

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
24th February 4th March 2018
Sunday 25th February - 2nd Sunday of Lent

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Note from Fr. Colm

The Open Partnership Meeting at St. Leonard's on Thursday night was well attended with good open discussion on ways forward.

How sad to lose Catherine Hannigan this week. The light of her Dad's eye. Bill and Catherine were inseparable. The Journey in Faith Group was an anchor for both, but their contribution to parish and group were wonderful. Their annual pilgrimage to Lourdes with the Diocese was a highlight for both. Bill was devastated when special care was needed to cope with Catherine's developing Alzheimer's.

Catherine and Bill were a beautiful witness of father/daughter devotion and deep love, and the power of Christian Faith. A timely message in a disposable age, when Downs Syndrome children are struggling, from conception, with a threat to their very existence.

Confessions:

St. Godric's Saturday: 10.30am-11.00am
St. Joseph's Saturday: 9.30am-9.50am, 10.30am-11.00am,
4.45pm-5.15pm

Feast Days

Thursday, 1 st March	St. David Bp, Patron of Wales
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What's On

Tuesday, 27 th February	* *	Bereavement Group Meeting, St. Joseph's, 7.30pm Partnership Development Group, St. Joseph's, 7.30pm
Wednesday, 28 th February		Wednesday Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm, Jubilee Room
Thursday, 1 st March	* * *	Coffee Morning, St. Godric's 10.30am Journey in Faith, 7.30-9.00pm, both rooms Prayer Group, St. Godric's. 6.45-8.00pm
Friday, 2 nd March		Lenten Charity Lunch, 12.00 noon, Don Bosco Room
Saturday, 3 rd March		Traidcraft Coffee Morning, St Joseph's, 3 rd March, 10.30am
Sunday, 4 th March		Marriage Preparation Day from 12.00 - St. Joseph's

Sympathy - Marianne Heaphy's Requiem Mass will take place at St. Godric's Church on Tuesday, 6th March at 10.30am, followed by cremation in Durham..

We extend our sympathy to the family of the late Catherine Hannigan, who passed away this week. Funeral arrangements are not know at the moment. *Requiescant in pace.*

Baptism - we welcome into our parish community Luca Patterson, who will be Baptised at St. Godric's after the 9.00am Mass this Sunday, 25th February.

We welcome to our 11.00am Mass this morning the engaged couples who will be celebrating their marriages during the year in our parish: Anna and Craig, Rebecca and Mark, Caitlin and Sam, and Rory and Angela. They will also be taking part in our Marriage Preparation course next Sunday, 4th March, after our 11.00am Mass.

Journey in Faith - The next meeting of the Journey in Faith will be held in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's Church commencing at 7.30pm on Thursday, 1st March, when Karen Kilby will be presenting the session on 'Catholic Social Teaching.' Everyone is welcome to come along.

Lent Charity Soup Lunches - Please contact the parish secretary if you wish to host a lunch on either 9th or 23rd March.

Friday, 2 nd March	SVP Sudan Baby Feeding Stations
Friday 9 th March	NO LUNCH BOOKED
Friday, 16 th March	Inclusive Church Group
Friday 23 rd March	NO LUNCH BOOKED

Prayer Group at St. Godric's (John Boste Room) - 6.45-8.00pm on Thursday 1st March, and every second Thursday. All Welcome.

Baptism - The Spring Baptism Programme is scheduled for Monday, 5th March when those who have expressed an interest are invited to meet 6.30pm for a prompt 6.35 start at St. Joseph's church in the Jubilee room. The evening will finish at 9.00 pm. A buffet will be available on arrival and there will be a short comfort break midway through the evening. Anyone who wishes to attend please contact Parish Secretary for further information if you haven't already done so.

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday 23rd February. Donating envelopes due for return this weekend, 24th/25th March.

New Donating Envelopes. New boxes of donating envelopes, for those who use them, are now available at the back of both churches. Please collect your own box as soon as possible. If your box is not at the church you attend please let me know and I will attempt to get it to the church you attend. Brian Harland 386 2149.

Womens' World Day of Prayer - this year is at St Giles church at 2 pm on Friday, 2nd March. We have been asked to provide seven readers so if you would like to take an active part, please tell Marjorie, or Joanna Pallister.

Womens' World Day of Prayer - Durham City Branch - Friday, 2nd March at 10.30am in St. Nicholas' Church in the Market Place, organised by the Christian Women of Surinane in Brazil.

Sunrise Services - at St. Joseph's Church, each weekday morning during Lent from 7.30am-7.45am.

The Sunrise Service in St. Godric's school with the children will begin on Tuesday 20th February and continues each Tuesday and Thursday at 8.40 until Holy Week. This is a very short service being the readings of the day followed by Holy Communion. We finish at 8.55am and it is a great way to begin the day.

Lent with Arts and Faith - please join me at St. Godric's Primary School each Friday during Lent at 2:50pm in St. Bede's Chapel and enter a visual prayer experience this Lent with Arts & Faith. Thank you, Julie Wilmore.

Parish Stations of the Cross - all at 7.00pm except Good Friday

Date	Group	Venue
Friday, 2 nd March	St. Bede's Community	St. Bede's
Friday, 9 th March	The Youth Group (Ann Close)	St. Joseph's
Friday 16 th March	The Parish Council	St. Joseph's
Friday, 23 rd March	Aid to the Indian Ladies Group	St. Bede's
Friday, 30 th March GOOD FRIDAY, 10.00am	Faith and Light	St. Joseph's

St. Godric's Coffee Morning - Thursday, 1st March, after the 10.00am Mass. All welcome.

Fundraising - Our next coffee morning for Women In Need in India will be held on **Friday 2nd March** after the service of the word and Holy Communion in **St Bede's Room in St Godric's School**. All parishioners and parents are very welcome. A cheque for £600 has been sent to the charity following last month's very successful coffee morning. Thank you for your continued support for this very worthy cause. Many thanks, Deirdre

Sing for Easter - Anyone wishing to sing in the choir for Easter services are asked to attend the following rehearsals:

Sunday evenings, 6pm - 7.30pm - Don Bosco Room, St. Joseph's

11th March - Good Friday Music

18th March - Easter Vigil

25th March - Easter Sunday

There will also be a rehearsal on **Sunday 4th March** St. Godric's, 10.00 -10.45 for Maundy Thursday.

Missio - St. Godric's and St. Bede's Red Mission Boxes - During 2017 a total of £4960 was collected from the holders of red mission boxes and direct members of MISSIO at St Godric's and St Bede's. We will be collecting again and distributing magazines at **Sunday morning Mass throughout March**. For red box holders in the Newton Hall area there will be no change to the previous arrangements (a separate letter has been issued to those who used to bring their boxes to Mass in St. Godric's School). **PLEASE DON'T LEAVE FULL MISSION BOXES IN ST GODRIC'S CHURCH ON WEEKDAYS**. Many thanks for your continued support. Deirdre

St Joseph's 11am Mass Hospitality Rota - I have just agreed to manage the hospitality rota for St. Joseph's 11.00am Mass. The existing rota will continue until the end of April so if you are on that rota you won't need to do anything different - just turn up as usual. I don't have contact details for everyone but I hope to catch up with you during the few weeks and collect that information. If anyone has any views or ideas on how we can build on and/or improve the hospitality after mass, or if you would like to join the rota, please feel free to contact me through the Parish Secretary. Many thanks. Evanna Donachie

The Finchale Partnership - Consultation on our Development Plan: Many thanks to everyone who came along to the meeting at St. Leonard's on Thursday evening to share your thoughts and views on the partnership development plan. The Partnership Development Group will be meeting on Tuesday evening to discuss all the ideas that came out of the meeting, and more information on how the plan will be taken forward will be available in the next few weeks.

Centre for Catholic Studies

Thursday 1st March: *Redistribution, Recognition and Catholic Social Teaching*. A Catholic Theology Research Seminar by Dr Amy Daughton. 5.30 drinks for 5.45pm seminar at Durham University Catholic Chaplaincy, Old Elvet. All welcome; if you wish to attend, please register at <https://centreforcatholicstudies.eventbrite.com> or by calling 0191 334 1656.

Registration open for *450 Years Pioneering Catholic Education: Past, Present, Future* - a conference marking the 450th anniversary of the founding of the English College at Douai. Mon 30th April - Tuesday 1st May 2018 at Ushaw College. Including lectures by HE Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi and Prof Eamon Duffy. More information available via www.centreforcatholicstudies.co.uk.

Vacancy - Full-Time Roman Catholic Chaplain at HMP Full Sutton

For further details, please enter 16469 - Band 5 Chaplain - Roman Catholic Priest, Deacon, Religious Brother or Sister or Lay Person in your browser. Closing date is 9th March.

SAVE THE DATE - ROSS reunion - Tuesday 17th April 11-3pm. Buffet provided by Tyneside Irish Centre. 'Raised on Songs and Stories' is the name of the Tyneside Cultural Society's outreach project which brings together the parish communities and any of our older Irish people who share some of their stories with us over a delicious free lunch. Please everyone, come along and join us for a lively bit of craic. We sing songs, play tunes on the fiddle and encourage anyone to get up and perform.....but no pressure! The project has brought some of the Irish community together who have often not seen each other for years. But you don't have to have Irish connections - all are welcome.

Holy Week 2017

24th March (Saturday)

St. Joseph's - 5.30pm Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday with Procession and Blessing of palms.

25th March - Palm Sunday

St. Godric's - 9.00am Palm Sunday Mass and 11.00am at St. Joseph's, with Procession and Blessing of palms.

28th March - Wednesday

**Mini-Triduum for the housebound
2.00pm in St. Joseph's Church followed by refreshments.**

**29th March - Holy Thursday
NO EXPOSITION TODAY**

**7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper -
St. Godric's, followed by watching at
the Altar of Repose at the Lady Altar
with Night Prayer at 8.45pm - 9.00pm.**

30th March - Good Friday

**10.00am Stations of the Cross
St. Joseph's (Faith and Light)**

**3.00pm The Passion of Our Lord Jesus
Christ with Veneration of the Cross, St.
Leonard's School**

31st March - Holy Saturday

**8.00 pm Easter Vigil Mass
St. Leonard's School**

1st April - Easter Sunday

**10.00am Easter Sunday Mass
St. Leonard's School**

Exposition at St. Godric's - Please note that Wednesday, 28th March will be the last Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during Holy Week. It will re-commence on Sunday 1st April at the usual time of 3.00-4.00pm and resume at the normal time of 2.00-3.00pm Monday - Saturday from Monday, 2nd April.

No Sunrise Services in the parish after Wednesday, 28th March

24th February - 4th March 2018
25th February - 2nd Sunday of Lent

**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 24 February		10.00am	10.00am - Austin Flynn 5.30pm - Kathleen Callaghan and Peter & Catherine McLoughlin
Sunday 25 February		9.00am Alf Carr (Anniversary) 3.00 - 4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Gerard McMahan
Monday 26 February	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 27 February	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am	6.30pm Exposition 7.00pm - Deceased members of the Binks & Thompson Families
Wednesday 28 February	9.15am In thanksgiving (BT)	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 1 March	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	9.30-10.00am - Exposition 10.00am	9.15am - Deceased members of the Vickers and Murphy Families
Friday 2 March EPISCOPAL MTG	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 3 March		10.00am	10.00am Dorothy & James Sweeney 5.30pm - Ken Drane and Jane Jackson
Sunday 4 March		9.00am Marie Crawford 3.00pm-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Alice Hardy and Joe Burnside

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 25	Mon 26	Tue 27	Wed 28	Thurs 1 Mar	Fri 2	Sat 3	Sun 4
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	12.15pm (Requiem Mass) and 7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm