

*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**  
**20<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018**  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October - 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**

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The Episcopal Vicars joined the Bishop for a short retreat at St. Beunos this week. Very lovely surroundings at this very beautiful time of year.

My sincere apologies to all at St. Bede's for confusion over last Friday's Mass. *Mea culpa*.

We are hoping to get something going by way of an aid to readers at all Masses. Possibly a day from an expert on reading in public followed by a commissioning ceremony akin to what the Ministers of the Eucharist have.

Nominations for the Parish Council are in. Thank you for that.

Last week's Mass for those with dementia was very lovely. Though not well attended, it was both intimate and uplifting. Thank you to all who organised it. Indeed, thank you to those who do so much work in our parish for this dreaded illness. The Andrew Marr Sunday interview had a touching conversation with the racing driver Jackie Stewart regarding the inroads that the new technology could have in a remedy for dementia. Worth a watch on BBC Iplayer.

Those tickets for the Russian Choir at St. Godric's seem to be going well. Well done to our committee for organising it. Let's get behind them and buy a ticket.

Some presentations that you might like to come to in the near future - Dr. Sam Bethapudi will give a talk on Pain Management and all that this implies by way of taking into account the whole person, physical and spiritual. We also hope to kick-start some evenings of quality films which look at some of the lesser known films which have a religious and/or a deep human tale to tell. Dates for both these events to be confirmed soon.

**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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| Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> October  | St. John Paul II Pp        |
| Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> October | St. John of Capistrano P   |
| Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct   | St. Anthony Mary Claret Bp |
| Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> October  | Ss. Chad and Cedd Bps      |

**What's On**

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| Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Wednesday Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm, Jubilee Room |
| Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | Finance Meeting, 7.00pm Don Bosco Room           |

**Sympathy** - we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Aileen Oliver, whose Funeral Service will take place at St. Godric's on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> October at 12.00 noon, followed by cremation in Durham. *Requiescat in pace.*

**Baptism** - we welcome into our parish community Benjamin Joseph Atkinson, who will be Baptised this Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> October during 11.00am Mass at St. Joseph's.

**Annual Mass Count** - continues 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.

**Congratulations** to Caitlin (formerly Scullion) and Sam Geldard, who celebrated their wedding in St. Joseph's this Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> October.

**Second Collection** - **this Sunday is World Mission Sunday** and it is your chance to support missionaries and our Church in proclaiming the Gospel of hope to those who suffer around the world. By supporting Missio, you will be sharing the love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief.

Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided by Missio, if you are a taxpayer. These can be found at the back of church. Thank you.

**Inclusive Church Group** - The ICG wish to thank everyone who so generously supported their Cupcake and Coffee morning for the Alzheimer's Society held last Saturday. A cheque for £275 has been sent to them. What a great effort and result, many thanks. One raffle prize of chocolates remains unclaimed, the winning ticket number is 200. The ticket holder can collect the prize from the parish secretary."

**Concert - 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.

Tickets are 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.

### **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.

### **Durham Martyrs Walking Group**

Next walk - Peshaw 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 Peshaw Monument which is the starting point for our walk.

This pleasant circular walk begins at Peshaw 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.

**Rotas** - new rotas for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are now available in St. Godric's for those who did not receive one by e-mail.

**Church cleaning at St Joseph's** - A new rota is being prepared and if any one, or two or three would like to volunteer to help, please contact Marjorie in the office, or Joanna Pallister. Thank you.

**TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL  
200 CLUB  
October 2018 Results**

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup> (£50)</b><br>J. Nesbitt                 | <b>No. 164</b><br>St. Bernadette's, Wallsend                                 |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> (£25)</b><br>K. Bradley<br>F. Mastaglio | <b>No. 70</b><br>All Saints, Lanchester<br>Our Lady & St. Oswin, Cullercoats |

Thank you for your continued support.

**Following the success of last year**, this year we are again planning to decorate St. Joseph's Church with poinsettias which you can sponsor in memory of deceased family members. Each poinsettia will cost £5. Please place the money and name of family or person in the box at the back of church. (The box will be there from 3<sup>rd</sup> November until 2<sup>nd</sup> December). The poinsettias will then be placed in church from 22<sup>nd</sup> December and you can collect your poinsettia after the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> January and take them home if you wish. Each plant will be labelled with the requested name.  
*Clare Thompson.*

**Christmas morning choir**

All are welcome to come and sing on Christmas morning at St. Leonard's and there will be no rehearsal beforehand, because all of the music will be well known to everyone. Thank you. Mr. Matthew Grehan-Bradley.

**DATE FOR THE DIARY** - The Parish will be having our annual **Sharing Fair Sale** on the weekend of November 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Clergy Training Fund** - there will be a **second collection next weekend 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> October**. This collection is eligible for diocesan Gift Aid. Please use a Special Collection envelope from your box supplied if you wish to make a donation. (The fund will remain open until 25<sup>th</sup> November).

### **2018 St. Leonard's Lecture**

**Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 7.00pm in the Main Hall.**

"Jewish-Catholic Relations in the 50 Years since the Second Vatican Council"  
Speaker Fr. Chris Jackson. All welcome. *See poster.*

### **Hexham & Newcastle Diocesan Justice & Peace Refugee Project**

This project has been operating for nearly seventeen years and is currently based at the Newcastle Deaf Centre, just off Westgate Road. It aims to care for people from all over the world seeking asylum in our region. It is open three days each week and provides asylum seekers with a bag of eight essential food items. The need for help in our region is particularly acute as analysis shows that five times as many destitute asylum seekers live in the poorest third of the country compared to the richest third. £300 has been donated to this project which is, for the main part, the proceeds from the July Big Breakfast held in the parish.

**Volunteer at Ushaw** - Do you have a passion for heritage and culture? Do you have some spare time available to join our committed team at one of the North-East's most stunning and historic attractions? We are looking for volunteers aged 18 years or over to help to turn Ushaw into a unique cultural attraction, events venue, business hub and conference centre.

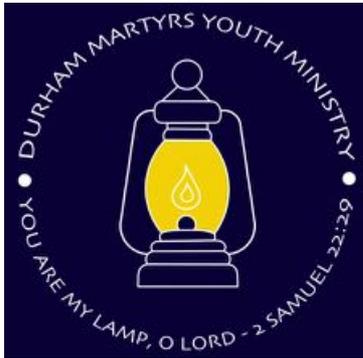
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- ▶ ...and much more!

For further information and to apply visit our website, or contact us by telephone or e-mail to request further information.

Website: [www.ushaw.org](http://www.ushaw.org) Telephone: 0191 334 5119

E-mail: [volunteer-recruitment@ushaw.org](mailto:volunteer-recruitment@ushaw.org)

**Next Weekend - don't forget to put your clocks back!**



## DURHAM MARTYRS' YOUTH MINISTRY

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| What?     |                     |  |  |
| Base Camp | NO GROUPS THIS WEEK |  |  |
| Signpost  |                     |  |  |
| Frontier  |                     |  |  |

Thanks to all the young people who journeyed with us to The Event on Wednesday evening, we had an amazing time enjoyed fun, games and pizza with other young people from across the diocese. If you are in years 6, 7 or 8 and would like to join us, the next Event is on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

**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. The Partnership has kindly agreed to subsidise tickets for flame by 50%, so the total cost including travel and ticket into the arena will be only £20. If you want to join hundreds of others from the diocese for this special day we need to hear back from you by **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November** at the latest.



There will be no groups this week due to the half-term holidays. Groups will resume on the week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> October when we will be having a All Hallow's Eve Party. It would be amazing if any young people wish to come to group in fancy dress!

I hope you all have a well earned break and return refreshed and well rested from the holidays!

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**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<br/>20 October</b>  |   | <b>10.00am</b>  | <b>12.00pm</b><br>Nuptial Mass of Caitlin Scullion and Sam Geldard<br><b>5.00pm</b> - Edith Ryan (Anniversary) and Christine Meecham                        |
| <b>Sunday<br/>21 October</b>    |   | <b>9.00am</b><br>Brian O'Connor<br><b>3.00-4.00pm</b><br>Exposition   | <b>11.00am</b><br>Claire Aylett<br>and Lukasz Tomczyk   |
| <b>Monday<br/>22 October</b>    | <b>9.15am</b><br>Service of Word & Holy Communion | <b>10.00am</b><br>Service of Word & Holy Communion  | <b>9.15am</b><br>Service of Word & Holy Communion   |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>23 October</b>   | <b>9.15am</b><br>Service of Word & Holy Communion | <b>10.00am</b>  | <b>6.30-</b> Exposition<br><b>7.00pm</b> - Rita Stephenson (Birthday Remembrance)   |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>24 October</b> | <b>9.15am</b><br>Belle Blakey                     | <b>10.00am</b>  | <b>9.15am</b><br>Service of Word & Holy Communion   |
| <b>Thursday<br/>25 October</b>  | <b>9.15am</b><br>Service of Word & Holy Communion | <b>9.30am</b> - Exposition<br><b>10.00am</b><br>Motteswari Morais.<br><br><b>12.00</b> Funeral Service of Aileen Oliver | <b>9.15am</b><br>Special Intention (P & R)  |
| <b>Friday<br/>26 October</b>    | <b>9.15am</b><br>Belle Blakey                     | <b>10.00am</b>  | <b>9.15am</b><br>Service of Word & Holy Communion   |
| <b>Saturday<br/>27 October</b>  |   | <b>10.00am</b>  | <b>10.00am</b> - Deceased Priests of the Diocese<br><b>5.00pm</b> - Peter & Catherine McLoughlin and deceased members of the Condrion and Michiels Families |
| <b>Sunday<br/>28 October</b>    |   | <b>9.00am</b><br>Elizabeth Carmel Nolan<br><b>3.00pm</b> - Exposition   | <b>11.00am</b><br>The Oliver Family and Jim Cullen  |

**St. Cuthbert's**

| <b>Sun 21</b>      | <b>Mon 22</b> | <b>Tue 23</b>                                  | <b>Wed 24</b> | <b>Thur 25</b> | <b>Fri 26</b> | <b>Sat 27</b> | <b>Sun 28</b>      |
|--------------------|---------------|--|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 10.00am and 6.30pm | 12.15pm       | 9.15am<br>Mass<br>12.00pm -<br>Funeral Service | 7.00pm        | 12.15pm        | 12.15pm       | 9.15am        | 10.00am and 6.30pm |