

# ST ROBERT'S FENHAM , ALL SAINTS & ST GEORGE'S THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR C 12TH 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
12th January	P.McTernan N.Hedley	D.Healy C.O'Toole
19th January	J.Hall-Murray C.Aleke	J.Adams V.Ihedilonye

### ST ROBERT'S WEEKDAY MASS READERS ROTA w.c 12th January 2025 Week A

## Mass Intentions

Day	St George's	St Bede's	St Robert's
Saturday 11th January St Aelred of Rievaulx Ab	6.00 pm (Vigil Mass) Sam Morrow		
Sunday 12th January The Baptism of the Lord		9.30 am David Hutchinson RIP	11.00 am Mary Campin RIP (C.W.L)
Monday 13th January St Hilary Bp, D			
Tuesday 14th January			6.30 pm Catherine Harrison RIP (N.O'T)
Wednesday 15th January		10.00 am Tom & Kathleen Lishman RIP	
Thursday 16th January			NB 10.00 am (In Narthex) Vernon Foster RIP (SR Lunch Club)
Friday 17th January St Anthony of Egypt Ab	NO MASS TODAY		
Saturday 18th January Beginning of Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity	6.00 pm (Vigil Mass) People of the Parishes		
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)

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



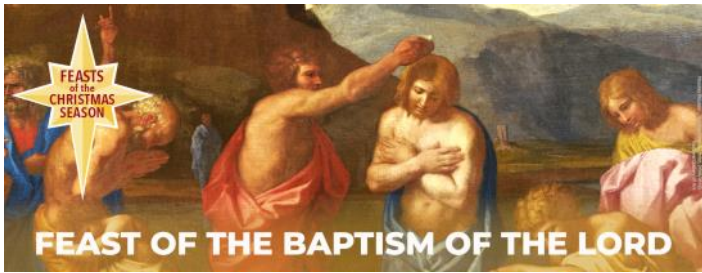
Churches Together in Fenham are hosting a service to start the week which will be held on **Sunday 19th January at 4 pm** in **St James & St Basil's Church** on **Fenham Hall Drive**.

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 12TH JANUARY



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

St Robert's  
The McCormack & Reid 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**

## 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.

## 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 that weekend's issue.

## 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 & ministrations  
**9.45—9.50** Announcement by the Moderator & Closing Prayer by the Minister



## 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)

## 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 Emerson, Norma Charlton



## PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF



Dorothy Sutcliffe a parishioner of St Robert's for many years & until recently a regular attendee at St Robert's Lunch Club, who died this week. Please keep her family, friends, loved ones & all those who knew her in your thoughts & prayers. May she rest in peace.

## ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED 12TH- 18TH JANUARY 2025

- Julian Billham, Gus McCarthy, Hugh Connell
- Mary Gladys Shepherd
- Mark John Billham, Joe Meadows, Patricia Quayle
- William (Bill) Myers
- Mary Smith, Mary Murray, Harold McKay, Kenneth Johnson,
- Doris Hall, Fred Kemmish, Catherine Beresford, Alexander Russell,
- Patrick Ruff, Anne Brennan, Maurice Tharagonnet, Sheila White



## Spirituality

### NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

The Tyneside Circle of the Newman Association invites you to come & hear John Murray give a talk entitled "Monsignor Kevin Nichols: the poem" at **Holy Name Parish Hall, Jesmond** this coming **Tuesday 14th January** at **2.30pm**.

John Murray is a parishioner of St. Matthews, Ponteland.

He has been secretary of the Historic Churches Committee for the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle for 20 years. In this time he became acquainted with the poems, hymns & prayers of priest-poet Mgr Kevin Nichols, who wrote, among other hymns, 'In Bread We Bring You Lord' and in whose memory a stained glass window was recently installed at **St Mary's Cathedral**.

### 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/DHNMarriageMass>

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](mailto:marriage@diocesehn.org.uk) or ring 0191 243 3316.

### 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.

### 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 -**

This weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day.

There will be an opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, a chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at [fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

## Thought For the Week

**"MAY THE CLOUDS IN YOUR LIFE BE ONLY A BACKGROUND FOR A LOVELY SUNSET."**

Irish Saying

## 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

### HEARTS IN SEARCH OF GOD – WHY GO ON A PILGRIMAGE?

You are welcome to join this webinar (via Zoom) Year of Jubilee session on **Wednesday 15th January** from **7pm – 8pm**. The guest speaker is Dr Phil McCarthy, project lead for Hearts in Search of God: Pilgrim Ways, who will share his wisdom & experience based on the history, significance & spirituality of pilgrimage. The session will also explore & consider some of the options & practicalities for embarking on a local pilgrimage during this Year of Jubilee.

For more information & to book your place at this webinar please visit the diocesan Year of Jubilee page:

<https://bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025>

for all the latest news, information & events.

### 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 one-hour 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**.

We warmly invite participants from other parishes, families, & young people to join us in this Jubilee Holy Year on this journey of faith & community. Whether you're new to the Rosary or 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—especially if they hold a special story you'd like to share.

To join the course, please either email [welcome@holynamesjesmond.co.uk](mailto:welcome@holynamesjesmond.co.uk) or telephone (0191) 2810940.

**A YEAR OF HOPE  
AN INTRODUCTION TO THE JUBILEE YEAR WITH THE  
CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT –**

In the Church this is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean?

Catholic talk-show host and author, Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more for a lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse, join us on Saturday 18th January, 10:30am-midday, online. All are welcome.

Register here for free:

<https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/a-year-of-hope-an-introduction-to-the-jubilee-year>

Rachel Baylock, CAFOD.

**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

**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**



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**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](mailto:strobert.newcastle@diocesehn.org.uk)

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

**TUESDAY MORNING CAFE**

The café will be open break this coming **Tuesday 14th January**.

There will be our usual offerings of scones, cake etc & freshly brewed tea & coffee.

Looking forward to seeing you all



**TODDLER'S GROUP**



The Toddler's group will resume after the Christmas Break on **Monday 13th January**.

**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.

