

ST ROBERT'S FENHAM , ALL SAINTS & ST GEORGE'S 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C 1ST DECEMBER 2024

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THE CYCLE OF PRAYER: Autumn

During Advent and Christmastide, we are asked to pray
for these intentions:
Migrants & Refugees, Expectant Mothers

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
1st December	The African Community	The African Community
8th December	J.Watson C.O'Toole	L.Hall V.Ihedilonye

ST ROBERT'S WEEKDAY MASS READERS ROTA w.c 1st December 2024 Week A

Mass Intentions

Day	St George's	St Bede's	St Robert's
Saturday 30th November	6.00 pm (Vigil Mass) The People of the Parishes		
Sunday 1st December 1st Sunday of Advent		9.30 am Mr & Mrs Jose & Tenni Jose RIP	11.00 am For the Healing from Cancer of Lorena Lacqua (L)
Monday 2nd December			
Tuesday 3rd December St Francis Xavier (Day of Special Prayer for Migrants & Refugees)			6.30 pm (In Narthex) John Reilly RIP (B.R)
Wednesday 4th December St Osmund Bp		10.00 am In Thanksgiving (Ligsa Family)	
Thursday 5th December			9.30 am (In School) For the Repose of the Soul of Maureen McGrahan (D.McG)
Friday 6th December St Nicholas Bp	10.00 am Led by Years 5 & 6 of St George's School		
Saturday 7th December St Ambrose Bp, D	6.00 pm (Vigil Mass) The Tanner Family RIP		
Sunday 8th December 2nd Sunday of Advent		9.30 am Sr Esther RIP	11.00 am Kathleen Reilly RIP (N.O'T)

FAR CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

The FAR (Fenham Association of Residents) Carol Service led by Sister Sheila & some of the choir from Sacred Heart Primary School is on Thursday 5th December at FAR House 40- 46 Acanthus Avenue, NE4 9YD at 11 am. This will be followed by light refreshments.
Everyone is welcome so please join us.

Spirituality



WEEK 1
Hope

Reminds us...
Jesus is coming

Bible Verse
Romans
15:12-13

WEEK 2
Peace

Reminds us...
To prepare the way
of the Lord

Bible Verse
Luke 2:14

WEEK 3
Joy

Bible Verse
Luke 2:10

Reminds us...
The joy at the coming
birth of Jesus

WEEK 4
Love

Bible Verse
Luke 2:11

Reminds us...
of the gift of
God's love, Jesus.

TIMES FOR PARTNERSHIP ADVENT RECONCILIATION

St Robert's
Tuesday 17th December at 6pm followed by 6.30 pm
Mass

English Martyrs
Wednesday 18th December at 6pm followed by 6.30
pm Mass

St John Vianney
Friday 20th December at 6 pm followed by 6.30 pm
Mass

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2024

CHRISTMAS EVE

St George's
Mass at 5 pm

St Bede's
Mass at 5.30 pm

St Robert's
Carols 6.30 pm followed by Mass at 7pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

St Bede's
Mass at 9.30 am

St Robert's
Mass at 11 am



1st CANDLE - (purple) THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE

We can have hope because God is faithful & will keep the promises made to us.
Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15: 12-13)

SANCTUARY CANDLE W.B 1ST DECEMBER

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

St Robert's

Barbara Manley



CARMELITE MISSION APPEAL

Fr Joseph will be giving the Mission Appeal for the **Carmelite Missions** on the weekend of **21st/22nd December** at St George's, St Bede's & St Robert's
All donations will be gratefully accepted . Thank you

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

Alice Wynne, Anne Bailey, Linda Rowe, Pat Kennedy, Muriel Thompson, 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, Norma Charlton



ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

There will be a meeting for all the altar servers from our parishes on **Saturday 14th December** from **2 pm to 4 pm** at **St Robert's church**. The meeting will be just under 1 hr long & will be followed by refreshments including pizza
Please make every effort to come along.

NEW LECTIONARIES

We are very pleased to say that from this Sunday the new Lectionary will be in use.

- The Lectionary is divided into 4 volumes ;
- Sundays, solemnities , Feasts of the Lord
 - Weekdays : Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter, Proper of the Saints December—June, Commons
 - Weekdays : Ordinary Time (weeks 6-34), Proper of the Saints : June-November, Commons
 - Ritual masses, Masses for Various Needs & Occasions, Votive Masses, Masses for the Dead

The Book of the Gospels contains the Gospel readings for Sundays, Solemnities & Feasts of the Lord along with Ritual Masses & Masses for the Dead.

ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION

There will be a Day of Reflection at **Ushaw College, Durham**, on **Wednesday 11th December** from **10.45am – 3.30pm**. Bring your own lunch, or you can buy lunch in Ushaw's café. Cost is £10.
Please register at www.ushaw.org

ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED 1ST- 7TH DECEMBER

- Sarah McKay
- Clare Elliott, Michael Brennan, Tommy & Mary McWilliams, Bill Arnold, Patrick Reilly
- George Hall, Henry Frizzle, George Davidson, Aileen McMillan, Patricia McPherson, John Reilly
- Joan McGowan, Norah Nugent, Ben Rudden
- Jane Thornton, Peter Rickerby, Catherine Bell
- Sr Honor Davidson, Jim Hughes, Roise Gleeson, Peter Thornton
- Gerry Cunningham, Irene Rosemond



Spirituality

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,

St Matthew's Ponteland

Sunday 10 am
Weekdays (as announced in the newsletter)

MASS IN SCHOOL (SACRED HEART PRIMARY)

The final date for this term will be on **Thursday 5th December at 9.30 am.**

Everyone is welcome to come along & attend. The **Christmas Mass** for the whole school is in the church on **Thursday 19th December** Time to be confirmed.

NEW MASS CARDS FOR THE ORDER OF THE MASS

We have recently purchased some new Mass cards in order that parishioners can follow the Order of the Mass as our existing stock was rather depleted. If it can be returned to one of the welcomers after use that will be really helpful as they will be required for the next Mass.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next Baptism preparation course for those wishing to have their children baptised will be on **Tuesday 3rd December at St Robert's from 7pm—8.15 pm.**



MEETING FOR BAPTISM CATECHISTS

There will be a meeting for all catechists involved with Baptism preparation to plan the forthcoming rota for next year etc on **Thursday 5th December at 6.30 pm** in **English Martyrs.**



CHRISTMAS FAMILY CANDLES

Christmas family candles, each one representing an individual family will be available this coming Christmas. They will be placed on the high altar & lit at each Mass during the Christmas season & will be then be used throughout the year as sanctuary candles to show that the Blessed Sacrament is in the tabernacle. If you would like one, there will be a the list at the back of church.

The cost per candle is **£5.**
Please pass this on to one of the welcomers.
Thank you

ST ROBERT'S CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATION



As in previous years, we would like to decorate St Robert's church this Christmas with poinsettias. If anyone would like to donate a poinsettia of any size to be used as part of the decoration, please sign the list at the back of church and then bring it

along on **Sunday 22nd December .**
If this time is not convenient, it can be brought to church the previous **Tuesday or Thursday 17th/19th December.**
Thankyou for your help

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENING 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 will be on sale from this weekend at a charge of **£5**

All proceeds will go towards **SVP Christmas Appeal.**



YEWOW! YEWOW! YWO CHOMENE! MALAWI APPEAL

Thank you for your enthusiasm and financial support. The numbers in the school have increased hugely, and we could do with your continued support to feed the little ones. £1 will feed one child for a month.

Direct Debits (even small ones) help us plan ahead. We have 2 UK accounts you can use and an ongoing fundraising page. They are NOT business accounts.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/catherine-batey?utm_term=xzyvbp8Ne

Thank you so much from all the team- tawonga chomene, Cath Batey- cafmac@hotmail.com

MALAWI ACCOUNT 1

Catherine Batey

Co-op Bank

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MALAWI ACCOUNT 2

Catherine Batey

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PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF



- Vernon Forster .

Vernon attended the lunch club each week at St Robert's for a number of years and will be fondly remembered by those who knew him.

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

As the calendar year draws towards its close & the days grow darker and shorter, a new Church year begins, & we enter the Advent season looking ahead for the coming of the light.

As always, we begin our Christian year with waiting. We wait in anticipation of the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas & in hope for the day when Jesus comes again.

Yet, this is not passive waiting, as today's reading from Luke's Gospel makes clear. Amidst chaos & distress, as people faint in fear & with the very powers of heaven shaken, we are called to stand tall & lift up our heads. Rather than allowing fear & confusion to paralyse us as we see the many problems in our world, we look up. We eagerly await & work for the coming of God's reign in our midst.

Christ is here. He calls us to "keep awake", & trust that his light within us is stronger than the darkness. On this first Sunday of Advent, let's join Saint Paul's prayer, asking God to increase our love for all people, so that we can bring hope & healing to all creation. .

God of hope, increase our love, so that this time of Advent waiting will make us ready for you, whether you come in poverty and need or power & glory. Amen.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN FENHAM



Join the Holy Family Guild for Christmas Carol Singing in the church garden of **St Robert's** on **Sunday 22nd December**.

Please meet at **St Robert's Church Hall** at **5 pm**.

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Please sign the sheet if you would like to come along so we have some idea of numbers for catering purposes.

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

At present, the hall is not available for private bookings until further notice.

ST ROBERT'S CAFÉ



The café is open this coming **Tuesday 3rd December** with our usual offerings of tea, coffee, scones, cakes etc.

Tickets for the raffle in aid of the SVP

Christmas Appeal will be on sale.

ST JAMES & ST BASIL'S FENHAM

CHRISTMAS MARKET

The ever popular Christmas market returns this year with a variety of stalls on

Saturday 14th December from **10 am—2 pm**.

Arts, crafts & Christmas food are on offer.



FENHAM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS MEETING (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

In place of the usual meeting, the society will be hosting a Christmas entertainment with **The Low fell Singers** on **Thursday 5th December** at **7 pm** in **St James & St Basil's**. Seasonal refreshments will be served.

St Robert's

ST ROBERT'S LUNCH CLUB

If anyone from our parishes 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 **Christmas** lunch will be on **19th December** from **11 am—1.30 pm**. We look forward to seeing you then.



CHRISTMAS MUSIC @ J's & B's

'Let there be Christmas' a Christmas cantata with carols, songs, readings & more performed by **The Morning Chorus** on **Sunday 8th December** at **3 pm**

J's & B's Singers are giving a concert entitled '**Magnificat**', featuring music by Taylor Scott-Davis, Bob Chilcott & Michael Higgins on **Saturday 14th December** at **7.30 pm**

Join **Voices of Hope** on **Saturday 21st December** at **7.30 pm** for an evening of choral music for the festive season.



Diocesan Events

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

'For a Better Future' is the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2025. 2025 will mark 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau & 30th anniversary of the Bosnian genocide.

This annual event will be held on **Wednesday 22nd January 2025**, from **7 pm** in **St Mary's Catholic School, Benton Park Rd, Newcastle upon Tyne NE7 7PE**. The guest speakers are Mr David Gold & Mr Smajo Bešo OBE.

Sunderland Interfaith Forum will be holding their annual Holocaust commemoration on **Monday 27th January**, from **7 pm** at **Sunderland Minster, High St West, Sunderland SR1 3ET**.

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.

