

ENGLISH MARTYRS & ST ROBERT'S NEWSLETTER 17TH JANUARY 2021

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

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THE CYCLE OF PRAYER: Ordinary Time (Winter)

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 & English Martyrs recognise each person as a gifted Child of God and strive to foster a loving relationship with Christ & with each other within our community”.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

	English Martyrs 9.30am		St Robert's 11.00am	
Date	Minister	Reader	Minister	Reader
17th January	T. Lamb	E.Binu	V & M.Douglas	E.Hall
24th January	C.Rushton	T.Lamb	T.Morgan	C.O'Toole

Mass Intentions

Day	English Martyrs	St Robert's
Sunday 17th January 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Day of Special Prayer for Peace	9.30 am Public Mass Peggy Hoy	11.00am Public Mass Joe Welsh
Monday 18th January		Private Mass
Tuesday 19th January St Wulstan, Bp		No Mass this evening
Wednesday 20th January St Sebastian M	No Mass this morning	
Thursday 21st January St Agnes V, M		Private Mass
Friday 22nd January St Vincent Deacon, M	Private Mass	
Saturday 23rd January		Private Mass
Sunday 24th January 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30 am Public Mass Anne & Henry Petford, Rose & George Marshall, Isabel & Charles Marshall, Deceased Sisters of Mercy, Marian, Chris, Richard, Paul, Freda & Maria Bell	11.00am Public Mass Joe McCormac RIP (M.H)

Anniversaries of those who have died:

- Doris Hall, Fred Kemmish, Catherine Beresford, Alexander Russell, John Bennett, James Johnson, James Hassan
- Patrick Ruff, Anne Brennan, Maurice Tharagonnet, Sheila White, Kathleen Johnson, James Smith, Kenneth Blenkinsop, Alan Gilchrist
- Peter Lennon, Mary Smith, Mary Costello, Terence Wood
- Alec Murray Margaret (Peggy) Dunlavy, Rosina Condor, John Loughran, Raymond Davison, Thomas Stubbs, Henrietta Armstrong, John Robinson
- Margaret McFadden, Ellen Watson, Patrick Green, Wilfred Valentine, Joan Shaughnessy, Mary Davison, George Coulter, Sally Latimer, Sarah Curry
- Phyllis Rea, Robert Brown, John Bush, John Sullivan, James Gow
- John Robert Carr, Marie Monica Dixon, Rose McDermott, Gerard McKendry, Frank Digham, Wilfrid Wood, Maureen Birks, James Shanley, Louise Davy, Sheila Oliver



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MASS TODAY— 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading:

1 Samuel 3 : 3-10, 19

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 39 (40): 2, 4, 7-10

Response is:

Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 6 : 13-15, 17-20

Gospel Acclamation: 3

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

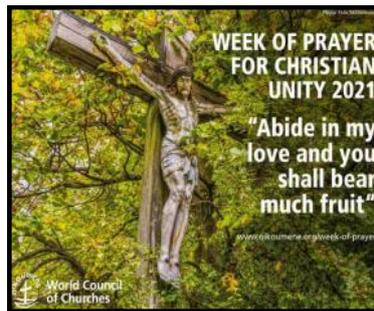
Gospel:

John 1: 35-42



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

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2021 has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland.



The theme that was chosen, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation

and unity in the Church and the human family.

Information & resources are available on

<https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>

Churches Together in Fenham will not be able to come together this year as they usually do, but we are still invited to pray this week for unity among all Christians.

COVID UPDATE - NATIONAL LOCKDOWN

Masses ARE allowed to be celebrated in England during this lockdown and Mass times will be as usual.

Please continue to wear a face mask & maintain social distancing.

At present, while we are subject to lock down, the booking system has been temporarily suspended.

Therefore if you wish to attend Sunday Mass, there is no need to book. Just come along. The booking system will be reviewed when we come out of lockdown

Vulnerable adults are advised to resume shielding, & people are asked to stay at home unless they have a "reasonable excuse" for going out.



THE PARISH WEBSITE

The parish website has been down for a number of weeks due to circumstances beyond our control.

As the website needs to be rebuilt, in the meantime, a temporary landing page has been produced and the weekly newsletter can be downloaded from there.

However if you wish the newsletter to be emailed to you, do please get in touch and a copy will be forwarded on to you.

Many Thanks

POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK

Each month the Holy Father will have a main prayer intention for people to use as part of their daily prayer, and he will also announce an "urgent intention" for people's prayer. A short video based on the main intention published each month and known as 'The Pope Video'. These videos can be accessed through the Diocesan YouTube channel:

www.youtube.com/channel/UC-Oh6u5ge6nPONK8InUOh-g

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

Human Fraternity



During this month, we are asked by Pope Francis to pray that the Lord may give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

PEACE SUNDAY - 17TH JANUARY

This year Pope Francis asks us to think about 'A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace'



of Care as a Path to Peace'.

"How many resources," he says, "are spent on weaponry, especially nuclear weapons, that

could be used for more significant priorities such as ensuring the safety of individuals, the promotion of peace and integral human development, the fight against poverty, and the provision of health care." Pope Francis calls on us to "strive daily, in concrete and practical ways, to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another."

In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi. Their website suggests many ways we can all promote peace in our daily lives. There are activities for families to do at home, including a 15-minute peace liturgy for young children.

<https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2021/>

Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you would like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x>

If you wish your personal donation to be counted towards your parish contribution please give your parish name and town in the 'Additional Information – Order Notes' box on the checkout page.

Cheques payable to: Pax Christi
Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, Hendon,

Thankyou

Carol McCormac would like to thank all who have supported her through Joe's final illness with their prayers & practical help. She is deeply grateful for all the messages of condolence & Mass cards & would like to thank Fr Mariadass & all who helped at Joe's wonderful funeral especially servers, stewards, readers & the streaming team.
God bless you all.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES AND THEIR CARERS, ESPECIALLY:

Elisabeth Barry, Betty McGurk, Rita Foreman, Bella Molloy, Anna Atkinson, Norma Charlton, Judy & Lawrie Ashton, Michael Temperley, Rosemary Burke, Nasreen Rashid, Tony Carr, Eileen Brown, Kath Wood, Tom Laidler, Ann Emmerson, John Emmerson, Brian Donkin
If you wish, sick relatives or friends to be included, please let us know and they will be added to the list.



RNIB STAMP APPEAL



We are invited by the RNIB to save all our used stamps to support services for blind & partially sighted people. There is a poster & collection box in the Narthex of both churches. Please consider saving your stamps (with a 1cm paper surround if possible) & bring them to church over the next few weeks.
Thank you.

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

During January, there will be a box at the back of English Martyr's Church if you wish to donate any tinned goods to the Missionaries of Charity (Mother Teresa Sisters) to assist them in their work. All offerings will be gratefully accepted.
Many Thanks



APF/MILL HILL MISSIONARIES

The first collection of this year & annual donations are now due. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no personal collection, but you can still contribute in the following ways :



By phone Call 020 7821 9755 during office hours

By cheque Make cheques payable to Missio & send to Missio, 23 Eccleston Square, LONDON SW1V 1NU or

Online at <https://missio.org.uk/donate/>

Please add the parish code HEX 116 when sending your donation.

The MHM thank you for all past support and assure of their prayers for a safe, healthy and happy 2021. Rita

MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals is a global movement supported by people from many walks of life & different backgrounds. Their mission is to enable people to offer their money, goods, skills, time, or prayer to help to those suffering the effects of extreme poverty in the world's poorest communities. If a donation is made before 31 January, it will be doubled by the UK government, up to £2 million. It costs £15.90 to feed a child for a whole school year now so you can Double The Love & feed TWO children for just £15.90. For more information go to <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/who-we-are/our-vision>



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2021

'Be a light in the darkness' is the theme for 2021's Holocaust Memorial Commemoration. As we are unable to hold our commemorations in our two host schools, St. Mary's, Newcastle and St. Michael's, Billingham the department is currently putting together an online commemoration, which should be available to view from Monday 25th January. This online event will feature contributions from both schools as well as a witness testimony provided by cellist Anita Lasker Wallfisch, recalling her memories of playing in the Auschwitz Orchestra. Her grandson Simon, a cellist and tenor has also provided us with a recording of 'Kaddish', the Jewish memorial prayer. More information on how to access this commemoration will be posted on the Diocesan website shortly.



CAR PARK CHAIN BARRIER

A chain barrier has been put up at St Robert's to deter unwelcome visitors. If you wish to park at the back of the presbytery, simply remove the chain and hang it on the opposite wall.

Whoever is last to leave should replace the chain. Please ensure that the sign is not trailing on the ground.
NB The chain is now a metal one & heavier than the previous one.
Thank you.

R.I.P

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Archbishop Philip Tartaglia of the Archdiocese of Glasgow, who died suddenly last Wednesday on the feast of St Mungo, patron saint of Glasgow.

Please keep him and all his family and friends in your thoughts & prayers
May he rest in peace.

Also Erica Howell, a longstanding member of St Robert's parish, an active member of FAR (Fenham Association of Residents) & member of the St Robert's Lunch Club. Erica's funeral service will take place at the West Rd Crematorium on **Friday, 22nd January at 10.30am**



For those who wish to tune in to Erica's funeral service the link is below

You can login to the website at any time to view a test connection (and it is strongly recommended that you do this) but you'll only be able to view the Live Webcast approx. 5 mins before the service start time.

Go to the website www.obitus.com
Username Gano 4151
Password 416792

"INFORMATION NOW"

This organization provides helpful information on local services, events & activities for people experiencing difficulties in accessing the support they need. It covers advocacy, health services, equipment, community services, support for carers, mental health issues & much more. More info from informationnow@newcastle.gov.uk or Kate Bowman Tel: 2778814 or Judith Barron 2739921
The January update of news for people in Newcastle is now available.

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FACEBOOK

Fr Mariadass has a joint facebook page for English Martyrs & St Robert's parishes.
facebook @strobertsandenglishmartyrs



Did You Know

ST WULSTAN



Tuesday, January 19th is the feast of St Wulstan. He was born in Warwickshire in 1008 & died in 1095. He became a Benedictine monk of the Cathedral Priory of Worcester, but in 1062 was appointed bishop, & was one of the few Anglo-Saxon in high office to survive the Norman Conquest. He was renowned as a confessor & for his care of the poor & the sick, as well as the high standards he demanded of his clergy.

ST AGNES

This Thursday 21st January is the feast day of St Agnes. As with so many of the early Roman martyrs, very little is now known about Agnes' life. Partly this



is because the details have been obscured by the light that shines from her martyrdom and the cult that it inspired, and partly because if you are martyred at the age of 12, your life has not really acquired that many details. In any case, Agnes was filled with the love of God from an early age, vowed herself to celibacy, and when the opportunity of martyrdom arose, she did not hide away but stepped forward and took it. That is really all that is known: but it is enough.

Thought for the Week...



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

online



Jan 2021

Are you considering running CLOW online for your young parishioners? You're invited to join our network of CLOW Leaders from across the diocese to share thoughts and ideas

To register your interest, please email: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk

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CALLED & GIFTED



God is calling you to a work of love that will fill your life with purpose and joy. Discerning your charisms can help you discover that call. If you are wondering how you are to fulfill the mission God has for you, or navigate a life transition, you might find that gifts discernment helps you decide what turn to take next.

Are you ready to discern your gifts?
starting Wednesday
24th February 2021

To apply for your place on this new programme, please email:
adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk
Booking deadline: Friday, 19th February 2021.
Visit <https://siena.org/charisms-faq> for more info

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ST ROBERT'S 200 CLUB

The latest winners are:

£100 - S McCormack #72

£100 - A Myers # 18

Thank you for your continued support during these difficult times.

This year the start of the 200 club was delayed, however, subscriptions were started to be collected at the end of November. If you haven't renewed your membership, there is still time.

Please drop an email to:

strobertsfenham@btconnect.com. for further details! if you would like to become a member of the 200 club, the subscription is £1 per week, (£52 per year).

Many Thanks



C.Waldron

Some light relief...

