

*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**  
**1<sup>st</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018**  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year**

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**Note from Fr. Colm**

Schools return. Some happy faces. Some miserable. But parish life returns too with the newness that this time of the year beckons.

Autumn is slowly coming in on us after a fabulous summer of real warmth. I hope those of you who got away will have memories to keep you going through the year ahead.

I was home for holidays which encompassed the visit of Pope Francis to Ireland. It was a powerful experience of a changing climate in which the understanding of church is taking on a very different form.

At Parish level, all has been quiet but Katie Flood has much in the pipeline for us all to get on board with. Her new cards of events are of a very fine quality showing her great gift as artist as well as a highly motivated Youth Ministry Co-ordinator.

Sadly, we express deep sympathies with the Hann family on the loss of daughter Sarah, aged 32. Sarah came to the 11.00am Mass at St. Joseph's.

**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 <sup>rd</sup> September	St. Gregory the Great Pp, D
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September	The Translation of St. Cuthbert
Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) Rel
Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> September	The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Sympathy** - we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Sarah Hann. The funeral arrangements are not known at this time.

**Soup Lunch** - the next soup lunch will take place on **Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> September** from 12.00-1.00pm in the Don Bosco room at St. Joseph's. All Welcome.

**Parish Baptism Programme** - the Autumn session will take place on **Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October** in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's from 6.30-9.00pm. Refreshments will be provided. All parents wishing to have their child/children Baptised in the parish must attend one of our programmes. This is the final programme for 2018. Please contact the parish secretary for further information and a Registration Form.

**Parish Council Meeting Agenda items** - there will be a business meeting of the **Parish Council at 7.30pm Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September** in the Don Bosco Room. Please forward any items you wish to have raised on your behalf to the Parish Secretary by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**St. Joseph's Bidding Prayer Rota.** A new rota is being prepared. At present there are five teams who do two consecutive weeks in turn. They choose the hymns in keeping with the Sunday Mass and write the bidding prayers to reflect current events at home and further afield. If you would like to know more, or to join the rota, please contact either the Parish Secretary or Joanna Pallister.

**The Finchale Partnership:** The Partnership Development Group met at the end of July, to review the first year, and to discuss the activity of our 6 sub-groups. The PDG concluded that we have achieved a lot in our first year, but we need to make sure that we give more people the opportunity to get involved. The minutes of the meeting, and the 'One Year On' document which we sent to the Diocese, are on the Partnership webpages hosted at <http://www.stcuthberts-durham.org.uk/the-finchale-partnership/partnership-development-group-information>, and there is a copy on the notice-board at the back of church. If you would like to get involved, please see the 'Dates for your Diary' sheet below for information about what we have planned.

## The Finchale Partnership – Dates for your diary

### Heritage Open Days

Some of our churches are open for Heritage Open Days, so please take the opportunity to go and visit them.



**St Michaels,  
Esh Laude:**  
13.00-16.00,  
Sunday 9  
September

### St. Cuthbert's, Durham:

10.00-15.00 on  
Friday 7, Saturday 8 September,  
Friday 14 and Saturday 15  
September

### St. Godric's, Durham:



11.00-13.30, 15.30-17.00  
Thursday 6, Friday 7 and  
Saturday 8 September  
Thursday 13, Friday 14 and  
Saturday 15 September

### 'Serve the Lord with Gladness'

This Day of Recollection for all ministers will take place at Ushaw College on Saturday 29 September, from 10.30am-3.30pm. It's a Diocesan event, but will be led by Fr. Andrew, our Partnership Dean.

Booking is essential as places are limited. You can book by emailing [liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk)

**Getting involved:** If you'd like to find out more about the Partnership groups on

Prayer & Spirituality   Outreach  
Communications   Young People  
Formation   Building our Community

speak to your parish's rep on the Partnership Development Group, or contact [margaretdoyle1066@sky.com](mailto:margaretdoyle1066@sky.com)

### Events for the autumn:

Look out for further information on some of the things we have planned for the next few months:

- An afternoon for members of Parish Pastoral Councils
- An open meeting to find out about Justice & Peace activities across the Partnership
- An Advent service

*If you'd like to let people from across the partnership know about an event in your parish, please send the details to [margaretdoyle1066@sky.com](mailto:margaretdoyle1066@sky.com)*

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Volunteers to help keep St. Godric's open and to welcome guests on the Heritage Open Days would be most welcome. If you could provide refreshments, that would be excellent!! Please contact Kathleen if you would like to help.

**Mass with the Bishop - St. Godric's RC Primary School** would like to invite the Parish of the Durham Martyrs to Mass, celebrated by Bishop Seamus Cunningham, to mark the opening of their School Prayer Garden. The Mass will take place in the garden, weather permitting, at **9.30am** on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September**. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Everyone is most welcome.

**Date for the Diary - St. Godric's School - Open Morning on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** from 10am to 12pm for parents looking for places for their children to start school in September 2019. Everyone welcome!

**Our Parish Charismatic Prayer Group meets every other Thursday** in the St. John Boste room at St. Godric's Church from 6.45pm to 8pm. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 6th September.

**New Rota - St. Godric's** - the rota for ministers and readers is now available.

**Ushaw Prayer Group:** The contemplative prayer group at Ushaw will resume its meetings on the first and third Fridays of the month, beginning on September 7th. Meetings, lasting about an hour, will start at 1.45pm, following Mass at 12.30pm and a light lunch in the Refectory. All are welcome.

**SVP Awareness Month** - over the next four weeks the SVP will highlight some of the works the Society is engaged in, both locally and nationally. Befriending those who are housebound, the homeless, visiting the sick, providing financial support for those in desperate need are just some of our activities. The demands for our services, however, go much further - supporting prisoners and their families, providing meals for the hungry as well as raising money for feeding stations abroad. We hope you will spend a few minutes to read the information in the newsletter each week and also to look at our display board in the porch. Your generosity over the years has made a significant difference to the people we have helped, both within the parish, in the diocese and internationally. Thank you for your support and please continue to help us through your prayers and donations.

**Second Collection - next weekend 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> September** for Catholic Education. This collection is eligible for diocesan Gift Aid, so please use a Special Collection envelope from your box supplied.

**Red Mission Boxes** - Boxes for St. Bede's will be collected and emptied in the usual way throughout September. Could those for St. Godric's Church be brought to Mass on 16th, 23rd and 30th September only. **Please don't leave full mission boxes in St. Godric's Church on week days.** Many thanks for your generous support of the Missions.

**Newsletter from the Peru Mission** - copies of the most recent newsletter are available at the back of church. There will be a Peru Mission Alumni Evening on **Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> November**, in St. John's School and Sixth Form college, Bishop Auckland. The evening is open to everyone, but in particular, all those who have worked with the Peru Mission. If you would like a ticket, please contact Jo Summers at St John's School, or Tony Joy.

**Advance Notice - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** - Fair Trade Coffee Morning and Cake Stall after the 10.30am Mass at St. Joseph's. All are welcome.



## DURHAM MARTYRS' YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Co-ordinator - Katie Flood

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Welcome back to all who are returning from holidays and summer breaks, I hope you are all rested and ready for the new year!

We are looking forward to launching the Durham Martyrs Youth Ministry in Schools over the next few weeks and in the parish on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September after all Masses. There will be a short reception after each Mass so please do come along to celebrate the beginning of this exciting new venture.

I am still looking for volunteers to help run our three Youth Groups, if you are interested in helping out please do get in touch. If you have already expressed your interest to help please do let me know your availability. Details about the first groups can be found below.

The groups are simply a chance to relax, chat with friends and share a meal together.

What?	When?	Time	
Base Camp	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	4:30 - 6:30 pm	£1.50 Entry Includes a meal
Signpost	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	5 - 7 pm	
Frontier	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	7 - 9 pm	

Please keep the young people and the Youth Ministry of the Parish in your prayers.

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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 1 September		10.00am	10.00am Deceased Priests of the Diocese 5.00pm Arthur Crampton (Anniversary)
Sunday 2 September		9.00am Brian O'Connor and Special Intention (DF) 3.00-4.00pm Exposition	11.00am Deceased members of the Charlton Family
Monday 3 September	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 4 September	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am	6.30- Exposition 7.00pm Service of Word & Holy Communion
Wednesday 5 September	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Thursday 6 September	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Friday 7 September	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion)	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 8 September		10.00am	10.00am Annie & Walter Thompson (Birthday Remembrance) 5.00pm David Adams and Janet Graham
Sunday 9 September		9.00am Theresa Heslop (Anniversary) 3.00pm Exposition	11.00am Intentions of Anne Marie Twomey

### St. Cuthbert's

Sun 2	Mon 3	Tue 4	Wed 5	Thur 6	Fri 7	Sat 8	Sun 9
10.00am and 6.30pm	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm