

**ST ROBERT'S FENHAM , ALL SAINTS & ST GEORGE'S
2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR YEAR C 19TH JANUARY 2025**

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**THE CYCLE OF PRAYER:
Ordinary Time**

In the time leading up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions:

Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God;
Christian Unity; The Sick & Those Who care for Them;
Victims of Trafficking & Those who Work to Combat it;
the Unemployed

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
19th January	J.Hall-Murray C.Aleke	J.Adams V.Ihedilonye
26th January	K.Dimambro T.Lowery	M.Kemakolam P.McTernan

ST ROBERT'S WEEKDAY MASS READERS ROTA w.c 19th January 2025 Week B

Mass Intentions

Day	St George's	St Bede's	St Robert's
Saturday 18th January St Aelred of Rievaulx Ab	6.00 pm (Vigil Mass) Sam Morrow		
Sunday 19th January 2nd Sunday of the Year Day of Special Prayer for Peace		9.30 am Coleman & Joyce O'Malley	11.00 am Maureen McGrahan RIP (J.H) Lilian Keegan RIP
Monday 20th January St Fabian P, M			
Tuesday 21st January St Agnes V, M			6.30 pm Dorothy & Robert Molloy RIP (M.T)
Wednesday 22nd January St Vincent		10.00 am Blessings & Protection of Family	
Thursday 23rd January			NB 10.00 am Private Intention (E.E)
Friday 24th January St Frances de Sales Bp, D	10.00 am The Holy Souls		
Saturday 25th January The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle	6.00 pm (Vigil Mass) The People of the Parish		
Sunday 26th January 3rd Sunday of the Year Sunday of the Word of God		9.30 am Gavin O'Donnell RIP	11.00 am In Thanksgiving for Recovery (M.N)

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18TH—25TH JANUARY



Churches Together in Fenham are hosting a service to start the week which will be held this **Sunday 19th January at 4 pm in St James & St Basil's Church on Fenham Hall Drive.**

It is open to everyone and we warmly invite you to join us.

There will also be a short Prayer Service which will be held in **St. Robert's Church on Tuesday 21st January at 12.15pm** following the café. All are most welcome to attend.

Spirituality

SANCTUARY CANDLE W.B 19TH JANUARY



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

St Robert's

The Leadbeater & Barron Families



RCIA (JOURNEY OF FAITH)

The next session at **St Robert's** is on **Saturday 25th January** from **11 am -12.30 pm.**

For a list of dates see the poster on the noticeboard.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next Baptism preparation course for those wishing to have their children baptised will be on **Saturday 8th February** at **English Martyrs** starting at **4 pm**



SPECIAL MINISTERS / READERS / BIDDING PRAYERS WRITERS

The current rotas run to the end of **March 2025**. From **April 2025** onwards, those members of the African community in the above roles will be integrated into the rotas as individuals and listed on specific dates, as with other parish members currently on the rotas.

To enable me to include everyone on the integrated rotas, would everyone involved (including those already on the rotas as individuals) please complete a **ROTA CONSENT FORM** available at the back of church and return to **Michael Hannon** by **SUNDAY 2nd MARCH**. Either hand to me personally, give to a helper at the back of church or put through the presbytery letter box. Having all your email addresses - if available - will help me issue the rotas directly to you, save paper and ensure you see the new rotas promptly.

If you have a query regarding the above, please see me or leave your name, tel. no. and a message on the parish phone number and I'll get back to you.

Many Thanks

Michael Hannon

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

Maureen Porteous, Anne Bailey, Alice Wynne, 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



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)

NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDARS

Copies of the Northern Catholic Calendar for 2025 are available at the back of church at a cost of **£4**.

Please speak to one of the welcomers.

THE WEST END FOOD BANK

A cheque totalling **£289.17** has been sent to the West End Food bank from St. Roberts Justice and Peace group.

These funds were raised from the Sunday morning coffee and through donations from parishioners.

Grateful thanks to everyone for their continued support.



PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

- **Bernadette Bond** who died recently.

Bernadette's funeral Mass will take place at **St Robert's Church** on **Wednesday 5th February** at **11 am**



The Requiem Mass for **Dorothy Sutcliffe** who died recently will take place at St Robert's Church on **Wednesday 29th January** at **11.30 am**.

Please keep their families, friends & loved ones in your thoughts & prayers.

May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED 19TH- 25TH JANUARY 2025

- Peter Lennon, Mary Smith
- Alec Murray Margaret (Peggy) Dunlavy, Rosina Condor
- Margaret McFadden, Ellen Watson, Patrick Green, Wilfred Valentine, Joan Shaughnessy
- Phyllis Rea
- John Robert Carr, Marie Monica Dixon, Rose McDermott, Gerard McKendry, Frank Digham, Wilfrid Wood, Maureen Birks
- Trevor John Saunders, Teresa Queen, James William Garrity
- Dorothy Stubbs, Lily Ann McCartan, Barbara Mullins, Kathleen Moira Murling



Spirituality

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

As pilgrims of hope, the first of the Life in the Spirit Seminars 2025 is taking place in **St Aidan's Benton** starting from **16th January** and running consecutively every **Thursday** until **27th February**.

The last of this series of talks will end with a session on Transformation led by Bishop Stephen Wright.

These talks will start at **7pm** and finish at **8.30pm**.

See poster in the narthex for further information

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY



On **Wednesday 22nd January** at **7pm**, the Diocesan Holocaust Memorial Evening 2025 will take place at **St Mary's Catholic School, Benton**. Organised by the Diocesan Interreligious Relations team, the evening is an opportunity for David Gold to tell the story of his mother's escape from Nazi persecution and to hear from Smajo Beso OBE, who is a child survivor of the Bosnian genocide. 2025 is **80th anniversary** of the liberation of **Auschwitz-Birkenau** and **30th anniversary** of the **Bosnian** genocide.

The evening is open to all who wish to attend.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

A **Mass in Celebration of Marriage & Family Life** will take place at **St Mary's Cathedral** on **Saturday 8th February** at **12 pm**.

This open invitation will focus on couples celebrating significant anniversaries in 2025. A certificate can be requested by completing a form with your details which will be presented by Bishop Stephen during the Mass:

Go to <https://bit.ly/DHNMarrriageMass>

or scan the QR code on the poster in the narthex.

This will take you directly to the form or contact marriage@diocesehn.org.uk or ring 0191 243 3316.

FAITHFUL COMPANIONS OF JESUS

Organised by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

Discerning God's Call in your life a Vocations Weekend for Women (20s and 30s) -"

21st - 23rd February 2025 in Liverpool -

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

ST ROBERT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH FLAMING FIRE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP

Join us for 21 days

FASTING & PRAYER (8TH-31ST JANUARY)

**THEME : OUR SET TIME OF DIVINE FAVOUR
PSALM 102:13**

Venue : Zoom
Meeting ID 898 0506 0495
Passcode 8KqW3g

Programme

8.30 –8.40 Opening Praises

8.40—8.45 Opening Prayer

8.45—9.45 Message & ministration

9.45—9.50 Announcement by the Moderator & Closing Prayer by the Minister



Jubilee Year 2025



THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope

for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen

SHARING THE ROSARY



A four-week course exploring the Rosary, its history & its significance in Catholic prayer traditions is to be held at **Holy Name Parish Hall** on **Towers Ave, Jesmond**. Each session will include opportunities to learn about the Mysteries of the Rosary, pray a shared Decade, & even make your own set of Rosary beads. The course will run on **Saturday 25th January, & 1st 8th & 22nd February**. Refreshments will be available from **2 pm**, with sessions finishing at **3:30 pm**.

You are Invited to join us in this Jubilee Holy Year on this journey of faith & community. Whether new to the Rosary or you have prayed it for years, all are welcome. Rosary beads will be available for anyone who needs them, but feel free to bring your own.

To join email welcome@holynamesjessmond.co.uk or telephone (0191) 2810940.

ASSOCIATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Association will be holding a Day of Recollection on **Saturday 1st February** at **St Andrew's Church, Worswick St, Newcastle** starting with Holy Mass at **10 am** celebrated by **Fr Martin Morris**, followed by a talk given by **Fr Dermot Preston**.

Lunch will follow & the day will end with a Holy Hour. (Please bring a packed lunch, but hot drinks will be provided.)

We hope that you will be able to join us.

For any queries, please contact me by email marieamad390@gmail.com or telephone 0191 2854395

Thought For the Week

**THERE ARE SO MANY
BEAUTIFUL REASONS TO BE
HAPPY**

WEST END DEVELOPMENT LISTENING SESSION

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE GENERAL HOSPITAL SITE

A meeting to discuss proposed plans for the redevelopment of the General Hospital site and the possible impact it could have on the surrounding area is to be held on **Tuesday 21st January** from **1.30 pm—3 pm** at The Turf. (Details below)

COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSION:

Housing Development Pressures in the West End

Tues, 21 Jan, 1.30pm-3pm

**The Turf @St John's
Orton Cl, Benwell
NE4 8HF**



Contact: Val Barron
val.barron@citizensuk.org

Tyne & Wear
citizens

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

strobert.newcastle@diocesehn.org.uk

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

AFTER-MASS COFFEE

Coffee is served in the Narthex after **11am** Mass each Sunday, with the money raised supporting many local needs. Helpers are always needed so if you would like to join the rota to serve the tea & coffee, then please speak to Mel.



TUESDAY MORNING CAFE

The café will be open break this coming **Tuesday 21st January**. There will be our usual offerings of scones, cake etc & freshly brewed tea & coffee. Looking forward to seeing you all



KNIT AND NATTER

My name is Jo Dowling and I teach in **English Martyrs' School**. I have started a knit and natter group at the school involving pupils & family members, which takes place on **Tuesdays**, between **3.30 & 4.30pm**. We have been encouraging the children and parents to learn how to knit and so we would love to open up our group to parishioners. It would then be great if your skills could be passed on to some of our pupils and their families.



Next Tuesday, we are hoping to begin making a community quilt, each family having a piece of fabric to decorate with fabric pens, collage etc. Anyone who is interested in joining us is most welcome to come along. Any ongoing projects can also be continued within our sessions.

I was taught to knit and sew by my mum and grandma & in turn have passed these skills on to my children as I think it is so important to pass these skills on to the next generation. My youngest has also taught themselves to crochet.

We would love to see some of the parishioners join us on Tuesdays. I can be contacted at school on 01912747463 if you require further information or through email jo.dowling@emcps.co.uk

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

Family Musical Evening on **Saturday 8th March 2025** in **St Robert's Church Hall** from **7pm**

Tickets - adults **£10** / children **FREE**
Come along & enjoy an evening of song / sing-along classics / raffle / games / family fun.



All monies raised are in support of **HCPT Lourdes**. This year sixteen 6th form students from St Thomas More Catholic High School, North Shields have answered Our Lady's call to go on pilgrimage to Lourdes - enriching not only their own lives, but the lives of the young children they will be supporting.

They desperately need & will appreciate **YOUR** support. Please bring along your own food & drink.

Tickets available after Mass on a Sunday morning throughout February from Luke Murray & / or Elizabeth Hall (or on the night itself).

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.

