

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
13th -21st January 2018
Sunday 14th January - 2nd Sunday of the Year

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Peace Sunday, 14th January 2018

The theme Pope Francis has chosen for this year is *Migrants and Refugees - Seeking Peace*. 'Some consider [global migration] a threat,' says the Pope. 'For my part I ask you to view it with confidence as an opportunity to build peace.' He invites us therefore to ask Christ for the grace to recognise Him in the refugee and the stranger and to pray that, rather than a threat and a danger, we can view them as fellow seekers after peace, reaching out to them in compassion and reconciliation.

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, 17 th January	St. Anthony, Ab
Friday, 19 th January	St. Wulstan Bp
Saturday, 20 th January	St. Fabian P, M; St. Sebastian M

What's On

Saturday, 13 th January	*	2.30-4.00pm Faith & Light
	*	4.00pm - Confirmation session and party
Wednesday, 17 th January	*	Wednesday Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm, Jubilee Room,
Thursday, 18 th January	*	Journey in Faith, 7.30-9.00pm., both rooms
	*	Prayer Group, St. John Boste Room, St. Godric's

Baptism - we welcome into our parish community the following children, who will be Baptised on Saturday 20th January at St. Joseph's at 11.30am :
Paris Turnbull, Ambresena Wild, Indiana Rose Wild, Mark Wild, Mizelli Wild.

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 7.30 on Thursday 18th January 2018 Fr. Liam Kelly will be presenting the session on Reconciliation. Everyone is welcome to come along.

First Holy Communion Programme

We welcome to our Sunday Masses all the children from our primary schools who are on the programme. St. Godric's school children will complete session 4 after school on 18th January, and the children from St. Joseph's and St. Thomas More schools will complete the session on Sunday 21st January at 10.30am in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's.

Prayer Group - a new fortnightly Prayer Group begins at St. Godric's in the St. John Boste Room on Thursday, 18th January from 6.45-8.00pm. This will include praise and thanksgiving, scripture reading and intercessions. All welcome.

SVP 200 Club - Subscription for 2018 - Just to remind all 200 Club members that your annual subscription for 2018 is due in January. The annual amount is £12 and this should be placed in an envelope addressed to either Fred Haywood (St Joseph's) or Janet Nichols (Ss. Godric & Bede) and handed to the SVP member at the back of church. If paying by cheque, please make this payable to 'St Vincent de Paul Society - 200 Club'. *Janet Nichols.*

Operation Wallacea cake sale Sunday 21st January after 9 AM Mass at Saint Godric's.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored a poinsettia over Christmas. We made £300 profit which was divided between the SVP (to support the baby feeding centres) and

the KSC. Please collect your poinsettia if you want, although due to the cold a few have perished, but your cards are still there to collect. *Clare Thompson.*

Christingle - £77.45 was collected at the Christingle Service, and has been donated to The Children's Society. Thank you for your support.

Parish Council Meeting - There will be a business meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday, 6th February, at 7.30pm. Please forward any items you wish to be raised on your behalf to the Parish Secretary by Tuesday, 30th January.

Durham Martyrs Walking Group - Next walk - Frankland Walk (Approx 7 miles). The next parish walk will take place on Saturday 20th January 2018, meeting at St Joseph's after 10.00 mass. We will commence at St. Joseph's Church and walk down to the Pennyferry Bridge and follow the riverside path to Frankland Lane and follow a figure of eight route passing attractive ponds and a local nature reserve and return via the city back to Gilesgate.

The Finchale Partnership: The Partnership Development Group met for the 3rd time in December. At the meeting, Graham Donachie (the Chair of the PDG) reported back from a Diocesan meeting of PDG Chairs. We also agreed the guidelines for our own PDG and discussed a draft development plan for the whole Partnership. This will set our priorities for working together across our 9 parishes over the next few years, and there will be a consultation about these priorities during January and February. More information will be available very soon. In the meantime, the full minutes of the meeting are available on the our partnership web pages currently hosted at <https://www.stcuthberts-durham.org.uk/the-finchale-partnership/partnership-development-group-information>

Centre for Catholic Studies

- **Thursday 18th January:** Catholic Theology Research Seminar: *Parishes and Placemaking: Observations from the Making (and Unmaking) of Catholicism in Modern Communities*, by Dr. Tricia Bruce (Maryville College, Tennessee). 5.30pm at a venue TBC in central Durham City. Please register at www.centreforcatholicstudies.eventbrite.com or by calling 0191 334 1656.
- **Registration open** for the Centre for Catholic Studies 10th Anniversary Celebratory Conference: *Catholic Theology in the Public Academy: Searching the Questions, Sounding the Depths*. Programme includes:
 - Academic Colloquium featuring panels of leading scholars
 - Celebratory Dinners in Durham Castle's Great Hall and St. Chad's College
 - Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving in Durham Cathedral
 - Anniversary Public Lecture by Baroness Nuala O'Loan on *Catholicism and Public Life*.

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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 13 January		10.00am	10.00am - No Mass or Service 5.30pm - John Quinn and Ambrose Burnside Senior
Sunday 14 January		9.00am - Brian O'Connor 3.00 - 4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Jean Claude Joye
Monday 15 January	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 16 January	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am	6.30pm - Exposition 7.00pm - Tom Munnelly
Wednesday 17 January	9.15am Monica Bilton	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 18 January	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	9.30-10.00am - Exposition 10.00am	9.15am Deceased members of the Vickers and Murphy Families
Friday 19 January EPISCOPAL MTG	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 20 January		10.00am	10.00am - In thanksgiving for the work of the Missionaries of Charity Co Workers 5.30pm - David Elliot (Birthday Remembrance)
Sunday 21 January		9.00am - John & May McCabe and Anne McKenzie 3.00pm-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Maureen Carey

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 14	Mon 15	Tue 16	Wed 17	Thurs 18	Fri 19	Sat 20	Sun 21
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm