

*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
22nd - 30th September 2018
Sunday 23rd September - 25th Sunday of the Year

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Note from Fr. Colm

The parish and schools are now back into full flow. The groups begin to pick up on where they left off before the summer break. Always a good time to evaluate where we are going, and to whom we are addressing our message as Christians. The Memory Cafe presents the most interesting challenge. Most of those who come are from outside the parish! This, in many ways, is a very positive sign. However, it screams for more parishioners. The Memory Cafe is just one of many great initiatives in our parish. Indeed, this is what any strong community is. We are asked constantly to reach beyond ourselves. I found an excellent motto for team spirit recently. It's that of the all-conquering New Zealand rugby team:

"Tell me and I will forget. Show me and I will remember. Involve me and I will understand."

We wish Marjorie and fellow parishioners our best wishes as they venture onto the Camino once more. What a gift this ancient pilgrimage route is proving to be to so many.

"Faith is not clinging to a shrine but an endless pilgrimage of the heart."
Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

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, 24 th Sept	Our Lady of Walsingham
Wednesday, 26 th Sept	Ss. Cosmos and Damian MM
Thursday, 27 th Sept	St. Vincent de Paul P
Friday, 28 th September	St. Wenceslaus M/St. Laurence Ruiz & Companions MM
Saturday, 29 th Sept	Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

What's On

Tuesday, 25 th Sept	Base Camp Youth Group, Jubilee Room, 4.30-6.30pm
Wednesday, 26 th Sept * *	Wednesday Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm, Jubilee Room Frontier Youth Group, Jubilee Room, 7.00-9.00pm
Thursday, 27 th Sept	PDG Meeting, 7.00-8.30pm, Don Bosco Room
Week Commencing 1st October	
Tuesday, 2 nd October * *	Base Camp, 4.30-6.30pm, Jubilee Room Liturgy Group, Don Bosco Room, 7.30-9.00pm
Wednesday, 3 rd Oct * * * *	Wednesday Lunch, 12.00-1.00pm Ladies Circle, 1.30-3.00pm, Jubilee Room Inclusive Church Meeting, 7.00-8.30pm, Don Bosco Room DM Youth Ministry trip to The Source, 5.30pm pick up
Thursday, 4 th Oct * *	Signpost - 5.00-7.00pm, Jubilee Room Holy Hour in Church, 7.00pm
Friday, 5 th October	Soup Lunch, Don Bosco Room, 12.00-1.00pm
Saturday, 6 th October	Faith and Light, both rooms

Baptism - we welcome into our parish community Arlo Cox, who will be Baptised this Sunday, 23rd September after 9.00am Mass at St. Godric's, and also James Killian, who will be Baptised after the 11.00am Mass at St. Joseph's on Sunday, 30th September.

The Parish Office will be closed from **Thursday 20th September at 4.00pm until Tuesday, 2nd October at 8.30am.**

School Open Mornings for parents looking for places for their children to start school in September 2019. Everyone welcome!

St. Joseph's School - Tuesday 2nd October from 9.30 - 11.30am

St. Godric's School - Wednesday 3rd October from 10am to 12pm

St. Thomas More RC Primary School - Friday 5th October, 9.30am - 11.30am

First Holy Communion Programme - on **Sunday, 30th September**, we will welcome to our morning Masses, all the children from our parish primary schools who will be making their First Holy Communion next year.

Parish Council -nominations sought for elected members-We are seeking nominations for two elected members of the Parish Council. Nominees must be over 16 years of age and seconded by an adult parishioner. Nomination forms are available at the back of each church and our web site. The closing date for returning nomination forms to the Parish Secretary is **Monday 15th October 2018**.

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. Please contact the parish secretary for further information and a Registration Form.

Cafod Family Fast Day - Friday 5th October

Envelopes will be available **next weekend** for return over the weekend of **6th/7th October**.

Annual Mass Count - will be taken over four weekends beginning on **6th/7th October**. Would the counters please give the information to Marjorie at the end of the count, as the information is needed for the annual statistics.

Holy Hour of Reparation - 4th October - In response to the Bishop Seamus' appeal in his recent Pastoral Letter, a Holy Hour of reparation will be held at 7pm on Thursday 4th October 2018 in St. Joseph's Church.

Services are also being held in other Parishes within our Partnership, including St. Cuthbert's at 7pm on Tuesday 2nd October which covers the Durham City centre area. A service will also be available at St. Joseph's at Coxhoe at 7pm on Tuesday 2nd October.

Details of other Partnership Parish Services were not available at the time of publication of this newsletter but will be available in the coming week and this information will be posted in each of our churches as soon as it is available.

SVP Awareness Month - In this diocese there are five prisons, three of them in Durham City, so work with prisoners, ex-prisoners and families is part of the SVP remit. SVP members are prison visitors. Volunteer chaplains and SVP has two bail and probation hostels in Newcastle which help ex-prisoners return to society. People are in prison for a number of reasons and some are there because they have unattended mental health issues. When you meet prisoners you find that they are just like anyone else, but they need to come to terms with the change in their lives and by talking to a visitor it helps them realise that they are still part of society.

Their families also need help and support as they can be ostracised by neighbours and even by their own family members. Mothers rarely give up on their sons and daughters and as a consequence can be very lonely. There are a number of ways SVP members can be involved in the prison ministry and you do not have to go through those prison gates.

The SVP are having a trip to South Shields to have Fish and Chips at Colmans on Tuesday, 2nd October, leaving St. Joseph's at 11.30am.

If you would like to go, please contact Helen or Margaret.

To mark the occasion of the canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero in Rome in October, Bishop Seamus will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on **Saturday 13th October at 11am at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle**. All are welcome to attend. Archbishop Romero was assassinated in 1980 while offering Mass in San Salvador. He embraced a simple lifestyle; he was a popular preacher and responded with real compassion to the plight of the poor.

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 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 on 366 5372 to arrange collection.

Soup Lunch - 5th October - why not join us for a delicious bowl of home made soup. 12.00-1.00pm, in St. Joseph's Don Bosco Room. All are welcome.

Volunteering at Ushaw - We are looking for volunteers aged 18 years or over to help us turn Ushaw into a unique cultural attraction, events venue, business hub and conference centre. We need -

Welcomers, Stewards, Tour Guides, Shop Assistants, Clerical help, Gardeners and much more

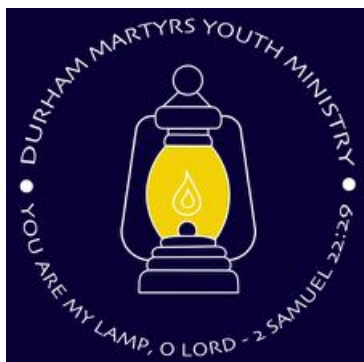
Benefits include:

20% discount in shop and refectory

Free Annual Ushaw Pass

Free invitation to exhibition launch events

For further information and to apply, visit www.ushaw.org or telephone (0191) 334 5119, or email: volunteer-recruitment@ushaw.org



DURHAM MARTYRS' YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Co-ordinator - Katie Flood

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Youth Groups this week. See Below.

Be aware due to the Yr. 6 residential to the Youth Village, there will be no Signpost group on Thursday 27th September.

What?	When?	Time	
Base Camp	Tuesday 25 th Sept	4:30 - 6:30pm	£1.50 Entry
Signpost	No group this week		
Frontier	Wednesday 26 th Sept	7 - 9 pm	Includes a meal
FOLLOWING WEEK W/C 1st October			
Base Camp	Tuesday 2 nd th Oct	4:30 - 6:30pm	£1.50 Entry
Signpost	Thursday 4 th Oct	5.00 - 7.00pm	Includes a meal
Frontier	Wednesday 3 rd Oct	THE SOURCE	£7.50 includes train fare and Subway meal deal
		See Details Below	

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 16 years - 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.

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.

The cost is £7.50- this includes train fare and a meal deal from Subway, 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 9:40pm. 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.

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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 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 3.00-4.00pm Exposition	11.00am The Oliver Family
Monday 24 September	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 25 September	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am Sarah Hann	6.30- Exposition 7.00pm Deceased members of the Mudd and O'Brien Families
Wednesday 26 September	9.15am Joe Lane (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance)	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Thursday 27 September	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am	9.15am Adrian Wynn
Friday 28 September	9.15am Peter & Catherine McLoughlin	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 29 September		10.00am	10.00am Walter Patterson 5.00pm Fr. Michael Corbett
Sunday 30 September		9.00am Margaret McCaffery 3.00pm Exposition	11.00am Intentions of Anne Marie Twomey and Family

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 23	Mon 24	Tue 25	Wed 26	Thur 27	Fri 28	Sat 29	Sun 30
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm

Monday 1st October - Sunday 7th October

Monday 1 October St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 2 October The Holy Guardian Angels	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am	6.30- Exposition 7.00pm Deceased priests of the Diocese
Wednesday 3 October	9.15am Vocations to the priesthood	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Thursday 4 October St. Francis of Assisi Rel	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am	9.15am Lily and Luke Dodds and a Special Intention
Friday 5 October EPISCOPAL MEETING	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 6 October St. Bruno		10.00am	10.00am In thanksgiving (RH) 5.00pm David Adams and Ray Ward
Sunday 7 October		9.00am Rose Carr (Anniversary) 3.00pm Exposition	11.00am Joe Lane (Anniversary)

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 30	Mon 1 Oct	Tue 2	Wed 3	Thur 4	Fri 5	Sat 6	Sun 7
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm

Please check St. Cuthbert's website for up to date Mass times as the above may have changed since time of printing this newsletter