

# ALL SAINTS , ST GEORGE'S AND ST ROBERT'S FENHAM , 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

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## THE CYCLE OF PRAYER: SUMMER

During Ordinary Time (Summer) i.e up to September, we are asked to pray for these intentions:



A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews;  
 Those who suffer Persecution, Oppression & Denial of Human Rights;  
 Europe;  
 Human Life;  
 Seafarers

## Readers and Ministers

| Date           | Readers of the World | Eucharistic Ministers | Prayers of the Faithful (Intercessions) |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 27th September | G.Murphy<br>F.Ogumah | K & G.Murphy          | M.Beavis                                |
| 4th October    | I.Gomes<br>A.Weke    | T.Morgan<br>M Bulman  | G.Murphy                                |

## Mass Intentions week beginning 27th September 2026

| Day                                                                                                                              | St George's                                                                    | St Bede's                                                    | St Robert's                                                                   |
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| <b>Saturday 26th September</b><br><b>SS Cosmas &amp; Damian MM</b>                                                               | <b>6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)</b><br>Anthony Robertson—<br>60th birthday (S.R)       |                                                              |                                                                               |
| <b>Sunday 27th September</b><br><b>26th Sunday of the Year</b><br><b>Day of Prayer in</b><br><b>Thanksgiving for the Harvest</b> |                                                                                | <b>9.30 am</b><br>Caroline Shotton RIP –<br>10th anniversary | <b>11.00 am</b><br>Anne Bailey RIP—With Sympathy &<br>Love (T.McD & Family)   |
| <b>Monday 28th September</b><br><b>St Laurence Ruiz &amp;</b><br><b>Companions M</b>                                             |                                                                                |                                                              |                                                                               |
| <b>Tuesday 29th September</b><br><b>SS Michael, Gabriel &amp;</b><br><b>Raphael Archangels</b>                                   |                                                                                |                                                              | <b>5.45 pm</b><br>Exposition<br><b>6.15 pm</b><br>Private Intention (A.T)     |
| <b>Wednesday 30th September</b><br><b>St Jerome P, D</b>                                                                         |                                                                                | <b>10.00 am</b>                                              |                                                                               |
| <b>Thursday 1st October</b><br><b>St Therese of the Child</b><br><b>Jesus V, D</b>                                               |                                                                                |                                                              | <b>10.00 am (In School)</b><br>Margaret Brennan RIP - 27th ann<br>(K.M & M.M) |
| <b>Friday 2nd October</b><br><b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b><br><b>CAFOD Family Fast Day</b>                                     | <b>10.00 am</b><br>Led by Y5 & 6 from<br>the Primary School<br>Attended by KS2 |                                                              |                                                                               |
| <b>Saturday 3rd October</b>                                                                                                      | <b>6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)</b><br>Margaret O'Neill RIP<br>(P.L)                   |                                                              |                                                                               |
| <b>Sunday 4th October</b><br><b>27th Sunday in Ordinary</b><br><b>Time</b>                                                       |                                                                                | <b>9.30 am</b><br>The Holy Souls                             | <b>11.00 am</b><br>Erin S Jackson RIP (B.M)                                   |

# Spirituality .....

## SANCTUARY CANDLE—ST ROBERT'S

**Week Beginning 27th September**

The Walton Family



## THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

## SAFE FAMILIES UK

Deb from Safe Families UK will be coming to talk at Mass this **Sunday 27th September** about the work of the organisation. Their vision is to hope for a society where no family feels alone, & every child has a home where they can flourish. They believe the Church is central to this vision.

## ANNUAL MASS ATTENDANCE

The annual Mass count is to be taken during this weekend **26th/27th September**.

## CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY 4TH OCTOBER

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens.

Mel will give a short talk during Mass on **Sunday 4th October**.

## RCIA—JOURNEY OF FAITH

The next sequence for 2026-27 will begin on **Wednesday 14th October at 6 pm** in the meeting room at **St. Bede's, Denton Burn**. While this is primarily for those people who may wish to join the Roman Catholic Church, it is also open to anyone who would like to explore her or his own Catholic Faith.

If anyone is interested please speak to Fr. Mariadass or if he is not available via the Parish Office. The email is on the front of the newsletter.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FRANK SARGINSON



A Memorial Service for Frank Sarginson will take place on **Sunday 25th October at 1.30 pm** in **St Robert's Church**.

All are welcome to come and pray for Frank and his family.

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

Teresa Hegarty, David Hutchinson, Anne McCormick, Theresa McDonald, Ann Taylor, Mary Bastable (Auntie Mary), Maureen Derrick, Maureen Porteous, Pat Kennedy, Jim Newcombe, Kay Bowman, Kevin Milburn, George Thornton, Paula Coyne, 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 INTENTIONS

If you want a specific date for a Mass intention (especially on a Sunday) it is important to give as much notice as possible in order to avoid disappointment. (at least two months, preferably three)

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

Join us for this opportunity to experience the new life we are promised through baptism in the Holy Spirit. Life in the Spirit seminars are being run by the Diocesan CHARIS group and you will be very welcome to attend. Many who have attended previous seminars have spoken of how it has given their faith a real boost and helped them experience God's love in tangible ways.

All are welcome to join us at **St Anne's, Harlow Green, Gateshead NE9 7UD** on **24th September**, at **7.pm** for an introductory session to hear how the seminars prepare us to open to a new life in Christ through the Holy Spirit. For further information about the other dates and to book a place, please visit <https://bit.ly/LifeInTheSpiritCDSC> or see the poster at the back of church.



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## MUHORONI FUNDRAISER

I have been involved with the Muhoroni People's Foundation, a charity in Kenya for some years now, supported by Fr David Smith from the Wallsend Cluster of Parishes.

The focus this year is to set up a malnutrition clinic & fund the purchase of baby milk to enable the babies to grow fit and healthy. A tin of baby milk which lasts about a week costs the equivalent of **£10**. The women who work in the sugar fields earn the equivalent of **£3 a day**. Therefore they can not afford to feed their babies properly.

To help towards realising this goal, there will be a fundraising evening—a fabulous night of **50's & 60's** music in **St Robert's Hall** with **Jeannie and the Jolly Boys** on **Friday 2nd October at 7 pm** for a **7.30 pm** start.

Tickets are priced at **£7.50** and are available from Judith or one of the welcomers. Alternatively, you can pay at the door on the night..

Please bring your own drink & nibbles. There will also be a raffle and bingo, so any donations for raffle prizes will be gratefully accepted.

I would love to try and purchase **100 tins of milk** for the clinic so any support will be greatly valued and appreciated.

Many Thanks Liz

## ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED 27TH SEPTEMBER –3RD OCTOBER

- Kieran Thompson, Maria Harrison, Richard Carruthers, Carole Billham
- Margaret Brennan, Dorothy Griffin, Margaret Charlton, Joyce Lynn
- Sr Doris Patterson
- Bernard McFadden Jnr, Mary Stott, Elsie Stott, Elizabeth Sample
- Bernard McClory, Sarah (Pat) Wakeford, Ann O'Brien
- Lyn Gilroy, Joan Garvey, Doris Griffin





### 26th Sunday of Year A:

Actions speak louder than words - or do they?

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28:

The consequences of immoral decisions;

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11:

Jesus' example of self-abasement;

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32:

'Saying' right is not the same as 'doing' it.

Just like the readings two weeks ago, this weekend's set have a 'Lenten' feel about them. The second reading, from St Paul's Letter to the Philippians (at least, the 2nd part of the full version) is used on Palm Sunday, to describe Jesus' giving up his divine status to become one of us; even worse, he was treated as a condemned criminal. The other two – especially the gospel – stress the moral sense of decision-making – that “actions speak louder than words”, in the old English phrase. Jesus' parable of the two sons gives a good example of it. Asked to do a job by the father, the first son truculently says 'no', but later on, goes and does it; the second lad smarmily says 'yes', but then does nothing.

The first reading (to our 21st century ears) sounds harsh. It discusses the idea of an individual's responsibility for his or her own actions. (As with most countries up till the mid-1800's, the standard punishment in ancient Israel for even minor crimes was execution or flogging.) The context of Ezekiel Chapter 18 is that God does not want a family or community punished for the crimes of one person within it. Readers may recall the infamous policy of the German SS in the last war: they wiped out an entire village in Czechoslovakia after the local Nazi leader had been assassinated; later, they did the same in France, when partisans attacked an army convoy going north to help the defences after D-Day. Russians did similar acts in eastern Germany as they advanced towards Berlin in 1945. (Even the British were known to send out 'punishment sorties' to do such things in the days of Empire.) Ezekiel teaches that this is wrong: we should not punish an entire group for the offences of an unknown member of it. That said, we must assume that adults are responsible for their actions - though this is not always accepted by some modern 'liberal' thinkers. However, if no-one is ever held responsible for what they do, how can a society function at all?

I briefly mentioned the gospel earlier. (Please do read it!) While the 1st son did do the job asked by the father - and 2nd son, despite his sweet talk, did not - the atmosphere the 1st son created was still unpleasant. Yes, his “actions did speak louder than his words”, but I fear he would not have been an easy person with whom to get on. Sometimes people do a lot of work, including many good things for others, but their attitude spoils the effect of their good deeds, because the way they communicate to others gives the impression that they are doing these things English we use the phrase “coming at the 11th hour” to mean arriving at the last possible moment for something important, when everyone else was there all the time. unwillingly, or as part of a 'workaholic' personality that has to be busy all the time, to avoid any relaxation or serious thought.

I suggest that, in most of our adult situations, we need a mixture of actions and words – we and others need to understand what we are doing, and why. If we do

not communicate any understanding or feeling, then our conduct can appear like that of a well-trained dog, with little serious thought or reason.

Another example of the reasons behind actions is also in this gospel: how and why the different Jewish leading groups maltreated St John the Baptist. The ordinary Jews saw John as a charismatic leader, sent by God, so they accepted his message as really inspired. However, their leaders saw John as mad – and dangerous too. They despised the common people as a crude, uneducated mob, so that, when well-known public sinners were converted - turning away from sin after hearing John preach - they remained unconvinced. Even though John could reach people's consciences, no credit was given by the priests and elders.

This brings us to the second reading. St Paul uses unashamedly emotional language to express how we should behave and communicate with each other. “Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves...” I know that this is a tall order for many of us, but at least we need to try! Like the first son in the gospel parable, much depends on the way we communicate: do we come over as difficult people? Do we appear to be acting out of a sense of compulsion, or showing-off, or obsession with work? Here, words do matter: they convey to others how we feel about them and about what we do for them.

In the 2nd (optional) half of the reading, Paul gives his reason for this: Jesus' own example. As a divine being from all eternity, “he did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself by taking the form of a servant. He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” Afterwards, God raised him to glory. As a form of communicating loving service, this cannot be bettered.

What of us? I think we need caution & humility: caution, because we can criticize people without knowing what lies behind any behaviour which may infuriate or even just annoy us; humility, because we should check the signals we send by our body-language & speech. Careless words (which we often don't really mean) can cost a lot of good-will and send the wrong message – like the off-hand initial refusal by the first son in the gospel parable. .

*Fr Jim Dunne.*

### CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Our stock of children's religious books is sadly depleted. If your children or yourselves have taken them home by mistake, please could they be returned so that everyone can make use of them. Any donations to add to our collection are always much appreciated.

### BOILER APPEAL

Work has started in the hall in preparation for the replacement of the boiler. This will ensure that the church and hall remain warm and cosy during the winter. As the purchase & installation of the new boiler is going to cost approximately £40,000, the parish would be most grateful for any donations towards the cost.

Envelopes will be left at the end of each bench for your donations.

If you have any suggestions on how to raise funds over the coming months, please let a member of the welcome team know or email your suggestions to the parish office.

### TALK OF LOCAL INTEREST

A selection of films entitled 'Industry & the Tyne' is being shown at the West End Library on Condercum Rd on **Monday 5th October at 1 pm.**

### CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

The Season of Creation runs until **4th October**, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.  
This is a Jubilee Year marking the 800th Anniversary of the death of St. Francis.  
Bishop Stephen will celebrate **11.30am** Mass at **St. Mary's Cathedral** on **Sunday 4th October** and all are welcome to attend.

### GREAT DOMINION CHARITY

A letter of thanks has been received from the Great Dominion Charity. Please see the notice board at the back of church.

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

WORLD'S BIGGEST  
**COFFEE MORNING**  
MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT



The annual Macmillan Coffee Morning will take place during the Tuesday morning café on **Tuesday September 29th**.

Any contributions or baked goods will be greatly appreciated.

Everyone is welcome so please call in to support this wonderful cause.

Mel will be selling raffle tickets for this cause this coming Sunday before Mass so if you cannot come to the coffee morning, please consider buying some tickets and supporting Macmillan Cancer Care.

### PIE AND PEA SUPPER

The Little Sisters of the Poor are holding a Pie and Pea Supper on **Wednesday 7th October** at **7 pm** at **St Joseph's Home**.



Tickets cost **£8** and are available from St Joseph's on 0191 2731279

### TYNE THEATRE PANTOMIME

This year's pantomime is **Aladdin** & is on **Saturday 12th December** at **11 am**

Some of the cast include X Factor runner-up & West End star Marcus Collins, Michael Greco from Eastenders as the evil Abanazar.

Also back by popular demand are Tyne Theatre panto favourites Charlie Richmond as Wishee Washee & Lewis Denny as the hilarious Widow Twankey.

Tickets are **£19**.

Numbers & money to be in by **30th September** If you wish to go, please sign the sheet at the back of church.



### PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF



- Fr John Coyle who died last Monday  
Details of Fr John's Requiem will be published in due course.

Also Angela Charles who died recently  
Angela's Requiem will be celebrated at St George's on **Friday 9th October** at **10 am**.

Please keep their families, friends and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.  
May they rest in peace.

### THE NORTH-EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society was founded in July 1974 to promote research into the history of the Roman Catholic Church in the north eastern counties of England – a geographical term which is taken to cover the eastern half of the country between the rivers Tweed and Humber. Each year, the Society arranges a programme of five afternoon talks between autumn and spring, and two coach excursions to places of Catholic interest in the northern region during summer.

It publishes the substantial illustrated periodical Northern Catholic History, more than fifty editions of which have appeared since the inception of the Society, making it one of the longest running local Catholic history journals in the country. Back issues of recent numbers are available.

Talks take place at 2 pm in **St Joseph's Church, Gateshead**.

**Thursday, October 1st 2026 –**

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle: A Journey through the 20th century Leo Darroch

## **Saints of the Week .....**

### SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL

Sts Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael are the only angels named in Sacred Scripture and all three have important roles in the history of salvation.

Michael's name means "Who is like God?" St Michael's name is mentioned four times in the Bible: twice in Daniel and once in both the Book of Revelation and the Epistle of St Jude. In the book of Revelation 12:7-9, we read of a great war that took place in heaven, in which Michael and his angels

battled with Satan and the other fallen angels (devils). Michael became the great champion of faithfulness to God and the victor over evil. Today, he is our protector. He guards the people of God, defends the souls of the just, and brings the souls to their final judgment. To combat the forces of evil in our world today, we pray the St Michael the Archangel prayer. Pope Leo XIII composed the prayer after experiencing a horrific vision of attacks against the Church. The prayer was said at the end of Mass prior to 1968. Today, in some areas, parishioners continue to recite this powerful prayer after daily Mass.

Gabriel's name means "the power of God." He, too, is mentioned in the book of Daniel. He has become familiar to us because Gabriel is an important person in Luke's Gospel. This archangel announced to Mary that she was to be the mother of our Saviour. Gabriel announced to Zechariah that he and St Elizabeth would have a son and call him John. Gabriel is the announcer, the communicator of the Good News. We can ask him to help us be good communicators as he was.

Raphael's name means "God has healed." We read the touching story of Raphael's role in the Bible's book of Tobit. He brought protection and healing to the blind Tobit. At the very end of the journey, when all was completed, Raphael revealed his true identity. He called himself one of the seven who stands before God's throne. We can ask St Raphael to protect us in our travels. We can also ask him to help when illness strikes us or someone we love.