

# ENGLISH MARTYRS & ST ROBERT'S NEWSLETTER 28TH FEBRUARY 2021

## 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

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### THE CYCLE OF PRAYER: Lent

During 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 English Martyrs & St Robert’s 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
<b>28th February</b>	T.Lamb	D.Rushton	M.Bulman	J,Watson
<b>7th March</b>	T.Cross	C.Rushton	M.Murray	M.Brolly

## Mass Intentions

Day	English Martyrs	St Robert's
<b>Sunday 28th February</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b>	9.30 am Public Mass Gerald Joseph Geoffrey (RIP)	11.00 am Public Mass Deceased Relatives of the Murray, Molloy, Temperley & Handel Families
<b>Monday 1st March</b> <b>St David</b>	Private Mass Kathleen Moira O'Rawe	
<b>Tuesday 2nd March</b>		5.45 pm Stations of the Cross 6.30 pm Public Mass For those who have died of Covid-19
<b>3rd March</b>	10.00 am Public Mass Sr Cathy McVitie RIP (SMR) 10.30 am Stations of the Cross	
<b>Thursday 4th March</b> <b>St Casimir</b>		Private Mass
<b>Friday 5th March</b> <b>Women's World Day of Prayer</b>	Private Mass Ralph Crozier & the Crozier & Winship Families	
<b>Saturday 6th March</b>		Private Mass Private Intentions
<b>Sunday 7th March</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b>	9.30 am Public Mass Deceased Members of the Canning Family The Charters Family, The Lyon Family, The Bickerstaff Family	11.00am Public Mass Minnie and David Bell, Jenny and Norman Wright, Frances and Pat McPoland, Margaret and Ambrose Callaghan, Frances and Ambrose Callaghan, Sr Honor Davidson, Sr Agnes Bartels, Sr Trudie Hunter, Sr Stella Phelan, Patricia Greig

**NB** There will be **NO** weekday Masses or Stations of the Cross at St Robert's or English Martyrs, the week beginning 8th March.

Mass will be celebrated at **English Martyrs** on **Friday 19th March** at **10.am** for the **Feast of St Joseph**.

# Bulletin .....

## READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

### First Reading:

Genesis 22 : 1-2, 9-13, 15-18

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 115 (116) : 10, 15-19

Response is:

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.*

### Second Reading:

Romans 8 : 31-34

### Gospel Acclamation:

*Glory and praise to you, O Christ!*

*From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard ; "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him".*

*Glory and praise to you, O Christ!*

### Gospel:

Mark 9: 2-10



In this Year of St Joseph, Pope Francis encourages us all pray to St Joseph each day

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Throughout Lent, we will be praying the Stations of the Cross each Tuesday before Mass from 5.45-6.15pm at St Robert's & each Wednesday at English Martyrs, after 10.00 Mass.

If anyone at St Robert's would like to lead the devotion during March, please contact Liz, Judith or Mel. Parishioners are asked to remain in their seats during the devotion.



## Did You Know...

### ST DAVID

Monday 1st March is the feast day of St David, Patron Saint of Wales. The earliest life of St David dates from five centuries after his death, probably in AD589. He became eminent as abbot & bishop at the site now known as St David's, but formerly Mynyw, from which the present diocese of Menevia is named. He is credited with a monastic rule based on the example of the Eastern Fathers and also with a Penitentiary. He was invited to preside at the synod of Llandewibrefi. Monks trained at his monastery evangelized South Wales & made foundations in Cornwall, Brittany & Ireland. St David is said to have sent a Mass rite to Ireland. At his death, his contemporary, St Kentigern, founder of St Asaph's in North Wales, witnessed in a vision, his joyful entrance into the joy of his Lord. His holy relics have been found hidden in the fabric of St David's Cathedral, where they are carefully preserved. He was canonised by Pope Callistus II in 1123.



### ST ROBERT'S 200 CLUB- JANUARY WINNER

The January winner:  
£100 - T Lowery #97



If you would like to become a member of the 200 club, the subscription is £1 per week, (£52 per year); please drop an email to: [strobertsfenham@btconnect.com](mailto:strobertsfenham@btconnect.com). for further details.

Many Thanks

Cecilia

## NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

The National Novena to St Joseph takes place from **10th-18th March** at St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead. There will be a special Novena of Masses & prayers to ask for God's blessing on the Mill Hill Society's missionary outreach, & for the intentions of all those who support their work.

Masses will be celebrated on **10-12 March, at 7.30pm, 13 March at 10am, 14 March at 11.00am, & 15-18 March at 7.30pm.**

Masses from St. Joseph's Church will be available to follow on Zoom & YouTube via the parish website: [stjosephsparish.co.uk](http://stjosephsparish.co.uk) & the Mill Hill website: [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena), where you will also find the Novena prayer leaflet.

You can also join in by praying the daily Novena prayer, which will be in the Novena prayer leaflet. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a printed Novena prayer leaflet.

Please write to the Novena Director, 41 Victoria Road, Liverpool, L37 1LW, or email [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com).

## R.I.P

### PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

Tom Laidler, a much loved, dedicated and supportive member of English Martyrs parish for very many years. He was a school governor for over 30 years at English Martyrs Primary school and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Please keep his wife Maureen and his family, friends and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.

Also Fr Tom Cunningham. resident at the St Joseph's Home, Newcastle.

Please pray for his family and friends.



May they rest in peace.

The funeral service for Veronica Clarke will be streamed from the West Rd Crematorium on Tuesday 2nd March at 3pm

To tune in, the streaming info. is <https://www.obitus.com/Yusi1059>  
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Please tune in five minutes before the service starts.

# Bulletin.....

## **ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:**

- Michael John Walker, Jane Weston, William Devine, Maureen Anderson, William Patterson, William Keenan,
- Malcolm Hawkins, Thomas O'Driscoll, Iris Learmouth, James Agnew
- Alan Orton, Margaret McGinty, John Hettick, Nora Stone, John Gorman, Jean Barton, Charlie Pope
- Margaret Newton, Joyce Beavis, Thomas Joyce, Michael Collins
- Anne McReavy, Winifred Docherty, James Dixon, Angela Munday, Christine Mary Wilde, Ming Chuk Yu, Lily Forster, Jean Thompson
- Francis John Duffy, William McCormick, Ella Hughes, Catherine Philomena Kilkenny, David Condor, MRY Lovell, John McCarty, James Moore, Catherine Taylor
- Kathleen Smith, Keith Simmons, Eric Alwyn Green, Peter McCutcheon, Henry Caulfield, Theresa Eke, John Moir



## **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, Fr Ted Featherstone, Paula Jefferson, Tom Dudley

If you wish, sick relatives or friends to be included, please let us know and they will be added to the list.



## **CAFOD LENT APPEAL**

This Lent, the CAFOD appeal aims to help end water poverty for millions of people in developing countries, who have to walk for miles to collect it, as we heard from Mel at Mass last Sunday.

You can donate directly to CAFOD by going to [www.cafod.org.uk/lent](http://www.cafod.org.uk/lent).

You can also give by texting LENT to 70460 to donate £10\*. \*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message. By doing this, you will also be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone & SMS.

If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460.

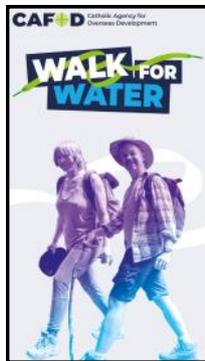
Alternatively you can also donate by telephoning CAFOD on 0303 303 3030

As an expression of love and solidarity, Mel is taking part in CAFOD's 'Walk for Water' challenge & is aiming to walk 10,000 steps every day for the 40 days of Lent. So far, she has met her target.

Please support her with your prayers. Any donations will be gratefully accepted & can be made to Mel's Just Giving Page or on Facebook.

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/mels-walk-for-water>

Alternatively, you can catch her at church or on one of her walks.



## **THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY**

### **For Women who are Victims of Violence**



Let us join together to pray this month, for those that suffer in so many ways and in the words of Pope Francis, "...that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded by all."

## **MALAWI 2021**

Hello everyone from Kazomba village and we are sending all our love in these strange times.

With our schools closed too - the little ones are missing their only hot meal and they are really hungry!

So our Lenten appeal is for

### **OUR VERY OWN BREAKFAST CLUB**

The details can be found on our Just Giving page. Can you help Catherine Batey raise £3000 for



### **BANA MBATOSE BREAKFAST CLUB**

We want to set up a breakfast club for local kids in Kazomba Village, Northern Malawi.

Please donate to their JustGiving Crowdfunding Page: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/catherine->

## **LENTEN APPEAL**

St Cuthbert's Care provides a very personal & sensitive approach to care. The pandemic has made this so much more challenging.

Parish support makes all the difference, allowing them to go that extra mile in ensuring they provide outstanding care and peace of mind to families & loved ones.

For this year's Lenten Appeal, any donation received, however small, will be very deeply appreciated, & will go towards the front line care work.



Lenten Alms donations can be made directly to St. Cuthbert's Care (St. Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY, 0191 2280177 or by emailing [enquiries@stcuthbertscare.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stcuthbertscare.org.uk). Many thanks. *Moira Ashman CEO St Cuthbert's Care*

## **THE PEOPLE'S KITCHEN**



During Lent, there will be a box at the back of English Martyrs Church if you wish to donate any tinned goods to the People's Kitchen.

All offerings will be gratefully accepted. Many Thanks

## **FACEBOOK**

The Parishes of English Martyrs and St Robert, Fenham now have a new organisational Facebook page

Here, you will find the weekly newsletter, access to livestreamed Masses & other parish information.

The new page is

The Parishes of English Martyrs and St Robert, Fenham

# LENT 2021



## LENT

Over the next six weeks, the back page of the newsletter will be dedicated to thoughts, readings, reflections, images etc, which it is hoped will allow us to renew our relationship with God during this season of Lent,



## CAFOD - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at **11am**, we are invited to take part via Zoom in the CAFOD Stations of the Cross. **We will walk through the Stations of the Cross online in a prayerful journey of transformation in solidarity with people living in poverty around the world.**

To register to take part, just follow this link [www.bigmarker.com/series/lennt/series\\_summit](http://www.bigmarker.com/series/lennt/series_summit) or [click here](#)



Based on the gospel for Sunday 28th February –

**“There, in their presence, he was transfigured.”**

*In today's gospel reading of the Transfiguration, Peter, James and John have their eyes opened to Christ's glory and are told that he is God's beloved son. This encounter changes everything, as they now know for sure who Jesus really is. Encountering others changes us, whether they are friends, family, or people like Abdella in Ethiopia, whose story we have heard through Family Fast Day.*

*Pope Francis has frequently called for a “culture of encounter”. Being starved of time with family and friends, family or colleagues during lockdown has shown us like never before how much we all need one another.*

*In his latest encyclical Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis says, “To speak of a ‘culture of encounter’ means that we, as a people, should be passionate about meeting others, seeking points of contact, building bridges, planning a project that includes everyone.” (FT #216). He also reminds us that we all have something to learn from others, and especially from those who are on the margins of our society.*

*So in the coming weeks, let us try to see all those we encounter as they really are, precious and beloved by God. We pray that these encounters, whether in person or virtual, may inspire us to work together to make a difference in our own lives and in the lives of others.*

**CAFOD**

Christ Jesus, help me to listen to your word and to see you in all people that I meet.

May I approach all encounters with an open heart and work together with others to transform our world. Amen.

## RESOURCES FOR THE SEASON OF LENT 2021

Many places are offering online materials for Lent. If you are looking for something to help you to pray & reflect during this season, we would like to suggest the following: On a mobile phone you can download the app ‘pray as you go’ This is a very short daily service with music, reading and reflection.

If you go to [www.onlineprayer.net](http://www.onlineprayer.net) you will find a daily retreat with the Scottish Jesuits.

We are printing the weekly CAFOD reflection in the newsletter each week during Lent, but you can access other prayer materials from CAFOD via their website.

[\(click here\)](#)

On the Diocesan website, [www.rcdhn.org.uk/index.php](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/index.php) you will also find materials for Lenten reflections.

Follow the link from the home page or [click here](#)

‘Wait a Minute – It's Lent’ daily videos are available to watch on **YMT's YouTube channel**, with daily reflections from across the Diocese.

Our Lady of Mercy parish in Sunderland City Centre offers the opportunity to take part in 30 minutes adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and to follow the Way of the Cross, reflecting with Our Lady.

These can be found on Youtube. Just type ‘Our Lady of Mercy Sunderland into the search engine on the Youtube page.

Prayer books for download are available by clicking on [www.sunderlandcatholic.com/lennt-2021](http://www.sunderlandcatholic.com/lennt-2021)

## Thought for the Week...

