

*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
15th - 23rd September 2018
Sunday 16th September - 24th Sunday of the Year

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Partnership Prayer

Risen Christ,

From your abundant grace,

pour out afresh your Holy Spirit upon our Diocese.

**As we build on the deep foundations of faith
laid by the countless saints of these Northern lands**

by Aidan, and Cuthbert, Hilda and Bede,

may our partnerships continue the mission

of building your Kingdom on earth:

to give living witness to your love,

and to your compassion and hope for our world.

We pray in trustful confidence

that your power working in us

can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

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

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| Saturday, 15 th Sept | Our Lady of Sorrows |
| Monday, 17 th Sept | St. Robert Bellarmine Bp, D |
| Wednesday, 19 th Sept | St. Theodore of Canterbury Bp, D & St. Januarius Bp, M |
| Thursday, 20 th Sept | Ss. Andrew Kim, Pau; Chong Hasang & Companions (The Korean Martyrs) |
| Friday, 21 st Sept | St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist |

What's On

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| Tuesday, 18 th Sept | * | Film and Tea Afternoon, 1.30-4.00pm |
| | * | Base Camp Youth Group, Jubilee Room, 4.30-6.30pm |
| | * | Talk on Palestine, Jubilee Room, 7.30-9.00pm |
| Wednesday, 19 th Sept | * | Wednesday Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm, Jubilee Room |
| | * | Frontier Youth Group, Jubilee Room, 7.00-9.00pm |
| Thursday, 20 th Sept | | Signpost Youth Group, Jubilee Room, 5.00-7.00pm |
| Saturday, 22 nd Sept | | Traidcraft Coffee Morning, St. Joseph's Porch, 10.30am |

Funerals this week

Joseph Soulsby, Funeral Service at St. Joseph's on Tuesday, 18th September at 11.00am, followed by cremation in Durham.

Sarah Hann, Requiem Mass at St. Joseph's on Wednesday, 19th September at 10.30am, followed by cremation in Durham.

Requiescant in pace.

Baptism - we welcome into our parish community Yvaine and Maci Colwill, who will be Baptised this Sunday, 16th September after 9.00am Mass at St. Godric's.

Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis - To the People of God

A copy of the letter can be found on the parish website www.durhammartyrs.co.uk and there are copies at the back of each church for you to take away if you wish.

Parish Baptism Programme - the Autumn session will take place on **Monday, 8th 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.

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

Second Collection - this Sunday, 16th September - Home Mission Sunday

This collection is eligible for Diocesan Gift Aid, so please use an envelope from your box supplied. Your donation does not go abroad, but is used to help Catholics throughout England and Wales become more confident in sharing their faith. You are also invited to come to a workshop called "What shall we do with the Good News?". Its aim is to explore the best ways that ordinary Catholics can share the gospel of Jesus Christ. So, if you're an ordinary Catholic, you can help! It's taking place on Thursday 20th September 2018, 7 till 8.30 pm, at St Vincent's Diocesan Offices, St Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle, NE15 7PY.

Parish First Holy Communion Programme

Meetings with parents of children in year 4 and above who would like their child/children to join the First Holy Communion Programme are as follows:

St. Joseph's/St Thomas More Schools - meeting at St. Joseph's School on Tuesday, 18th September at 4.00pm.

St. Godric's School - Thursday 27th September at 3.15pm at the school.

SVP Awareness Month - Everyone is entitled to food, water, a home, medicine and education. That's what we try to provide in the SVP at home and abroad, whether it be sending money to Baby feeding stations in Sudan, or cooking lunches in Blackfriars, Newcastle. Times are changing, needs are different. Yes, there will always be the elderly in care homes and in their own homes who we love to visit. In the past year the Durham Martyrs have made 1,300 visits to the housebound, sick and lonely.

But today in Durham more people are using the food banks, more people are sleeping on the streets at night. We are trying to find ways of helping the homeless. We don't want young people spending another cold winter on the streets. We support the food banks. At Blackfriars in Newcastle we help with providing a free, hot meal, companionship and advice when needed for up to 100 people every Tuesday, and snacks on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. All food is provided free by local supermarkets in the area.

The SVP help others abroad. The Durham Martyrs are twinned with 5 Indian twins and 1 Romanian twin sending them £150 a year. When needed we pay for projects, e.g. a bee project in Romania that helps them to be sustainable. We give money to help in times of disasters and raise money for the Baby Feeding Stations. It's great to be [part of a network of charity and love which stretches across the world in 150 countries.

Readers and Ministers, St. Joseph's - If you are unavailable for your scheduled date on the rota, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Please arrange a swap using the contact details provided earlier in the year and then contact me to let me know the changes. If you know in advance any days you won't be available from November onwards, do let me know. Thank you! Leanne

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.

St. Joseph's - Please bring your boxes to be emptied during September at weekend Masses. Otherwise, contact Alison or John Balmer to arrange collection.

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September 2018 Results**

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| 1st (£50) Angela King SVP Conference | No. 39 St. Mary's Bishop Auckland St. Mary of the Assumption, Jarrow |
| 2nd (£25) M. Nugent | No. 57 St. Edward's Whitley Bay |

Soup Lunch - 7th September - thank you to all who made and served the soup and those who came along to enjoy a bowl and a chat. £40.05 has been donated to the SVP Sudan Baby Feeding Station. **Next soup lunch - Friday 5th October. All welcome.**

Talk: Friends of the Holy Land - Tuesday 18th September 7.30 pm, Jubilee Room, St Joseph's. We are pleased to welcome Mark McNally to our parish on Tuesday 18th September to give a talk on Friends of the Holy Land. Friends of the Holy Land is a non-political charity which raises awareness of the plight of the Christian community in the Holy Land, encourages pilgrimage and provides financial assistance to help Christians in the Holy Land build self-sufficient communities. This talk will be hosted by the Justice and Peace Group during World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel (16th - 23rd September).

Traidcraft Coffee Morning - next **Saturday, 22nd September** after 10.00am Mass. Cake stall and raffle. Tickets on sale after Mass this weekend, 15th/16th September. All donations to the cake stall will be gratefully received.

Memory Walk 6th October

Thank you to everyone who has registered for the Alzheimer's Society Memory Walk on 6th October.

The bus will leave from the top of North Road, Durham (outside what used to be Argos) at 9.30am, and from St. Josephs's, Gilesgate, at 9.40am. £5 per seat. Spaces still available! Late entries welcome. Further information from Erica Smith.

Alzheimer's Cupcake Day-Saturday 13th October, 10.30 -1200. Durham Martyrs' Inclusive Group will be holding an "Alzheimer's Cupcake Day" at the back of St. Joseph's after 10.00 mass on the 13th October to raise funds for this excellent cause. Please come along for cake, tea or coffee and a chat on the day and we would also appreciate any donations of cakes from our able bakers in the parish. Please let the Parish Secretary know if you can help with the baking.

Faith and Ministry Directory - at the back of church there are some copies of the Directory from the Diocese. These contain information on the various and varied formation courses suited to the many different needs and stages of faith development of those in our Partnerships. Details of how to apply are given for each individual event. Please do not remove the Directory. It will also be available on the Diocesan website

Durham Churches Together - there will be a talk on 'How Quakers are tackling Inequality, Injustice and Poverty' by Paul Parker, Senior Staff Member, Quakers in Britain, on Thursday, 4th October, 7.00pm in Durham Town Hall. Free admission and refreshments.

CCRS Specialist Parish Catechesis module: - The purpose of this module is to enable participants to gain an understanding of parish catechesis and to develop approaches to working within a parish setting. It offers an introduction to the theology, principles and goals of parish catechesis.

- Dates: Saturday 6th and 13th October 2018
- Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm
- Venue: St Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY
- Buffet lunch is provided both days
- Cost: £120.00 (waged) and £60.00 (unwaged). Applicants intending to engage, or already engaged, in local parish ministry may find their parish willing to assist with the course fee. Please contact your parish priest for further information.

Please contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle no later than Friday 28th September 2018 at education@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 243 3313 to register or for more information.

Adoremus Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress - Katie Flood

Last weekend I attended the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool. It was a wonderful weekend of shared faith and witness to the healing power of Jesus. We were blessed to hear keynote talks from Bishop Robert Barron (If you have never heard him speak youtube him he is amazing!), Canon David Oakley, Sr Margaret Atkins CRSA and Canon Mervyn Tower. All of these talks asked us to experience Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament, in a new way, whether this be intellectually, physically, proactively or simply.

There were also a number of interesting workshops about the catechesis of First Sacraments, teaching children to pray before the Blessed Sacrament and the Eucharist as a sign of the Church's unity, among many others. All of these workshops offered practical advice regarding how to worship, engage with and experience the Blessed Sacrament.

We saw videos from around the country of how the Blessed Sacrament is an integral part of our faith and, along with the Mass, forms the firm foundation for our beliefs. Rise Theatre presented a new drama of our relationship to Jesus as our saviour and the physical being of man from 2000 years ago and our relationship to Jesus now in the form of the Blessed Sacrament. This relationship, of Jesus being physically present in the Eucharist, was something that many people admitted to finding difficult and, for me, it was one of the things that took me a long time to realise. Youth 2000 conducted an interview with four young people all who were active in their faith and parish lives. They testified to the amazing power of the Blessed Sacrament and how their experience of Jesus had shaped their lives.

There was also the Adoremus Youth Congress taking place in the conference centre. Our young people hears from speakers including Issac Withers, Katie Prejean and worshipped Jesus with praise and worship music from Youth 2000 and Jo Boyce. Throughout Friday and Saturday there was a parallel programme of events running throughout the city, one of which was Nightfever. Taking place on Saturday evening the Blessed Sacrament Shrine in the city centre was filled with the faithful for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. In the streets around the Shrine, volunteers went out in pairs and invited passers by to come in and light a candle in front of Jesus. It was a beautiful evening and Jesus really was working miracles!

Finally, the weekend concluded with two spectacular Masses on Sunday at the Metropolitan Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP and Cardinal Vincent Nichols. The music, singing and faith radiated through the cathedral and out onto the streets where, after Mass, there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Thousands took part in the procession and many spectators came to watch it was a truly magnificent celebration of our Lord! The weekend was a very special experience for myself and the faith and excitement that caused everyone to shine really was proof that the Church is very much alive! Check out Adoremus Social media on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for photos from the event and to listen to the Keynote talks.



DURHAM MARTYRS' YOUTH MINISTRY

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Youth Groups - Thank you to everyone who has helped so far with our three youth groups. We have had an amazing turn out and some really exciting evenings, and it can only get better from here! Details of next week's groups can be found in the table below.

| What? | When? | Time | |
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| Base Camp | Tuesday 18 th Sept | 4:30 - 6:30 pm | £1.50 Entry |
| Signpost | Thursday 20 th Sept | 5 - 7 pm | |
| Frontier | Wednesday 19 th Sept | 7 - 9 pm | Includes a meal |

Youth Ministry Launch - This weekend we will officially launch the Youth Ministry of the Durham Martyrs and this ministry will also receive a blessing from Fr Colm. I will be speaking briefly after all Masses, and will have a stall at the back of Church with flyers and more information about our Youth Ministry (along with some sweet treats!) I hope to see you can join us to share in the celebrations!

In Pursuit - Young People's Discipleship Training - 29th - 30th SEPTEMBER - Following a period of research and exploration YMT are launching a Discipleship Program beginning with a Residential weekend at the Youth Village on 29th and 30th September. Applications are invited from young people 16years - 21 years who wish to deepen, grow in faith and learn to lead. This will be an interactive, relevant programme for young people in our diocese.

Supported by the Partnerships young people will have the opportunity share with others, listen to informed speakers and apply a real sense of discipleship in practical ways. For more information drop me an email or give me a call.

The Source - WEDNESDAY 3rd OCTOBER

The Source is the youth event organised by the Youth Ministry Team, the youth service of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. The Source brings young people, Year 9 and above, together for an evening of inspiring talks, praise and worship and socialisation. There will be a Durham Martyrs Group attending this event so if you would like to be part of it let me know. As we will be taking the train to the event and getting food beforehand/en route, there will be a small charge to the evening. I will have more information on this next week when application forms will also be available.

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Sunday, 16th September - 24th Sunday of the Year

**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 |
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| Saturday 15 September | | 10.00am | 10.00am Special Intention (I & BR) 5.00pm - David Adams (Birthday Remembrance) |
| Sunday 16 September | | 9.00am In thanksgiving for all who work at the RVI & Freeman Hospitals and treatment received 3.00-4.00pm Exposition | 11.00am Patrick McQuillan (Birthday Remembrance) |
| Monday 17 September | 9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion | 10.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion | 9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion |
| Tuesday 18 September | 9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion | 10.00am | 11.00am Funeral Service of Joseph Soulsby 6.30- Exposition 7.00pm - Patrick Conway & Family, Co. Mayo |
| Wednesday 19 September | 9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion | 10.00am | 10.30am - Requiem Mass of Sarah Hann |
| Thursday 20 September | 9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion | 9.30am - Exposition 10.00am | 9.15am Special Intention (Paul and Theresa) |
| Friday 21 September | 9.15am Gerard Jackson | 10.00am | 9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion |
| Saturday 22 September | | 10.00am Frank & Bernard McGoay | 10.00am Intentions of Fr. Gary Dickson 5.00pm Everleen Tanner |
| Sunday 23 September | | 9.00am - SVP Friends and Benefactors 3.00pm Exposition | 11.00am The Oliver Family |

St. Cuthbert's

| Sun 16 | Mon 17 | Tue 18 | Wed 19 | Thur 20 | Fri 21 | Sat 22 | Sun 23 |
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| 10.00am and 6.30pm | 12.15pm | 12.15pm | 7.00pm | 12.15pm | 12.15pm | 9.15am | 10.00am and 6.30pm |