

**ST ROBERT'S FENHAM , ALL SAINTS & ST GEORGE'S  
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C 15TH 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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Readers of the Word</b>
<b>8th December</b>	K.Murphy G.Murphy	C.Aleke G.Murphy
<b>15th December</b>	M.Douglas V.Douglas	M.Bulman J.Kemakolam

**ST ROBERT'S WEEKDAY MASS READERS ROTA w.c 15th December 2024 Week C**

**Mass Intentions**

<b>Day</b>	<b>St George's</b>	<b>St Bede's</b>	<b>St Robert's</b>
<b>Saturday 14th December</b>	<b>6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)</b> John Brennan RIP		
<b>Sunday 15th December</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> <b>(Gaudete Sunday)</b>		<b>9.30 am</b> In Loving Memory of Joe & Anne Kyne RIP	<b>11.00 am</b> Vivien, Danny & Martin Lowery RIP ( T.L)
<b>Monday 16th December</b>			
<b>Tuesday 17th December</b>			<b>6.00 pm (In Church)</b> Opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation followed by Mass <b>6.30 pm</b> Austin Green RIP (M.T)
<b>Wednesday 18th December</b>		<b>10.00 am</b> Blessings & Protection of Family	<b>1.30 pm</b> <b>Requiem Mass</b> Kathleen Dixon RIP
<b>Thursday 19th December</b>			<b>9.30 am (In Church)</b> Sacred Heart Primary School Whole School Mass John Relly RIP
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> Vivian Tanner RIP		
<b>Saturday 21st December</b>	<b>6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)</b> Kathleen Burton		
<b>Sunday 22nd December</b> <b>4th Sunday of Advent</b>		<b>9.30 am</b> Richard Rogers	<b>11.00 am</b> In Loving memory of Veronica Hall (A.M)

**SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection in aid of the Carmelite Missions this weekend, Saturday/Sunday 14th/15th December.  
Your generosity as ever is very much appreciated.  
Many Thanks

# 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*

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

Bible Verse  
Luke 2:10

**WEEK 4**  
*Love*

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

Bible Verse  
Luke 2:11

**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



**THE ADVENT WREATH**

**3rd CANDLE - (pink) THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or CANDLE OF JOY.**

The angels sang a message of JOY!  
(Luke 2:7-15)



**DIOCESAN VOLUNTEER FORMS**


If anyone who volunteers in any capacity has not returned their volunteer forms for the diocese, please can you hand them in as soon as possible stating what your exact role is & what it entails.

Many Thanks **Kath**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE W.B 15TH DECEMBER**

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

**St Robert's**  
The Hodgson Family



**MISSIO RED BOXES**

Please hand your Red Boxes or donations to Mel or one of the welcomers this month. Calendars are available for collection on the table in the narthex for anyone who would like one.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to this worthwhile charity. All donations are gratefully received and appreciated.

Wishing you all a Happy & Holy Christmas. **Mel**

**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 next **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



**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



**CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES**


If anyone received the Sacrament of Confirmation this year & has not received their certificate, please speak to one of the welcomers to collect it.

Thank you



**ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED 15TH- 21ST DECEMBER**

- Mary Haswell, Joseph Locke, Hilda Mary Graydon, Paul Anthony Marsh, Teresa O'Halloran
- Margaret O'Donnell, John McDine
- Agnes Carr, Vera Green, Vivien Margaret Lowery, Leslie Adams
- Lilian Pears, John O'Toole, Martin Burke, Norman Thompson
- Lilian Doogan
- Lucy Simms, Fred Devse, Muriel Carpenter, Angela Maria Hastie, Maureen Stuart
- Monica Ott, Sandra Watson, Fred Garvey, Marjorie Ashworth



# 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)

## **MARY'S MEALS: CHRISTMAS TREES OF HOPE**

If you make a donation to Mary's Meals Christmas Trees of Hope & pay for a decoration on their online tree, your donation will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.1million, meaning that Mary's Meals can reach even more hungry children with life-changing school meals.

Their website with all the details is  
[www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk).

## **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](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](mailto:cafmac@hotmail.com)

### **MALAWI ACCOUNT 1**

Catherine Batey

Co-op Bank

08-93-00

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### **MALAWI ACCOUNT 2**

Catherine Batey

Santander

09-01-29

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## **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.

Time is running short to add your name to the list.

The more candles there are the more attractive the church will be.

Please sign up this weekend, if you would like one. Just have a word with Judith.

## **"FEED A FRIEND FOR A FIVER"**

The "Feed a Friend for a Fiver" campaign is live again for 2024 by The Peoples Kitchen in Newcastle.

For just £5, you can provide a three-course Christmas dinner for someone who might otherwise spend the day alone. This meal offers more than food; it brings comfort, community, and the warmth of friendship on what can be a difficult day for many.

## **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**.

## **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.

## **WAIT A MINUTE FROM YMT**

The Youth Mission Team are offering a reflection for each day of Advent.

You are invited to join them on their journey to Christmas.

The reflections can be found on Youtube,

[www.youtube.com/@life2dfull](http://www.youtube.com/@life2dfull)

## **Thought For the Week**

**"IT IS NOT JOY THAT MAKES US GRATEFUL. IT IS GRATITUDE THAT MAKES US JOYFUL."**

## The Jubilee Year 2025



The Jubilee year opens on **Sunday 29th December 2024**. In Rome, Pope Francis will be opening Holy Doors in St Peter's Basilica and in St. John Lateran – and here in Hexham & Newcastle, we'll be having our own celebrations too.

Bishop Stephen will be opening the Jubilee Year at our 2 Jubilee Hub Churches, the Cathedral in Newcastle and St Joseph's in

Hartlepool. He'll be saying Mass at both churches on 29th December and opening Holy Doors in both churches.

The theme of the Jubilee is 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Pope Francis has said: 'In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future will bring.' The New Year is a time when people look ahead, and perhaps make New Year resolutions. So it's a great time to look ahead with Hope, and these opening ceremonies are a great opportunity for us to come together as pilgrims, and look ahead to 2025, not just a New Year, but a Jubilee Year.

29th December is also the feast of the Holy Family. We celebrate Mary, Joseph and Jesus, a family in difficult circumstances, supporting each other in love and trust, with Jesus at the centre of the family.

During the Jubilee Year we will be reflecting on our own Diocesan family, as we consider our Diocesan Vision. The Holy Family and our Pilgrimage of Hope are both reminders that this is not a paper exercise: it is our Diocesan family, with Jesus at the centre. So these Opening Ceremonies are a chance to pray for, to contemplate and to celebrate all that is happening in our Diocese.

Bishop Stephen will be celebrating the Opening Ceremonies at: **St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle at 11.30am on Sunday 29th December**  
**St Joseph's, Hartlepool at 4pm on Sunday 29th December**

Please do join us. Everyone is welcome! You can also visit our event listing here.

Our two Jubilee Hub Churches will be places of pilgrimage throughout the Jubilee Year.

If you can't join the celebrations on 29th December, why not plan a visit with your family or your parish during the year?

## St Robert's .....



### **ST ROBERT'S CAFÉ** **TUESDAY 10 AM—12 PM**

The café will be open this Tuesday. However, instead of cakes & scones, complimentary biscuits & chocolates will be on offer.

There will be a free raffle & the Christmas loyalty card draw.

The café will be closed over the Christmas & New Year period to give our helpers & bakers a well-earned rest.

It will re-open on **Tuesday 7th January**

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas.

### **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 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.



## 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.



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Some people say that the lyrics to "The 12 Days of Christmas" are coded references to Christianity; that the song was written to help Christians learn and pass on the tenets of their faith while avoiding persecution.

- 1 The Partridge in the Pear Tree = Jesus Christ
- 2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments
- 3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues
- 4 Calling Birds = the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists
- 5 Golden Rings = The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch," which gives the history of man's fall from grace
- 6 Geese A-laying = the six days of creation
- 7 Swans A-swimming = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments
- 8 Maids A-milking = the eight beatitudes
- 9 Ladies Dancing = the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 10 Lords A-leaping = the Ten Commandments
- 11 Pipers Piping = the 11 faithful apostles
- 12 Drummers Drumming = the 12 points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed