

*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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4th - 12th August 2018
Sunday 5th August - 18th Sunday of the Year

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Note from Fr. Colm

The pool of readers and Eucharistic Ministers diminishes, as does many of the other presumed availability for lay leadership. This is one of the areas that our Partnership is monitoring with the diocese. It seems that the church is not the only organisation struggling for volunteers. The SVP and other groups within the voluntary church sector also struggle. Lest we think this is just a church phenomenon, the many social outlets such as sporting clubs also struggle with young people committing themselves. There are many reasons for this, but I think the biggest is TIME. The pull on young parents now seems far in excess of what it was yesteryear. One of the ways we as parish might look at this challenge is to buy into the new and interesting leadership courses offered by the diocese.

Perhaps we may also think of using the marvellous pool of people we already have in different ways. Perhaps readers also double up as Eucharistic Ministers and vice versa. The absolute essential is that we be prepared. Challenging - but exciting - times ahead. A church that will be unrecognisable from say 50 years ago. So be it. Let us meet the challenge.

As the month of August is upon us many will be heading off on holidays, or simply staying at home and enjoying this long hot summer. A well earned rest for many. I too, am also using the opportunity to take a holiday. The parish office will also be closed for a few weeks.

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

Saturday, 4 th August	St. John Vianney P
Monday, 6 th August	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Tuesday, 7 th August	St. Sixtus II, Pp & Companions MM
Wednesday, 8 th August	St. Dominic
Thursday, 8 th August	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross V, M - Patron of Europe
Friday, 10 th August	St. Laurence, Deacon, M
Saturday, 11 th August	St. Clare of Assisi V

Film Club - There will not be a Film Club afternoon in August. The next film and tea afternoon will be on 18th September.

Appeal and Second Collection

Next weekend, 11th/12th August we welcome Fr. John Convery of the St. Francis Xavier Foreign Mission Society. He will be celebrating each of our three weekend Masses and will tell us about his work as a Missionary.

Memory Cafe - the next Memory Cafe will take place on Tuesday, 14th August from 12.30-3.30pm in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's.

Partnership Matters

The August / September edition of the bi-monthly Partnership Matters news update is now available on the front page of the diocesan website (www.rcdhn.org.uk). It includes an introduction from our new Chief Operating Officer, Fiona Standfield and a range of activities and ideas shared from across the Diocese. There are also a few copies at the back of each church.

Pax Christi

On August 6th and August 9th we remember the atomic bombs dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima in 1945.

Peace Must Always be the Aim - To remember the past is to commit oneself to the future. To remember Hiroshima is to abhor nuclear war. To remember Hiroshima is to commit oneself to peace. Let us promise our fellow human beings that we will work untiringly for disarmament and the banishment of all nuclear weapons; let us replace violence and hate with confidence and caring. Peace must always be the aim; peace pursued and protected in all circumstances. Let us embark upon the steep and difficult path of peace.

Durham Cathedral - Bexley Phoenix Choir - Monday, 20th August, 1.15pm.
A 45-minute programme of sacred and secular music. Free admission. See poster.



DURHAM MARTYRS' YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Co-ordinator - Katie Flood

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Thank you to all those who stayed after Masses to hear about the developments in our Parish Youth Ministry.

From September there will be three weekly youth groups for a variety of age groups:

Base Camp - For School years 4 - 5 on Tuesdays from 4:30 - 6:30pm

Signpost - For School years 6, 7 and 8 on Thursdays from 5 - 7pm

Frontier - For School years 9+ on Wednesdays from 7 - 9pm

Due to the kitchen and AV facilities, all these groups will be held in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's Church.

These groups will be launched during the first weeks of the new academic year in schools and in the parish on Saturday 15th/Sunday 16th September. Along with the Youth Groups, our new Social Media presence will also be launched. We will also be taking groups to *The Event* and *The Source*, evening gatherings for young people organised by YMT, the Youth Ministry Team for the diocese.

If you would like to volunteer, drop me an email to the above address.

I will be away until 16th August but will be in touch as soon as I return.

I hope you all enjoy the holidays and please keep Durham Martyrs Youth Ministry in your prayers. *Katie Flood*

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**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 4 August		10.00am	10.00am Doris Heseltine and Bill Hannigan 5.00pm Walter Patterson
Sunday 5 August		9.00am Brian O'Connor 3.00-4.00pm Exposition	11.00am Claire Aylett (Birthday Remembrance) and Charles Burnside
Monday 6 August	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 7 August	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am John Elliott (Illness)	6.30- Exposition 7.00pm Service of Word & Holy Communion
Wednesday 8 August	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am Brigid Murray (Birthday Remembrance)	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Thursday 9 August	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Darragh Lee (Illness)	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Friday 10 August	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion)	10.00am Raymond Cunliffe	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 11 August		10.00am	10.00am NO MASS OR SERVICE 5.00pm David Adams and William Birney
Sunday 12 August		9.00am Jim Openshaw 3.00pm Exposition	11.00am Maria Lawton

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 5	Mon 6	Tue 7	Wed 8	Thur 9	Fri 10	Sat 11	Sun 12
10.00am and 6.30pm	No Mass	12.15pm	No Mass	12.15pm	No Mass	No Mass	10.00am and 6.30pm