
Tuesday 15th October St Teresa of Avila V, D			6.30 pm In Remembrance of Attilio Montevicchi & For His family Here on Earth (J.W)
Wednesday 16th October St Margaret Mary Alacoque V		10.00 am Induction of Fr Mariadass as Parish Priest The People of the Parishes	
Thursday 17th October St Ignatius of Antioch Bp, M	No Mass		➡ 9.15 am The Holy Souls Attended by Yr 7 from the High Sch & Y3 from the Pri Sch
Friday 18th October St Luke Evangelist	➡ 10.00 am Mass has changed to Friday for trial period		
Saturday 19th October St Paul of the Cross P	6 pm (Vigil Mass) The People of the Parish		
Sunday 20th October 29th Sunday of the Year (World Mission Sunday) Day of Prayer for the Evangelisation of the World		9.30 am Blessings & Protection of Family	11.00 am Martin O'Toole RIP—Anniversary (N.O'T)

Spirituality

SANCTUARY CANDLE W.B 13TH OCTOBER

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

St Robert's
Simon Fisher



INDUCTION OF FR MARIADASS

Fr Mariadass will be inducted as parish priest of St Bede's & St Georges next **Wednesday 16th October** during **10 am Mass** at **St Bede's Church, Wickham View**

All are very welcome to come along & attend.

VOLUNTEERS' CENSUS

The Diocese is currently carrying out a volunteer census in our parish. This is to ensure we identify all our volunteers, to offer support and appropriate training and recognition for the important part all play in the life of our parish."

A volunteer is anyone who gives their time freely & regularly to assist anywhere within the Parish, School, or Diocese.

During weekend of **12th/13th** and **19th/20th** of **October** the census will be explained in more details after the weekend Masses.

If you volunteer within the Parish/School/Diocese, please complete one of the forms which will be available at the back of church or complete your details via the QR code.

Volunteering is a grace from God... Volunteers are the strength of the Church.

HARVEST APPEAL

As part of our ongoing commitment to those in our local community less fortunate than ourselves, St Robert's Church is inviting parishioners to bring an item each week towards our Harvest Appeal, some of which will form part of the Offertory Procession



13th October (tin)

beans, sardines tuna etc, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, soup, rice pudding, custard

20th October (dried goods)

pasta, rice, dried beans, lentils, split peas, biscuits

27th October (household items & toiletries)

toilet roll, kitchen roll, washing up liquid, cleaning cloths, dusters, shower/bath gel, soap, shampoo etc

At the end of October all donations will be divided between the Food bank, the Missionaries of Charity & the SVP.

If you can offer anything, that will be wonderful.
Thank you for your generosity as always.

MASS TIMES IN OUR PARTNERSHIP

English Martyrs

Sunday 9.30 am

Weekdays Wednesday 10 am, Friday 10 am

St Bede's Denton Burn

Sunday 9.30 am

Weekdays Wednesday 10 am

St George's Bell's Close

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 6. pm

Weekdays Friday 10.00 am

St John Vianney West Denton

Sunday 11 am

Weekdays Tuesday 6.30 pm, Wednesday 10 am,

Friday 6.30 pm, Saturday 10 am

St Mark's Westerhope

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 4.30 pm

Weekdays Tuesday 10 am, Friday 10 am

St Cuthbert's Kenton

Sunday 11 am

Weekdays Thursday 11.15 am

St Cuthbert's Throckley

Sunday 9.30 am

Weekdays Thursday 10 am, Friday 10 am

St Matthew's Ponteland

Sunday 10 am

Weekdays (as announced in the newsletter)

KATHLEEN REILLY RIP (CHANGE OF DATE)

Please note that there was an error in last week's newsletter regarding the dates of Kathleen's funeral. Her body will be received into the chapel at **St Joseph's Home** on **Wednesday 23rd October at 5 pm** & her funeral will be on **Thursday 24th October at 11 am**. Apologies for any confusion this may have caused.

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 Emerson, Norma Charlton



ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED 13TH -19TH OCTOBER

- Jane Corbett, Nan McKendry, Paul Clennel, Ronnie Larby, Liz Carr, Margaret Halpin
- Irene MacDermott
- Thomas McFadden, George Andrew Hardy
- John Carr McTaggart, Ronald (Ronnie) Charlton, Anthony Hannon
- Marie Gunning, Joan Forster, Marlene Rankin, Thomas Douglass
- Tony McCusker, Teresa (Flo) Palmer, James McGreal
- Margaret O'Connell, John Andrew Kenneth Douglas



Spirituality

PRISONS WEEK—13TH 19TH OCTOBER

Prisons Week is a call to the entire Christian Community to pray for change, where change is needed, & for an end to the human suffering endured by all those affected by crime & imprisonment.

As this year's Prisons Week begins, we pray for all those connected with prisons & probation in our diocese. That prisoners are treated with the same dignity & compassion that every human being deserves. That those released are able to be supported by their families & communities & are able to start anew in a positive way. That prison staff & chaplains find reward in such a challenging environment. We pray in thanksgiving, too, for all charities & volunteers who work with those in prison or their families.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY—20TH OCTOBER

Next Sunday, 20th October, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, through a special collection.

This day of prayer, solidarity & giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love, which has the power to transform lives & heal our world.

To donate, use the Missio envelopes, call 020 78211 9755 (office hours) or visit mission.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit & Gift Aid your donation if possible.

ST ROBERT'S PIETY STALL

St Robert's piety stall has a wide selection of Christmas cards & gifts. If you want anything in particular, please get in quickly as there are limited stocks.



MASS IN SCHOOL (SACRED HEART PRIMARY)

The 9.30 am morning Mass on **1st Thursday** of each month (term time only) will be held in Sacred Heart Primary School.

Dates for this term will be **7th November & 5th December**.

Please note that Mass on **Thursday 17th October** will be at **9.15 am** as Y7 from the High School & Yr 3 from the Primary School will be attending.



BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next Baptism preparation course for those wishing to have their children baptised will be on **Sunday 3rd November** at **St Cuthbert's Kenton** from **3 pm—4.15 pm**.

NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE

Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear Veronica Whitty speak about 'Driving Mother Teresa'.

The meeting will be at **Holy Name Parish Hall, Jesmond, Newcastle**, on **Thursday 14th November** at **2.30pm**.

Veronica Whitty is an award-winning journalist & author. At 18, she went to South India & spent two years working in a Hindu orphanage. She later returned to India & worked for Mother Teresa's nuns in Kolkata. Back in London, she maintained her connection with her nuns here, driving their minibus for three decades. She has written about her life in "Enjoying the Journey: An Autobiography". She now lives in Wallsend.

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Bishops are calling on Catholics in England & Wales to unite in prayer & compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide. On **Wednesday, 16th October**, the House of Commons will hear the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide tabled by Kim Leadbeater MP. The proposed legalisation undermines the sanctity & dignity of human life. We are a praying community. Please pray that our lawmakers will act wisely & will value human life. Please contact your local MP to express your views. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this with a provided factual letter. It can be found on the Bishops' Conference website together with materials explaining the Church's grave concerns about the proposed legislation at

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

Thank you for your prayers and action. Bishop Stephen.

WEEKLY Reflections

**Based on the gospel for Sunday 13th October,
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Mark 10:17-30**

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for someone rich to enter the kingdom of God."

My partner and I were talking to a friend the other day about money. I made the point that money has the value that you put on it, in the sense that it can be used wisely or unwisely. Was this just a reflection of the fact that I have a nice job, a comfortable flat, all the food I require and access to free healthcare?

Jesus is uncompromising: being rich - and in this country many of us are in that category, relatively speaking - is a bar to entering the kingdom of God.

I mentioned shelter, nutrition and healthcare - these are among the things that Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh lack. Conversely, in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis makes the point that approximately a third of all food produced is discarded, which effectively means stealing it from the table of people who are experiencing poverty.

Maybe, to return to the question of value, we should reframe what we own and earn - and, equally, our gifts and time - in terms of their value to others.

CAFOD

Lord,
open our eyes to our brothers and sisters around the world with whom we are called to share what we have.
Amen.

Thought for the Week

THE QUIETER YOU BECOME, THE MORE YOU CAN HEAR.

Baba Ram Dass

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

If you wish to have a family member, friend or loved one remembered & prayed for at Mass during the month of November, envelopes marked 'Month of the Holy Souls - November Remembrance' will be available from next week.

Please fill in the relevant details in block capitals & return **by October 27th**

Return to Judith, Liz, Cecilia or Mel
Alternatively please give to Fr Mariadass

SING4STROKE FUNDRAISING FOR THE STROKE ASSOCIATION

My St Andrew's Music Group is hosting a Singalong to raise awareness & funds for The Stroke Association.

The singalong will include well known songs & church bangers & will last for one hour followed by refreshments.

It's absolutely free but we are hoping for some donations. It will take place on **Saturday 2nd November at 6.30 pm** in **St Andrew's Church, Worswick St NE1 6UW**.

Please do join us & bring along your friends & family too. Here is the link to my Just Giving page but it would be lovely to see you there.

Thank you
Mia Fox (University Catholic Chaplain)



<https://www.justgiving.com/page/stans-172633036774>

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**

For more information and to book, please visit:
bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents.

Saints of the Weeek

SAINTS CHAD & CEDD

St Chad was a disciple of St Aidan, educated partly on Lindisfarne & partly in Ireland. He succeeded his brother Cedd, as abbot of Lastingham in North Yorkshire, but when St Wilfrid, the newly appointed Archbishop of York remained in France



for a lengthy period after his nomination, Chad was consecrated to replace him. Doubts over the regularity of this appointment led to his deposition by Theodore, Archbishop of Canterbury, but his humility & exemplary lifestyle brought about a change of heart in Theodore & Chad was given the See of Lichfield, as Bishop of the Mercians. A number of early churches were dedicated to him, especially in the Midlands & his relics are preserved in Birmingham Metropolitan Cathedral, & dedicated to him. He died in AD.672

St Cedd, brother of Chad, was also a Lindisfarne monk, but a great deal of his ministry was spent in evangelising the Midlands, where he served as Bishop of the East Saxons. He died in retirement in the year 664 at Lastingham, the Yorkshire monastic community he had founded some years earlier.

Their feast day is celebrated on **October 26th**.

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

strobort.newcastle@diocesehn.org.uk

ST ROBERT'S CAFÉ



The café will be running this **Tuesday 15th October** from **10 am—12 pm** with our usual offerings of scones, cakes etc along with tea & coffee.

There will be **NO** café on **22nd October**. It will resume again the following **Tuesday 29th October**.

ST ROBERT'S LUNCH CLUB



The lunch club is open to everyone including parishioners from English Martyrs, St Cuthbert's, St Bede's & St Georges.

If you would like to enjoy a delicious home cooked lunch, tea/coffee, good company, a quiz and a game or two of bingo, please do get in touch with St Robert's.

It would be lovely if some of you could join us.

Our next lunch will be on **7th November** from **11 am—1.30 pm**.

Look forward to seeing you then.

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.

