

*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**

**7<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July - 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (Sea Sunday)**

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### **Note from Fr. Colm**

Mass times will change this weekend for Saturday evening at St. Joseph's from 5.30pm to 5.00pm. Thank you all for your support in this.

We have a funeral next Friday at St Godric's and in the course of preparation, the family asked if we had a choir, as we don't expect too many to attend and the presence of a choir would be great. So, as I mentioned a few weeks back, if any of you able voices can join us, it would mean a lot to the family.

Well done Peter Reid on reaching his 90<sup>th</sup> this weekend.

Confession:

St. Joseph's Saturday: 9.30am-9.50am, 10.30am-11.00am,  
4.15pm-4.50pm

St. Godric's Saturday: 10.30am-11.00am

#### Feast Days

Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July	St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions MM
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> July	St. Benedict Ab, Patron of Europe
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> July	St. Henry
Saturday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July	St. Camillus de Lellis P

#### What's On

Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Parish Baptism Programme, Jubilee Rm, 6.30-9.00pm
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July *	Memory Cafe, Jubilee Room, 12.30-3.30pm
	* Partnership Development Group, Don Bosco, 7.30pm
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> July *	Wednesday Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm, Jubilee Room
	* H & S/Buildings Meeting, Don Bosco Room 7.00pm
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Parish Thank You Celebration, Jubilee Room, 7.00pm
Saturday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Diocesan J & P Council Mtg, Don Bosco Room, 10.30am

**Sympathy** - we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Frank O'Reilly, whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Godric's on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am, followed by cremation in Durham.

*Requiescat in pace.*

#### Second Collection - Sea Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> July

This week is **Sea Sunday**, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. This collection is not eligible for diocesan Gift Aid, so please use one of the official charity envelopes which are at the back of church this weekend. Please also take a prayer card.

**Durham Martyrs Walking Group - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July** - The walk is a 14 mile linear walk along the beautiful Durham County heritage coastline from Hartlepool to Seaham. We will meet at St. Joseph's car park at 09.20 prompt in order to share lifts to Seaham railway station to catch the 10.08 train to Hartlepool. The train ticket costs £4.50 although discounts are available for Rail card holders. We will then head for the North Shore and follow the coastal footpath back to the cars parked at Seaham. Please bring a Hat, Sun cream and a packed lunch.

**Film and Tea Afternoon** - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2.00pm. Ask if you need a lift.

**Bradley Hall Gardens and Afternoon Tea, Wylam** - Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> July. We will leave church at 1.30pm. Contact Margaret or Helen if you would like to come.

Big Breakfast - The Big Breakfast will take place after 9.00am Mass at St. Godric's on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets will be available on the day at St. Godric's and will be £5 for a family ticket and £2 for an individual ticket. Bacon sandwiches, cheese toasties and other goodies will be available. All money raised will be donated to NE asylum seeker and refugee projects. All are welcome, please come along.

**Parish Council AGM** - The Parish Council Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm** in the Don Bosco room at St. Joseph's. Copies of the agenda and the constitution are on the noticeboards at the back of each of our churches."

### Youth Ministry Update

Thanks to all those who came to the Open Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> June. We had a great discussion and came up with some wonderful ideas. Below you will find the notes from the meeting.

After introducing myself to the group and spending some time in prayer I provided each group with a sheet that had all of the following words on: Sacrament, Worship, God, Church, Retreat, Evangelisation, Family and Prayer. I then gave some time for each group to discuss the words and talk about what they meant and any thoughts that were related to them. These lists include the ideas that each group came up with.

#### Sacrament

- What do they stand for?
- Formal Bond
- Sacred
- Healing
- Hope, Holy Spirit
- Bridge/ Journey through life
- Strength to the soul - available throughout our life
- Infinite grace - Gift of grace
- Could be seen more as a journey rather than a set of programmes

#### God

- Love - Loving God
- Personal, friend
- Unseen
- Merciful, All forgiving
- Misunderstood
- Life for us
- Father of all
- Can be lost in ritual but should be fundamental eg. in school mass

#### Retreat

- Parish retreat?
- Personal growth and reflection, silence
- Hard or difficult, challenge
- Relaxed, Renewal
- Contemplation
- Spiritual Food
- Making time
- Not something undertaken as much as it should be
- Not necessarily about silent prayer - more about being together

#### Worship

- Who do we worship?
- Who is important in our life?
- Reflective
- Music, Joyful, Praise
- Mass, Universal belief
- Adoration of God
- "Doing faith" can be more of a bridge to God than Mass attendance

## Evangelisation

- Kings Church, Durham City Centre
- Through work and friendship
- Mission, Wider public
- Interdenominational
- Words and action
- Healing on the streets
- 'With you' not 'at you'
- Sharing the gospel with all
- Rather than forcing Mass on School children more could be done to encourage them in their faith
- More for non catholics within our churches
- Extend an invitation

## Family

- Broken families
- Fostering belief and values at home
- Extended support
- Family that prays together stays together
- Togetherness
- Support
- Comfort
- Unbreakable bond
- Links in the human chain
- For some friends are family
- Sometimes hard to be a members of a family that worships - especially as a teenager
- Can be subject to ridicule from peer group

## Church

- Community
- Poor attendance
- Global
- Too much focus on 'building'
- Candles, Flowers
- Welcome
- Familiar and calm
- Rules and obligations
- "Rule based catholicism" can put people off
- No time to 'feel' their faith
- Youth Mass?

## Prayer

- Embarrassment
- Lack of Bible study
- Should prayer be private?
- Contemplative, reflective, deep thinking
- Formal
- An alternative Lectio Divina for children
- Peaceful, Healing
- Personal connection, way of communicating
- Talking to God, conversation, spontaneous
- Can help you evolve, hope of the hopeless
- Tears are prayers
- Well sung song is equal to a spoken prayer
- Personal prayer life/meditation should be introduced early in family life
- Not just something for Church

During the discussion a number of thoughts recurred in different groups. These are as follows:

- Young People today are confronted with so many expectations and are under so much pressure that a personal prayer life of meditation and/or time out would be beneficial. However, many suggested that young people neither know how to pray or have the inclination to because of peer pressure and social expectations. Some remedies for these issues included: offering young people a safe space in which they could discuss their faith and spend time with like minded

individuals; providing more opportunities for retreat where prayer might provide some spiritual nourishment; and exploring alternative ways to pray, so that each young person can connect with God in the best way for them.

- As well as having a personal prayer life, it was discussed how important a universal gathering of the Church is for us all. With this in mind, organising more activities together as a whole parish could provide young people with a familial community where they can grow as individuals who bear the light of God. Engagement outside of the Church building was also spoken about, and how the Church should be about the people gathering together rather than the physical structure of the church.
- The final major point was having a safe, open environment for Young People to express their faith, ask questions and just spend time together. Many felt that a youth group would be the most successful way to create this environment. By mixing social with spiritual, the Young People would more readily begin to explore their own faith journeys.

As well as the current and future possibilities for Youth Ministry (See Below) that I provided in the meeting, the following suggestions were also put forward:

- More parish input for ages 7-11
- Mini Vinnies, Youth SVP and B-Attitude groups within the parish?
- Provision for and/or interaction with those who have learning disabilities/special needs
- More diversity and culture in the experience of our Young People
- The possibility of overnight vigils within the church

Age Group	Age Specific Opportunities				Non age related activities
7-11	Input in Primary Schools				Volunteering Youth Group Fundraising Monthly Praise and Worship Evening
11-14	The Event Faith in Action Awards				
14-16	Faith in Action Awards	The Source (Yr 9+)	Youth 2000 Retreats	Lourdes Pilgrimage Taizé Pilgrimage	
16-18	John Paul II Awards				
18+	Discussion Evening Support for Catechists Regular gathering for volunteers				

If you are interested in volunteering or would like to get involved in Youth Ministry contact Katie on [youth.durhammartyrs@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:youth.durhammartyrs@rcdhn.org.uk).

**Parish Singers/Choir** - if you are willing and able to sing at funerals, please contact the parish secretary so that a contact list of willing volunteers can be organised. You will then be contacted on your availability at the time. Thank you.

**Feeder Schools' Mass - St. Godric's, Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 10.00am**

On Tuesday the 10am mass at St Godric's will be attended by the feeder primary schools for St. Leonard's, to celebrate the end of their primary education.

This year as a diocese our schools have been celebrating the Year of Mary, and so our mass will reflect this theme. It's always a wonderful occasion and we thank the parishioners for making us all feel so welcome and joining our celebration.

**Job Vacancies - Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants**

Required from September, 6¼ hours per week at £8.74 per hour to cover lunchtime supervisory duties from 12.15-1.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and 12.25-1.40pm on a Wednesday.

CES Application #form and further details are available from St, Leonard's Catholic School, North End, Durham DH1 4NG, telephone (0191) 3848575. Details also available on the school website:[www.stleonards.durham.sch.uk](http://www.stleonards.durham.sch.uk)  
*See poster.*

**Events at Ushaw**

- 7 Jul: Concerts by Village Voices, Durham Miners Association Brass Band, and the Cobweb Orchestra
- 14 Jul: Rectory Chorale
- 15 Jul: Young Cathedral Singers Summer Showcase
- 21 Jul: Organ Recital: Francesca Massey
- 28 Jul: Vespers with Cappella Nova and a concert by the Royal Northern Sinfonia

Friday Mass will usually be celebrated in the Sacred Heart Chapel (next to St. Cuthbert's Chapel) at 12.30pm on Fridays. Contact Ushaw College for up-to-date details and further information on the above events - phone 334 5119 or see website: [ushawcollege.org](http://ushawcollege.org)

**Diocesan Events**

**Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Blessed John Ingram Walk**

Led by Fr. Paul Zielinski and meeting at St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Newgate Street, Newcastle upon Tyne at 2.30pm for a 2.45 start. *See poster.*

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

	<b>St Bede's/St Godric's School</b>	<b>St Godric's</b>	<b>St Joseph's</b>
<b>Saturday 7 July</b>		<b>12.00pm</b> Nuptial Mass of Anna Weatherill and Luke Hughes	<b>10.00am</b> In thanksgiving for 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday (PR) <b>5.00pm</b> - David Adams and Kitty Farrell
<b>Sunday 8 July</b>		<b>9.00am</b> Theresa Heslop <b>3.00-4.00pm</b> Exposition	<b>11.00am</b> Special Intention (AH)
<b>Monday 9 July</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion	<b>10.00am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion	<b>9.15am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday 10 July</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion	<b>10.00am</b> Feeder Schools' Mass	<b>6.30-</b> Exposition <b>7.00pm</b> David Adams
<b>Wednesday 11 July</b>	<b>9.15am</b> In thanksgiving for FHC Catechists	10.00am	<b>9.15am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 12 July</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> - Exposition <b>10.00am</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Sarah Quest and the comfort of her family.
<b>Friday 13 July</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion	<b>10.30am</b> Requiem Mass of Frank O'Reilly	<b>9.15am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion
<b>Saturday 14 July</b>			<b>10.00am</b> Norman Wright <b>5.00pm</b> Walter Patterson
<b>Sunday 15 July</b>		<b>9.00am</b> David Elliot (Anniversary) <b>3.00pm</b> Exposition	<b>11.00am</b> Deceased members of the Ward and Dunne Families

**St. Cuthbert's**

<b>Sun 8</b>	<b>Mon 9</b>	<b>Tue 10</b>	<b>Wed 11</b>	<b>Thur 12</b>	<b>Fri 13</b>	<b>Sat 14</b>	<b>Sun 15</b>
10.00am and 6.30pm	No Mass	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	8.30am	10.00am and 6.30pm