

*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
8th - 16th December 2018
Sunday 9th December - Second Sunday of Advent

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Note from Fr. Colm

Please keep an eye to Christmas Day at St. Leonard's. We do need help, as many of the usual helpers are away at Christmas.

Thank you to all who ventured out last Sunday afternoon for the Partnership Advent Service. We continue with our Partnership links with the forthcoming penitential service.

Readers and Ministers of Eucharist please note that we will be dipping into the list of ministers of Holy Communion for more readers, and vice versa.

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, 8 th December	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Diocese
Tuesday, 11 th December	St. Damasus 1, Pp
Wednesday, 12 th Dec	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thursday, 13 th Dec	St. Lucy V, M
Friday, 14 th December	St. John of the Cross

What's On

Sunday, 9 th December * *	Christingle Band practice, 2.30-4.00pm, St. Joseph's Choir Practice, 6.00-7.30pm, Don Bosco Room
Tuesday, 11 th Dec *	Memory Café, Jubilee Room, 1.00-3.00pm
Wednesday 12 th Dec	Wednesday Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm, Jubilee Room
Thursday, 13 th Dec	Signpost Group, 5.00-7.00pm, Jubilee Room
Friday, 14 th Dec * *	Advent Soup Lunch, Inclusive Church Group, Don Bosco Room, 12.00-1.00pm Lunch Club volunteers Christmas Party, 7.00pm St Joseph's
Sunday, 16 th December	Parish Christingle Service, 4.00pm, St. Joseph's Choir Practice, 6.00-7.30pm, Don Bosco Room

Sympathy - we extend our sympathy to the family of Austin Hardman, whose Funeral Service will be held at St. Joseph's on Thursday 13th December at 10.30am, followed by Cremation in Durham. *Requiescat in pace.*

Baptism - we welcome into our parish community Sebastian Vidal, who will be Baptised this Sunday, 9th December after the 9.00am Mass at St. Godric's.

TIME CHANGES - (i) **St. Joseph's morning Mass - Thursday, 13th December**
The usual morning Mass will take place in the Jubilee Room at 9.15am and not in the church this week.

(ii) **The usual Tuesday evening Mass on 18th December** has been moved to the morning to facilitate the Partnership Penitential Service which will take place at 7.00pm at St. Joseph's. Exposition will be at 9.00am followed by Mass at 9.30am

Christmas Music - Still time to join the joint Parish choir to sing at the Christmas Eve Carol Service and Vigil Mass at St Leonard's. Please feel free to join us on 9th and 16th December at 6pm until 7.30pm at the latest.

Charity Soup Lunch - Friday 14th December - the Inclusive Church Group will be hosting the second of our Advent Soup Lunches. Please come along

at 12.00pm to St. Joseph's Don Bosco Room and enjoy a hearty bowl of home-made soup whilst at the same time supporting the group.

I wanted to write to you personally to thank you for your donations in response to our appeal for clothes and toiletries. Many of the women we support leave prison with very little, often just the clothes they are wearing, and once they have been released they face an uncertain future. Sadly many are told to go to the Local Authority to declare themselves homeless, and can spend the next days and sometimes a week being moved from hostel to hostel until a bed becomes available in supported accommodation. A warm coat and a toiletry bag to keep them warm and feel a little more human during this time can make a world of difference. From Open Gate and sincerely from the women in HMP Low Newton, thank you. Ronnie Rowbotham, Project Manager.

St. Joseph's Christmas Clean. This will be on Tuesday, 18th December, starting at 10 am. You do not have to be on the cleaning rota to join in! The more who come the easier the job will be. Refreshments provided.

Lunch club volunteers Christmas party 7pm St Josephs Friday 14th December.

One week to go!! Parish Christingle Celebration 16th December at 4pm in St. Joseph's Church. Our annual Christingle service and party are now only a week away. We will have our usual collection for the Children's Society. The readers will practice at 3.00pm on the day in the Jubilee Room. We will be making the Christingles on Thursday evening, 13th December at 6.30pm in the Jubilee Room. If you can spare half an hour to help, please get in touch with Gabrielle.

Christingle Band practice this Sunday 9th December 2:30-4 pm.

In preparation for the annual parish Christingle celebration the Christingle band is getting ready. Any young people who would like to sing or play are welcome to attend a rehearsal at St. Joseph's on the above date. Please could you or your parents let us know if you are coming. Please could you let us know the instrument you play and whether you can read music. We look forward to seeing you there. Jenny Crilley.

First Holy Communion Reconciliation - the Reconciliation Service will now take place on Wednesday, 30th January in St. Joseph's Church at 5.00pm.

Advent Concert, Wednesday, 19th December at 7.00pm in the sports Hall. Tickets £5 adult/£2.50 under 19, including seasonal refreshments. See poster.

Aid to the Church in Need - A big thank-you to all who so generously supported the Red Wednesday Coffee Morning and Red Raffle at St. Godric's

last week. £301.80 was raised for A.C.N.'s work with persecuted Christians- a wonderful result! P. *Whitton*

Bake Sale - A huge thank you to those who made our bake sale last Sunday at St. Godric's Church, so amazing, we were deeply touched at how generous you all were and the support you showed towards us. This will be a life changing experience for both the families in Peru and ourselves. We can't thank you enough. A list of raffle winners is at the back of the church and prizes can be collected at St. Godric's on Sunday 9th December.
Oliver, Megan and Keona.

Hymns at St Joseph's: In the new year the writing of Bidding Prayers will be organised across the parish. At St. Joseph's those who write the bidding prayers have also chosen the hymns, so we now need a separate rota for those who will choose the hymns we sing. If you would like to join this rota, please tell Marjorie in the parish office. Perhaps this is something for families to be involved in. Thank you.

St. Joseph's Readers and Ministers Rota

From January we will be going back to a 3-monthly rota. If you know any dates from January-March 2019 where you will be unavailable to fulfil your ministry, please let me know. I will be scheduling readers on the rota to read the Bidding Prayers from January meaning we will have 3 scheduled readers per Mass (one for 1st/Psalm, one for 2nd Reading and one for Bidding Prayers). Bidding Prayers will be placed on the lectern before Mass. Can the reader of the 2nd Reading please stay at the lectern after their reading and say the Gospel Acclamation part written AFTER the sung Alleluia (unless it's a Sunday when the music group is on.) Thank you. Leanne

SVP Sudan Appeal - Quoted from a recent Sudan Report:

"We, the SVP in Sudan, are still appealing to our donors not to tire of supporting us. NO support means an increase in the number of death cases. With no confidence in the peace, we call upon you not to give up in supporting the poor people of God."

They need our help. To feed a baby for a year is £50. Any amount of money would help to make a difference. You can exchange your donation for a certificate or card to give as a gift to the friend who has everything. Money can be sent to me, Helen Haywood at The Beeches, Grove House Drive, Gilesgate, Durham, or handed to SVP members at church, or left with Marjorie. Don't forget to Gift Aid. Forms at the back of church. Thank you.

CARDS TO THE HOLY LAND - To send Christmas cards to Christians in the Holy Land, or to send cards to victims of torture, follow the links under 'Upcoming Dates' in the National Justice and Peace Network's latest e-bulletin.

Finchale Partnership: Thank you to everyone who came along to the Partnership Advent Service at Ushaw last weekend, and to those from all our parishes who were involved in preparing the service. See below for 'The Finchale Partnership at Christmas' and join us for Advent and Christmas services over the next few weeks. If you'd like to find out more about what is happening in the Partnership, the minutes of the November meeting of the Partnership Development Group are now available on the noticeboard, and on the partnership webpages hosted at <http://www.stcuthberts-durham.org.uk/>

Services during Advent

6.30pm, Thursday 13 th December	Carol Service, St. Cuthbert's, Durham
2:15pm, Tuesday, 18 th December	Carol Service, St. Patrick's, Langley Moor
7.00pm, Tuesday 18 th December	Partnership Service of Reconciliation, St. Joseph's, Gilesgate
7.00pm, Wednesday 19 th December	Carol Service, St Leonard's Sports Hall. Tickets on sale at Enquiries

Christmas Mass Times

24 th Dec (First Mass of Christmas)	
5.00pm	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse, Esh Winning
5.00pm	St. Patrick's, Langley Moor (carols from 4.30pm)
6.00pm	Ss Joseph, Patrick & Cuthbert, Coxhoe (carols from 5.40pm)
7.00pm	Parish of Durham Martyrs, St. Leonard's Sports Hall (carols from 6.30pm)
7.30pm	St. Michael's, Esh Laude
8.00pm	St. William's, Trimdon (carols from 7.40pm)
10.00pm	St. Cuthbert's, Durham
Christmas Day	
10.00am	Parish of Durham Martyrs, St. Leonard's Sports Hall
10.00am	St. Patrick's, Langley Moor
10.00am	St. Cuthbert's, Durham
10.00am	St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor
10.45am	St. John Fisher, Sedgelyield

**DURHAM MARTYRS' PARISH- ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2018
EVENTS/SERVICES/MASS**

Advent Sunrise Services - In the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's, on the weekdays of Advent at 7.30am, as long as the demand is there. At St. Bede's, services will take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8.45am (after Breakfast Club) Come and help the children appreciate the real meaning of Christmas preparations!.

There won't be any Sunrise Services at St. Godric's.

Each Friday afternoon at 2:50pm throughout Advent, a time of preparation, I will be having Advent reflections in St. Bede's Chapel at St. Godric's Primary School. A time of reflection and meditation through spiritual art. A time away from the busyness and reality for a short time to be still, calm and quiet. I would be delighted if you could join me. Thank you, Julie Wilmore

Sunday, 16th December
3.00pm, St. Joseph's

Christingle Service and Party

Tuesday, 18th December
7.00pm, St. Joseph's

Partnership Reconciliation Service

Monday, 24th December
7.00pm, St. Leonard's School

**Christmas Eve Vigil Mass preceded by
Christmas Carols at 6.30pm**

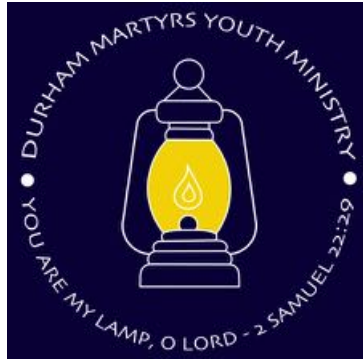
Tuesday 25th December
10.00am, St. Leonard's School

Christmas Day Mass

Wednesday, 26th December
10.00am, St. Godric's

St. Stephen's Day Mass

**No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 24th - 26th December
inclusive, nor on New Year's Eve, 31st December.**



DURHAM MARTYRS' YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Co-ordinator - Katie Flood

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What?	When?	Time	
Base Camp	Tuesday, 11 th Dec	NO GROUP	£1.50 entry Includes a meal
Signpost	Thursday, 13 th Dec	5.00-7.00pm	
Frontier	Wednesday, 12 th Dec	NO GROUP	

Thanks to all our young people who came to the The Source this week, we had a wonderful evening of music, praise and worship!

Also a big thank you to all our Year 6 pupils who took part in their first Faith in Action retreat day on Tuesday. We spent the day at St. Godric's church talking about how we are loved and how important it is to love our neighbour. We also joined parishioners for Mass and ended the day with a short period of Adoration - it was so special! We look forward to our next retreat day in Lent 2019!

Residential Retreat - Youth 2000, Leeds, 15th-17th February 2019

'You make me brave' is a weekend of friendship, prayer and fun, where we come together as a community of young people to grow in our relationship with God with the support of the Church. 'You make me brave' is the theme of the weekend, and it will be a great opportunity to take some time away from our busy lives and make new friends. This weekend, we will journey together, meet with Christ, and rise up filled with a greater confidence, a stronger voice, a deeper trust, and a renewed song in our hearts! We will be taking a group from our parish and more details will follow soon.

Why not have a reverse advent calendar this year!

Reverse advent calendars work by you filling them every day with items of food or clothing that can then be taken to a food bank or charity in order to help those less fortunate that are struggling at Christmas time. After gathering helpful items all month, you can take everything you've saved to your local help scheme on Christmas Eve and know that you've given a Christmas present to someone that really needed it. Not only is this a fun thing for the whole family to do together, from creating the advent calendar structure itself to picking the goodies to go in it, it more importantly teaches your kids the importance of helping others and seeing the bigger picture at Christmas.

Katie Flood

8th - 16th December 2018

Sunday, 9th December - The Second Sunday of Advent

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 8 December		10.00am	10.00am Special Intention 5.00pm Pauline Inglis
Sunday 9 December		9.00am Alf Carr (Birthday Remembrance) and Aileen Oliver 3.00-4.00pm Exposition	11.00am Joe Lane (Birthday Remembrance)
Monday 10 December	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 11 December	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am	6.30pm Exposition 7.00pm Deceased Priests of the Diocese
Wednesday 12 December	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Thursday 13 December	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am	9.15am Christopher and Veronica Kelly 10.30am Funeral Service of Austin Hardman
Friday 14 December EPISCOPAL MEETING	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 15 December		10.00am	10.00am Gerry Murphy and family 5.00pm Janey Jackson (Anniversary)
Sunday 16 December		9.00am Vera Kelledy and Margaret Ryan 3.00pm - Exposition	11.00am Brendan Murphy

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 9	Mon 10	Tue 11	Wed 12	Thur 13	Fri 14	Sat 15	Sun 16
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12..15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm