

The Parish of the Durham Martyrs
Incorporating the churches of Our Lady of Mercy
& St. Godric, St. Joseph and St. Bede

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Parish Newsletter 3rd - 11th March 2018
Sunday 4th March - 3rd Sunday of Lent

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Note from Fr. Colm - The weather has been the dominant force this week. A real Lenten experience of the Desert but very hazardous for so many. Kim Hubbard the writer penned "Don't knock the weather. If it didn't change once in a while, nine people out of ten people couldn't start a conversation." So take heart, it keeps the conversation going. It is of course much more than that. The plight of so many around the country is dreadful, particularly some in the farming community. It has also confined many to home alone. This can be an enjoyable confinement, but for others it can be one long stretch of loneliness. Please do keep an eye for that isolated person, especially those who might be slow to ask for a visit. Research shows that half the people aged 75 and over live alone, around two million people, and many say they go days or even weeks with no social interaction at all. Some of these very people may be in our congregations for Mass at the weekend. Another reason to be grateful to so many in our parish who visit the sick and housebound with Holy Communion or as members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and the numerous other groups with an outreach to those living alone or in the many Care Homes in our parish.

The cold snap has had a very wonderful side to it as well. It has brought out a great sense of decency in so many wanting to simply be there for the very vulnerable. We see this especially in the goodness of those assisting the homeless throughout the country. Getting those sleeping rough off the streets in this bad weather is proving very tough for some charities, especially with the risk of hypothermia to the very vulnerable.

Our schools have wisely closed over the past few days. The First Holy Communion programme marked in for St. Godric's and St. Joseph's this weekend are also cancelled.

Confessions:

St. Godric's Saturday: 10.30am-11.00am
St. Joseph's Saturday: 9.30am-9.50am, 10.30am-11.00am,
4.45pm-5.15pm

Feast Days

Wednesday, 7 th March	Ss. Perpetua and Felicity MM
Thursday, 8 th March	St. John of God
Friday, 9 th March	St. Frances of Rome Rel

What's On

Tuesday 6 th March	Open Gate Strategy Day, Don Bosco, 9.00am-4.00pm
Wednesday, 7 th March * * *	Wednesday Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm, Jubilee Room Ladies Circle, Jubilee Room, 1.30-3.00pm Inclusive Church Meeting Don Bosco, 7.00-9.00pm
Thursday, 8 th March	Journey in Faith, 7.30-9.00pm, both rooms
Friday, 9 th March	Lenten Charity Lunch, 12.00 noon, Don Bosco Room
Sunday, 11 th March	Choir Practice, Don Bosco Room, 6.00-7.30pm

Sympathy - Catherine Hannigan's Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday, 13th March in St. Joseph's Church at 10.30am, followed by burial in Belmont Cemetery.

- We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Michael Healey, whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on Thursday 15th March at 12.00 noon, followed by cremation in Durham.

- and also to the family and friends of the late Peter McLaughlin, whose Funeral Service will take place on Friday 23rd March at 11.30am, followed by burial in Durham. *Requiescant in pace.*

The funeral of the late Frank Grant will take place at St. Giles Church in Gilesgate on Monday 12th March at 11.15am.

Journey in Faith - The next meeting of the Journey in Faith will be held in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's Church commencing at 7.30pm on Thursday, 8th March, Dr. Margaret Harvey will be presenting the session on 'Church History'. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Cancellations in the Parish:

- * Trade Craft Coffee Morning - was scheduled for Saturday 3rd March, will be re-scheduled after Easter.
- * First Holy Communion Programme - children will come to Mass another week
- * Marriage Preparation - postponed until a later date
- * Baptism Programme - re-scheduled for Monday 19th March

No Tuesday evening Mass at St. Joseph's on 6th March. There will be a Exposition at 9.00am, followed by a Service of Word at 9.30am in the morning.

Lent Charity Soup Lunches

The Justice and Peace Group Lunch on 16th February raised £84, and the Bereavement Group raised £90 at their lunch on 23rd February. This has been donated to the St. Cuthbert's Care Lenten Alms Appeal. Thank you for your continued generous support of our charity lunches. Remaining Lenten lunches are given below.

Friday 9 th March	SVP
Friday, 16 th March	Inclusive Church Group
Friday 23 rd March	St. Joseph's School Staff

Sunrise Services - at St. Joseph's Church, each weekday morning during Lent from 7.30am-7.45am.

The Sunrise Service in St. Godric's school with the children will begin on Tuesday 20th February and continues each Tuesday and Thursday at 8.40 until Holy Week. This is a very short service being the readings of the day followed by Holy Communion. We finish at 8.55am and it is a great way to begin the day.

Lent with Arts and Faith - please join me at St. Godric's Primary School each Friday during Lent at 2:50pm in St. Bede's Chapel and enter a visual prayer experience this Lent with Arts & Faith. Thank you, Julie Wilmore.

Parish Stations of the Cross - all at 7.00pm except Good Friday

Date	Group	Venue
Friday, 9 th March	The Youth Group (Ann Close)	St. Joseph's
Friday 16 th March	The Parish Council	St. Joseph's
Friday, 23 rd March	Aid to the Indian Ladies Group	St. Bede's
Friday, 30 th March GOOD FRIDAY, 10.00am	Faith and Light	St. Joseph's

Sing for Easter - Anyone wishing to sing in the choir for Easter services are asked to attend the following rehearsals:

Sunday evenings, 6pm - 7.30pm - Don Bosco Room, St. Joseph's

11th March - Good Friday Music

18th March - Easter Vigil

25th March - Easter Sunday

There will also be a rehearsal on **Sunday 4th March** St. Godric's, 10.00 -10.45 for Maundy Thursday.

Centre for Catholic Studies Mass - Wednesday 7th March at 5.45pm in the Norman Chapel, Durham Castle. All welcome.

Missio Red Boxes St. Joseph's - Many thanks for the £1434.85 collected in 2017, but could we have collected more if everyone had their box emptied? Please contact Alison or John Balmer if you need money collecting. We are still able to bank old currency- £1, £5 and now £10. We will be available at the back of church, after Mass, for the next four weeks.

The SVP has recently opened a community cafe, Vinnie's, at the Blackfriars Support Centre, New Bridge Street, Newcastle. The cafe is open every Tuesday between 10.00am and 2.00pm and will offer a wholesome meal, free of charge to those in need: the lonely elderly; the isolated; single parents; the homeless; refugees; in fact anyone in any kind of need. To run Vinnie's successfully volunteers are being sought. Will you consider offering your time? If you would like to volunteer please contact Helen Haywood.

The Summit - A lively evening of praise, worship, teaching and testimony.

You are warmly invited to the next 'Summit' gathering, 'Behold the Lamb!' which this time is taking place in St. Joseph's Sunderland SR4 6HP, 6th March, 7-9 pm. The evening will feature the worship group Expedition, teaching from Andrew Brookes OP and powerful personal witness to faith

Friends of St Leonards Ceilidh - The friends of St Leonards School are holding a ceilidh on **Friday 16th March**, 7pm-10.30pm in Bowburn Community Centre.

Tickets are £5 and available from school tel. 0191 3848575, alternatively if you know a member of the rowing club or a pupil taking part in Operation Wallacea buy one from them as those 2 groups will benefit from the sale

Centre for Catholic Studies

Tuesday 6th March: ***Jacobitism and the Conscience of British and Irish Catholicism*** by Dr. Gabriel Glickman. 5.30pm drinks for 6pm lecture at Ushaw College. Part of the Ushaw Lecture Series and the first of a series of events marking the 450th anniversary of the founding of the English College at Douai. All welcome; attendance is free of charge. If you wish to attend, please register at <https://centreforcatholicstudies.eventbrite.com> or by calling 0191 334 1656

Registration open for ***450 Years Pioneering Catholic Education: Past, Present, Future*** - a conference marking the 450th anniversary of the founding of the English College at Douai. Mon 30th April - Tuesday 1st May 2018 at Ushaw College. Including

lectures by HE Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi and Prof Eamon Duffy. More information available via www.centreforcatholicstudies.co.uk or by calling 0191 334 1656.

Holy Week 2017

24th March (Saturday)	St. Joseph's - 5.30pm Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday with Procession and Blessing of palms.
25th March - Palm Sunday	St. Godric's - 9.00am Palm Sunday Mass and 11.00am at St. Joseph's, with Procession and Blessing of palms.
28th March - Wednesday	Mini-Triduum for the housebound 2.00pm in St. Joseph's Church followed by refreshments.
29th March - Holy Thursday NO EXPOSITION TODAY	7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - St. Godric's, followed by watching at the Altar of Repose at the Lady Altar with Night Prayer at 8.45pm - 9.00pm.
30th March - Good Friday	10.00am Stations of the Cross St. Joseph's (Faith and Light) 3.00pm The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ with Veneration of the Cross, St. Leonard's School
31st March - Holy Saturday	8.00 pm Easter Vigil Mass St. Leonard's School
1st April - Easter Sunday	10.00am Easter Sunday Mass St. Leonard's School

Exposition at St. Godric's - Please note that Wednesday, 28th March will be the last Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during Holy Week. It will re-commence on Sunday 1st April at the usual time of 3.00-4.00pm and resume at the normal time of 2.00-3.00pm Monday - Saturday from Monday, 2nd April.

No Sunrise Services in the parish after Wednesday, 28th March

4th March - 3rd Sunday of Lent

**Exposition at St. Godric's Monday – Saturday afternoons from
2.00pm-3.00pm**

	St. Bede's/St. Godric's School	St. Godric's	St. Joseph's
Saturday 3 March		10.00am Valerie Hamilton (Illness)	10.00am Dorothy and James Sweeney 5.30pm - Ken Drane and Jane Jackson (Birthday Remembrance)
Sunday 4 March		9.00am Marie Crawford 3.00 - 4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Alice Hardy and Joe Burnside
Monday 5 March	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 6 March	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.30am Requiem Mass of Marian Heaphy	CHANGE OF TIME 9.00am - Exposition 9.30am - Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 7 March	9.15am Deceased members of the Doyle and Finlay Families	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 8 March	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	9.30-10.00am - Exposition 10.00am	9.15am Deceased members of the Burke Family
Friday 9 March	9.15am Brian O'Connor and Valerie Hamilton (illness)	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 10 March		10.00am Bernard McGoay	10.00am Tom, Mrs. Lovatt, Michael Thomas Lovatt 5.30pm - David Adams and Jane Burnside (Birthday Remembrance)
Sunday 11 March		9.00am Fr. David Bingham 3.00pm-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Hugh and Sabina Conway and Colette Toner

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 4	Mon 5	Tue 6	Wed 7	Thurs 8	Fri 9	Sat 10	Sun 11
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	5.45pm*** See below	12.15pm and 7.00pm (Extraordinary Form Mass)	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm

*** Mass in the Norman Chapel, Durham Castle (Centre for Catholic Studies Mass - all welcome)