

*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**  
**13<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018**  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October - 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**

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**An excerpt from the October Newsletter from the Department of Spirituality**

Our personal lives – as well of the lives of our parishes and Partnerships – and our Church – can often feel messy and confused! We long for the serenity which we imagine the saints to have had – though, of course, their lives were really not much different from our own – and some were infinitely worse.

It can be soothing to sit with a beautiful image of Mary. She can seem so serene but, as we know, her life was incredibly complicated and full of trials and confusions and the chances are that her moments of deep serenity and calm were few and far between on earth. The image alongside might give us and others comfort – reminding us that Mary “has been there – done that...” and understands the times of pain and suffering. It offers a way of handing to Mary some of the things that “knot us up”.

The painting below has been made famous by Pope Francis who used it when he was struggling with knots in his own life. Think about the knots in your own life, and how they have made you feel, and then say a prayer to Mary asking her to help you unravel the knots.



**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**

Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup> October	St. Edward the Confessor
Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> October	St. Teresa of Avila V, D
Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October	St. Margaret Mary Alacoque V/St. Hedwig Rel
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	St. Ignatius of Antioch Bp, M
Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> October	St. Luke, Evangelist
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Ss. John de Brébeuf P, Isaac Jogues P & Companions MM St. Paul of the Cross P

**What's On**

Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	* *	Film and Tea Afternoon, Jubilee Room, 1.30-4.00pm Base Camp Youth Group, Jubilee Room, 4.30-6.30pm
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	* *	Wednesday Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm, Jubilee Room H & S/Buildings Cttee, Don Bosco Room, 7.00-9.00pm
Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct		Christmas Music Rehearsal, Don Bosco Room, 6-7.30pm

**Baptism** - we welcome into our parish community Dominic Slizewski, who will be Baptised this Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> October during 11.00am Mass at St. Joseph's.

**Film and Tea Afternoon** - Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 1.30-4.00pm in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's. All are welcome. If you would like a lift, please contact Helen or Margaret.

**Annual Mass Count** - will be taken over four weekends during October, continuing this weekend. Would the counters please give the information to Marjorie at the end of the count, as the information is needed for the annual statistics.

**SAVE THE DATE - Russian Choir** - On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm the internationally renowned VOSKRESENIJE Choir of St. Petersburg will be performing in St Godric's Church. The programme will feature classical Sacred music and traditional Russian folk music. Tickets cost £7-50/free under 19.

From this weekend, 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> October, tickets will be available after Mass in Parish Churches and from the Parish Office. Email [secretary.stjandstg@btconnect.com](mailto:secretary.stjandstg@btconnect.com) Tel (0191) 384 3810.

**Second Collection next weekend, 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> October** for World Mission Sunday. Your support will help brave missionaries in building a future of hope both in Ethiopia and around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for our mission of the Church. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by

using envelopes provided by Missio, which are available this weekend at the back of church.

### **Prisons Week: 14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> October**

**Prisoners' Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> October** - a national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants. PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust) is the national Catholic charity that provides support to prisoners, people with convictions and their families through a range of family, court, helpline and prison and community-based services. Their vision is of a society in which justice is understood as a process of restoration and healing, where the innate dignity and worth of every human being is valued.

There are a few flyers at the back of church giving information on how you could support prisoners and their families through PACT, and there are a few donating envelopes should you wish to make a donation. These can be returned to PACT by FREEPOST.

We have also been given some prayer cards from Open Gate, and these are also available at the back of church for you to take away if you wish.

### **CHRISTMAS MUSIC - ADVANCE NOTICE AND SNEAK PREVIEW NEW CHOIR MEMBERS WANTED**

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.

If you are interested in previewing (and singing through) one or two new items for Christmas and Advent then please join us on **21st October at 6pm - 7.30pm in the Don Bosco Room**. Any questions then contact Evanna via the Parish office.

### **Day of Prayer at Ushaw - A Time of Words, Music and Silence.**

**Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October:** 10.30am to 4.00pm. Led by Sister Rosarie Spence. £10.00 per person including coffee, tea and biscuits served both on arrival and to conclude the day.

10.30am Coffee / Tea and biscuits

11.00am First Session

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm Second Session

4.00pm Coffee / Tea and biscuits

Lunch is not provided, but there is a delicious range of great value home-made soups, pastries and cakes available in the refectory. Bookings can be made on-line via Ushaw's website ([www.ushaw.org](http://www.ushaw.org)) or call 0191 3345119.

**Ushaw Lecture Series - Thursday 18th October 2018:** The Hounding of Francis Thompson. 5.30pm (drinks) for 6pm lecture at Ushaw College. Please register at <https://centreforcatholicstudies.eventbrite.com>, where details of transport are also available, or call 0191 334 1656. For the full programme of events at the Centre for Catholic Studies, please see [www.centreforcatholicstudies.co.uk](http://www.centreforcatholicstudies.co.uk) or call 0191 334 1656.

## **Durham Martyrs Walking Group**

Next walk - Penshaw and River Wear Trail (11miles with a 6 mile option)

The next parish walk will take place on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October** meeting at St. Joseph's immediately after 10.00 Mass, when we can arrange to share transport to Penshaw Monument which is the starting point for our walk.

This pleasant circular walk begins at Penshaw Monument and takes us along the River Wear trail offering attractive views and many points of interest. We will stop for a refreshment break but please bring a packed lunch with you. Please let Marjorie Towers, Parish Secretary, know if you plan to attend this walk.

**Date for the Diary - Diocesan Altar Servers' Mass - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** - please arrive at St. Joseph's church at **9.15am** for departure by coach at **9.30am**. A hot lunch will be provided upon return to church. Parents please collect your child from the Jubilee Room at 2.00pm. Transport and lunch will be free of charge.

**CELEBRATE** is a Catholic Charismatic Conference for young and old, open to individuals and families to experience the joy of the Gospel and a friendly north east welcome. Each day is packed with inspiring talks, workshops, praise and worship, with youth ministry and creches for younger children. Speakers include David Wells, Miriam Swaffield and Ronan Johnston. For more information, please see the website: [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) and download the booking form, or contact Shirley Warrington on (0191) 2856310, or email her at [shirleywarrington@doctors.org.uk](mailto:shirleywarrington@doctors.org.uk)

**When:** Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> October, 9.15am-9.00pm and Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> October, from 9.00am-1.00pm, at St. Joseph's Catholic Academy, Mill Lane, Hebburn, Tyne & Wear, NE31 2ET.

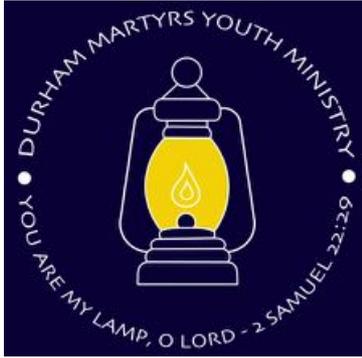
**DATE FOR THE DIARY** - The Parish will be having our annual **Sharing Fair Sale** on the weekend of November 3-4 this year. Unfortunately Sharing Fair North East will have to close in the New Year, so this will be the last opportunity to support this cause which gives hope to struggling young people in difficult circumstances and helps them out of abusive situations. Our parish has always been very generous in its support. - Please remember to bring some cash to church that day- and help us to make this Sale the best ever yet. Thank you.

## **Vacancy**

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancy:

**Administrator, based at St Hilda's, Sunderland, 12 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 16<sup>th</sup> October.**

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or contact us 0191 243 3301 email [human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk)



## DURHAM MARTYRS' YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Co-ordinator - Katie Flood

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What?	When?	Time	
Base Camp	Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	4:30 - 6:30 pm	£1.50 Entry
Signpost	Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	NO GROUP	
Frontier	Wed. 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	NO GROUP - due to the trip to The Event	Includes a meal

**There will not be any group meetings during half term.**

**The Event** is a monthly gathering for young people in years 6, 7 and 8 and gives them the opportunity to have fun, make new friends, celebrate their faith, sing, dance, do drama, play games and worship. It is being held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Leaving St. Joseph's Gilesgate at 5:15pm and returning at 8:15pm. The trip is £5 and you will need to complete a consent form for your child.

**Flame 2019** - On 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 at Wembley Arena, the fourth Flame Congress will take place. With the theme of SIGNIFICANCE we hope that, along with thousands of other young catholics, our young people will receive a deep sense of their own worth and recognise that God calls them to be people of Significance in the world. There are a number of coaches leaving from various points throughout the Diocese. Although this event is aimed towards young people, it is open to people of all ages.

We are currently awaiting confirmation of the price and will have these details to you by next weekend. If you want to join us, or require further information please contact me via the details above.



**6<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> October- 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**

**Exposition at St. Godric's Monday - Saturday afternoons  
from 2.00pm-3.00pm**

	<b>St Bede's/St Godric's School</b>	<b>St Godric's</b>	<b>St Joseph's</b>
<b>Saturday 13 October</b>		<b>10.00am</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - For the work of the Inclusive Church group <b>5.00pm</b> - Philip Gibson (Birthday Remembrance) and Deceased members of the Condron and Michiels Families
<b>Sunday 14 October</b>		<b>9.00am</b> Mr. M.A. Abraham <b>3.00-4.00pm</b> Exposition	<b>11.00am</b> Gerard Jackson and Sarah Hann
<b>Monday 15 October</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion	<b>10.00am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion	<b>9.15am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday 16 October</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion	<b>10.00am</b> Gloria Hughes	<b>6.30-</b> Exposition <b>7.00pm</b> - Service of Word & Holy Communion
<b>Wednesday 17 October</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 18 October</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> - Exposition <b>10.00am</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion
<b>Friday 19 October</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Belle Blakey	<b>10.00am</b> Peter & Catherine McLoughlin	<b>9.15am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion
<b>Saturday 20 October</b>		<b>10.00am</b>	<b>12.00pm</b> Nuptial Mass of Caitlin Scullion and Sam Geldard <b>5.00pm</b> - Edith Ryan (Anniversary) and Christine Meecham
<b>Sunday 21 October</b>		<b>9.00am</b> Brian O'Connor <b>3.00pm</b> Exposition	<b>11.00am</b> Claire Aylett and Lukasz Tomczyk

**St. Cuthbert's**

<b>Sun 14</b>	<b>Mon 15</b>	<b>Tue 16</b>	<b>Wed 17</b>	<b>Thur 18</b>	<b>Fri 19</b>	<b>Sat 20</b>	<b>Sun 21</b>
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm