

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
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Sunday 2nd December - First Sunday of Advent

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Note from Fr. Colm

We have another Choir singing at St. Godric's next week. They are not Russian, but very local - The Durham University Chamber Choir. They were with us last year. Remember? So do join us next Saturday, 8th December at St. Godric's. Details inside this newsletter.

We had a Health and Safety meeting this week to get our head around changes required by law regarding Food Health and Safety. This is obviously worrying for the many who give of their time and indeed meals at the many functions in the Parish. Let's work on this together and most vital of all - do not become dispirited. There are too many wonderful activities going on now for that to happen. As the Beatles song says 'We Can Work It Out ..' And we will. Patience though. Safety doesn't happen by accident.

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, 3 rd December	St. Francis Xavier P
Tuesday, 4 th December	St. Osmund Bp/St. John Damascene P, D
Thursday, 6 th December	St. Nicholas Bp
Friday, 7 th December	St. Ambrose Bp, D
Saturday, 8 th December	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Diocese

What's On

Sunday, 2 nd December *	Bake sale and raffle at St. Godric's * Partnership Advent Service, 4.00pm, Ushaw * Choir Practice, 6.00-7.30pm, Don Bosco Room
Monday, 3 rd December	Building Communities Sub Group, Don Bosco, 7-8.30pm
Tuesday, 4 th Dec *	Base Camp, Jubilee Room, 4.30-6.30pm * Food Safety Meeting, 7.30pm, Jubilee Room * Liturgy Meeting, 7.30pm., Don Bosco Room
Wednesday 5 th Dec	Wednesday Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm, Jubilee Room
Thursday, 6 th Dec	Signpost Group, 5.00-7.00pm, Jubilee Room
Friday, 7 th December *	Coffee Morning, St. Godric's School, 9.45am * Advent Soup Lunch, SVP, Don Bosco Rm, 12.00-1.00pm
Saturday, 8 th December	Durham University Chamber Choir, St. Godric's, 7.30pm
Sunday, 9 th December	Choir Practice, 6.00-7.30pm, Don Bosco Room

Baptism - we welcome into our parish community Emily McIvor, who will be Baptised this Sunday, 2nd December after the 9.00am Mass at St. Godric's.

Thank you to all who attended the Food Safety meeting on Tuesday. For anyone who was unable to make it there is another meeting next Tuesday 4th December at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Room. *Mary Harrison.*

Christmas Music - If you enjoy singing and would like to join a joint Parish choir to sing at the **Christmas Eve Carol Service and Vigil Mass** at St. Leonard's you would be most welcome to join us for rehearsals on 2nd, 9th and 16th December at 6 - 7.30pm in the Don Bosco Room.

Charity Soup Lunch - Friday 7th December - the SVP will be hosting the first of our Advent Soup Lunches. Please come along at 12.00pm to St. Joseph's Don Bosco Room and enjoy a hearty bowl of home-made soup whilst at the same time supporting the SVP.

Northern Cross - This month's edition of the Northern Cross, our diocesan newspaper, is now on sale at the back of church.

Fundraising - Our Christmas coffee morning for **Women In Need in India** will be held on Friday 7th December after 9.15 Mass in St. Bede's Room in St. Godric's School. There will be a raffle and Christmas baking for sale. £600 has been sent to the charity this month. Many thanks for all continued support to this very worthy cause.

Bake Sale - Oliver, Megan and Keona are holding their bake sale and a raffle at St. Godric's on Sunday. They have spoken about it in church - the building of a new community in Peru, summer 2020.

A CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING EXTRA FOR ADVENT!

Sunrise Services: St. Bede's Chapel and St. Joseph's. 10 minute services will take place in St. Bede's Chapel in St. Godric's School on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8.40a.m. beginning Tuesday, December 4th. Come and help the children appreciate the real meaning of Christmas preparations! All welcome.

Services will also take place in the Jubilee Room at **St. Joseph's** at 7.30am Monday to Friday, 3rd to 21st December inclusive. Please note that there will be no Sunrise Service on Christmas Eve. Also, there **will not** be any Sunrise Services at St. Godric's.

Partnership News

(i) Preparing our Young People for Confirmation

A training session, around the use of the diocesan programme, is being led by Fr. Michael McCoy, beginning at 7:15pm, on **Thursday 6th December**, at **St. Cuthbert's, Old Elvet, Durham City.**

(ii) Justice and Peace invitation: The meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, 6th December**, from **7:00pm** at **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Esh Winning.** Please contact Fr. Robert Riedling at St Patrick's, Langley Moor with any enquiries (langleymoor.stpatrick@rcdhn.co.uk / (0191) 378 4486).

Justice and Peace Refugee Project

Our usual parish collection will be **will be this weekend, 1st/2nd December.**

Save the Date - Altar Server's Epiphany Party, 5th January 2019, 6-8pm - The annual party for our Altar Servers will be on 5th January after the 5pm Mass. Servers should collect an invitation from the Sacristy and return as soon as possible. Help from parents would be much appreciated.

First Holy Communion Reconciliation - the Reconciliation Service will now take place on Wednesday, 30th January in St. Joseph's Church at 5.00pm.

St. Godric's RC Primary School are delighted to announce that they are now a 'Gold Rights Respecting School.' This award recognises the work that all staff and pupils undertake to ensure that children's rights are met in school and also locally, nationally and globally.

Each Friday afternoon at 2:50pm throughout Advent, a time of preparation, I will be having **Advent reflections** in **St. Bede's Chapel at St. Godric's Primary School**. A time of reflection and meditation through spiritual art. A time away from the busyness and reality for a short time to be still, calm and quiet. I would be delighted if you could join me. Thank you, Julie Wilmore

Parish Christingle Celebration 16th December at 4pm - Our parish celebration for all children and their families will take place at St. Joseph's Church, followed by the annual Christingle Party in the school. If you can help with the service or party, please get in touch with Marjorie.

Christingle Band practice Sunday 9th December 2:30-4 pm.

In preparation for the annual parish Christingle celebration the Christingle band is getting ready. Any young people who would like to sing or play are welcome to attend a rehearsal at St. Joseph's on the above date. Please could you or your parents email Marjorie at secretary.stjandstg@btconnect.com if you would like to be involved. Please could you let us know the instrument you play and whether you can read music. We look forward to seeing you there. Jenny Crilley.

Advent Concert, Wednesday, 19th December at 7.00pm in the sports Hall. Tickets £5 adult/£2.50 under 19, including seasonal refreshments. See poster.

Concert - Durham University Chamber Choir warmly invites you to their Christmas celebration, "A Child was Born," an evening of festive music by some of the greatest composers of the 20th and 21st centuries. It will take place in **St. Godric's on Saturday, 8th December at 7.30pm.**

Tickets: Full - £10, Concessions - £7, Students - £5, available at www.musicdurham.org or on the door.

Yellow Wellies Nativity Play - the children from Yellow Wellies Nursery in North Road will be performing their annual Nativity Play at St. Godric's on Friday, 14th December at 11.00am. All are welcome.

Tuesday 11th December: **Ushaw Christmas Lecture and Carol Service.** 5.15pm drinks for 5.45pm lecture by Janet Soskice: *Christ, the Light of Our Lives; or 'What Do the Ox and the Ass Get Out of Christmas?'*, then the 7.30pm carol service in St Cuthbert's Chapel at Ushaw. Free entry; there will be a retiring collection for the carol service. Last few tickets remaining:

booking is essential via <https://centreforcatholicstudies.eventbrite.com> or by telephoning 0191 334 1656.

Churches Together Events

Durham City Nativity in Durham Market Place. Thursday 6th December at 6pm. Come and join us for a free, outdoor, family treat as we retell the story of the birth of Christ: featuring camels, a donkey, full cast of angels, Romans, shepherds and wise men along with Mary, Joseph and both adult and children's choirs.

Carrville Methodist Church, Sunday 16th December, 6.00pm
Candlelit Carol Service

St. Mary Magdalene, Friday, 21st December, 7.00pm
Carols by Candlelight, Belmont Parish Hall

Diocesan Vacancy

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancy:
Senior Administrator, Department for Safeguarding, based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle. The successful candidate will be experienced in office management and general administration and will manage the full **Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checking process**. Closing date: 10th December. For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us on 0191 243 3301, or email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

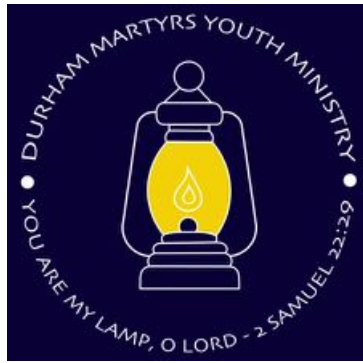
Tyne and Wear Citizens - Thank you to all who attended the Tyne and Wear Citizens Mental Health Assembly on Thursday 22nd November. It was a moving and inspiring evening, with testimonies given as part of the listening exercise read by people from member organisations, and pledges from local and national decision makers, including Catherine McKinnell MP. A report on the Tyne and Wear Citizens mental health commission has been produced . You can access it here:

https://www.citizensuk.org/livingwell_report

If anyone would like to join the Tyne and Wear Citizens mental health action team, the next meeting will take place in the Quaker Meeting House, Newcastle on Tuesday 4th December between 6.30 and 8.30 pm. Please email Sarah Bryson at Sara.Bryson@citizensuk.org for more details and information on possible forthcoming meetings in Durham.

Thursday 6th December, Newcastle Cathedral 6.30-8 pm - Tyne and Wear Citizens Celebration and Recognition Event.

This event will include an update on the work of the mental health, safer cities and poverty action teams and will be attended by Neil Jameson, who founded Citizens UK 30 years ago. All are welcome. For catering purposes, please email Sara at Sara.Bryson@citizensuk.org if you plan to attend.



DURHAM MARTYRS' YOUTH MINISTRY

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What?	When?	Time	
Base Camp	Tuesday, 4 th Dec	4.30-6.30pm	£1.50 entry Includes a meal
Signpost	Thursday, 6 th Dec	5.00-7.00pm	
Frontier	Wednesday, 5 th Dec	Trip to The Source	

The Source - Wednesday 5th December - The Source brings young people, Year 9 and above, together for an evening of inspiring talks, praise and worship and friendship. We took a group of 6 young people to the previous Source and had a wonderful time! The cost is £7.50- this includes train fare and food, there will also be refreshments after the event. Meet at St. Godric's church, no later than 5:30pm. Pick up from St. Godric's Church at 9:30pm. A consent form must be completed for each young person attending the Source for copies of this please email me or give me a call.

Residential Retreat - Youth 2000, Leeds, 15th-17th February 2019 - 'You make me brave' is a weekend of friendship, prayer and fun, where we come together as a community of young people to grow in our relationship with God with the support of the Church. 'You make me brave' is the theme of the weekend, and it will be a great opportunity to take some time away from our busy lives and make new friends. This weekend, we will journey together, meet with Christ, and rise up filled with a greater confidence, a stronger voice, a deeper trust, and a renewed song in our hearts! We will be taking a group from our parish and more details will follow soon.

Why not have a reverse advent calendar this year!

Reverse advent calendars work by you filling them every day with items of food or clothing that can then be taken to a food bank or charity in order to help those less fortunate that are struggling at Christmas time. After gathering helpful items all month, you can take everything you've saved to your local help scheme on Christmas Eve and know that you've given a Christmas present to someone that really needed it. Not only is this a fun thing for the whole family to do together, from creating the advent calendar structure itself to picking the goodies to go in it, it more importantly teaches your kids the importance of helping others and seeing the bigger picture at Christmas.

Katie Flood

Sunday, 2nd December - The First Sunday of Advent
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 1 December		10.00am Gerry Kirby and his family	10.00am Vocations to the Priesthood 5.00pm Jane Burnside(Anniversary) and Austin Dobbie
Sunday 2 December		9.00am Brian O'Connor and Isabella Jose 3.00-4.00pm Exposition	11.00am Fr. Michael Corbett and Maeve Freely
Monday 3 December	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 4 December	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am	6.30pm Exposition 7.00pm Margaret Sewell
Wednesday 5 December	9.15am James and Eleanor Murray	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Thursday 6 December	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am	9.15am Betty Mellenthin
Friday 7 December	9.15am Austin Dobbie	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 8 December		10.00am	10.00am Special Intention 5.00pm Pauline Inglis
Sunday 9 December		9.00am Alf Carr (Birthday Remembrance) and Aileen Oliver	11.00am Joe Lane (Birthday Remembrance)

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 2	Mon 3	Tue 4	Wed 5	Thur 6	Fri 7	Sat 8	Sun 9
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	12..15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm