

*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
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Sunday 21st January - 3rd Sunday of the Year

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Note from Fr. Colm

Well, the Christmas and New Year celebrations are well behind us now, but I haven't had an opportunity to thank you all for your generosity over the festive season. I'm not simply referring to the generosity shown to me personally, for which I use this platform to express how deeply touched I was, but also to those who gave so much of themselves to our celebrations in the respective centres, and, of course, to the very lovely masses of Christmas at St. Leonard's. Many have commented to me on how moving the Christmas Eve Mass was. Much hard work went into that. There was unanimous appreciation for the new sound system, especially those needing the loop system. Well done to those hard workers who put in hours of preparation for you OUR PARISHIONERS. Thank you all.

Before we know it, Lent will be upon us. Its early this year.

We bid farewell to Fr. Jean Baptiste, who kindly helped out on Saturday evening Vigil Masses at St. Joseph's. His residence at St. Cuthbert's and studies at Durham University come to an end next Friday, 26th January.

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

Saturday, 20 th January	St. Fabian P, M; St. Sebastian M
Monday, 22 nd January	St. Vincent, Deacon, M
Wednesday, 24 th January	St. Francis de Sales Bp, D
Thursday, 25 th January	The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
Friday, 26 th January	Ss. Timothy and Titus Bps

What's On

Sunday, 21 st January	Couples for Christ Meeting, Jubilee Room, 12.15pm
Wednesday, 24 th January	Wednesday Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm, Jubilee Room,
Thursday, 25 th January	Journey in Faith, 7.30-9.00pm., both rooms

Baptism - we welcome into our parish community Olivia Hanley, who will be Baptised on Saturday 27th January at St. Joseph's at 11.30am.

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 7.30 on Thursday 25th January. Fr. Colm will be presenting the session on The Eucharist. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Parish Council Meeting - There will be a business meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday, 6th February, at 7.30pm. Please forward any items you wish to be raised on your behalf to the Parish Secretary by Tuesday, 30th January.

Operation Wallacea cake sale after the 5.30 Mass at St Joseph's on Saturday 20th January, and on Sunday 21st January after 9.00am Mass at Saint Godric's. Raffle tickets will be on sale and the prize is a meal for two at Finbar's.

Sing for the Durham Martyrs

Singers are invited to come and rehearse the Durham Martyrs' Mass in the Don Bosco Room at St. Joseph's on **Sunday February 4th, 11th and 18th, 6pm -7.30.**

This will be the second phase of preparation for the commemoration service for the Durham Martyrs to be held in June. All singers will be welcome.

St. Joseph's polite house-keeping notice

At the end of services, can you please return hymn books to the ends of the benches with roughly equal numbers at each side, also return mass books and newsletters (that you do not want to take home) to the bureau at the door. Thank you.

St Joseph's gardens tidy up 10:00 am Saturday 24th February

Please come along and join in, bring children, parents, grand parents, single people, busy people who need a break. An hour or two from a happy team would be marvellous, maybe someone to make tea? Oh and bring some tools. Come along after lunch if you cannot make the morning. Thank you.

St. Godric's - readers and ministers rota - anyone from St. Bede's who would like to join the St. Godric's rota would be very welcome. Please let me know as soon as possible, as I am preparing the new rota this week. Thank you, *Kathleen*.

St. Joseph's - Rota for Ministers and Readers - a new rota covering the period 3rd February - 25th March is now available at the back of the church.

Paving work at the entrance to St. Joseph's - On your behalf, the buildings committee have been planning to have some changes made to the paving at the main entrance to St. Joseph's. Over the last few years there have been a number of slips and trips and we need to improve access for all of our Parishioners. The changes will remove the two semi-circular steps and create a graduated slope to the main doors. There will be the opportunity to pull in to drop off/pick up, and going forward parking will need to be in the allocated bays. The aim is to make access easier for people with mobility issues, young and old, for circumstances like funerals and for crowded exit situations when people cannot see the steps.

The work will commence on Monday 22nd January and will be carried out in two four day stages, Monday to Thursday, with a target completion of 1st February. This will allow for access to be arranged for the middle weekend to ensure the main weekend mass services continue as normal. We seem to be encountering a changeable weather period and so as with all improvement works, there may need to be some adjustments. Can I ask for your cooperation and patience as things progress. **Note from Monday to Thursday there will be no car park access.** For any queries, please contact John Reilly O'Donnell. Thank you.

Note from Durham County Council - Blue Badge holders - Parking at St. Godric's - Blue badge holders may park for free in any of the pay and display bays and they could also park on the double yellow lines leading to the church for up to 3 hours provided they aren't causing an obstruction. With this in mind we would be reluctant to lose 2 parking bays in a city centre location which would then only be used by a limited audience at particular times of the week. The loading bay at the end of the street is only in force Monday - Saturday so any Sunday visitors with a blue badge could park here. *DCC*

RC Chaplain Post at HMP Durham

A Chaplaincy job in an establishment which provides pastoral and faith specific care to prisoners and staff. The minimum qualification for this post is normally the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies. 37 hour working week - this role requires working regular unsocial hours. Salary: £25,920 - £29,176. Closing date for application is 30th January 2018. Further details can be found at: <https://justicejobs.tal.net>

21st January - 3rd Sunday of the Year

**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 20 January		10.00am	10.00am - In thanksgiving for the work of the Missionaries of Charity Co Workers 5.30pm - David Elliot (Birthday Remembrance)
Sunday 21 January		9.00am - John & May McCabe and Anne McKenzie 3.00 - 4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Maureen Carey
Monday 22 January	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 23 January	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am	6.30pm - Exposition 7.00pm - Bob Collinson (Birthday Remembrance)
Wednesday 24 January	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 25 January	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	9.30-10.00am - Exposition 10.00am	9.15am Alan Brown
Friday 26 January POSSIBLE EPISCOPAL MTG	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 27 January		10.00am	10.00am James and Dorothy Sweeney 5.30pm Philip Hunter (Anniversary)
Sunday 28 January		9.00am - Vera Kelledy 3.00pm-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Damian Reddington (Birthday Remembrance)

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 21	Mon 22	Tue 23	Wed 24	Thurs 25	Fri 26	Sat 27	Sun 28
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm