

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

27th October - 4th November 2018

Sunday 28th October - 30th Sunday of the Year

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Can we have volunteers to help with church closure at St. Joseph's on a Sunday morning. Tony is just coming to the Saturday Vigil Mass. Tony does a lot and I am very grateful for all that he has done. Perhaps those on hospitality might close the door? No key required. Once the front door is locked FIRMLY, i.e. all three locks, then it is just a matter of leaving by the Jubilee Room and ensuring that the door is closed behind. Also, could those doing the collection during Mass ensure that the doors are open for collection and offertory procession. And, if the members of the SVP who collect after each Mass could ensure that both sides of the main doors are open for exit from Mass. Thank you all.

Exposition at St. Godric's continues to be a massive spiritual powerhouse for ALL the parish. More new faces appear regularly. It provides an oasis of quiet for so many too in a frantic and demanding life. It also provides a tremendous presence in the centre of Durham. Most days are well cared for by volunteers. We normally have a rota of 4 for each afternoon hour of prayer. Some days are quieter than others. I do think Thursday needs an extra support.

"Archbishop (Oscar) Romero's martyrdom at the beginning of the Eucharistic liturgy was poignant given his devotion to the Eucharist. He had regularly observed a 'Holy Hour' of Eucharistic adoration in the hospital chapel where he was killed." From 'Dying for the Eucharist or Being Killed by It: Romero's Challenge to first World Christians' by William T. Cavanaugh.

Romero himself wrote "... we are able to make an act of faith before the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist and offer prayers for the great needs of our families, our nation and the Church."

And moments before his assassination he said the following words "May this body immolated and his blood sacrificed for mankind nourish us also, so that we may give our body and blood to suffering and to pain, like Christ, not for self, but to bring about a harvest of justice and peace for our people."

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

Tuesday, 30 th October	The Martyrs of Douai College
Thursday, 1 st November	All Saints' Day
Friday, 2 nd November	The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
Saturday, 3 rd November	St. Winefride V and St. Martin de Porres Rel

What's On

Tuesday, 30 th October *	Base Camp, Jubilee Room, 4.30-6.30pm
*	PDG Sub-Group Meeting, Don Bosco, 7.00-9.00pm
Wednesday, 31 st Oct *	Wednesday Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm, Jubilee Room
*	Frontier Group, Jubilee Room, 7.00-9.00pm
Thursday, 1 st Nov *	Coffee Morning, St. Godric's, 10.30am
*	Signpost Group - Jubilee Room, 5.00-7.00pm
Friday, 2 nd November	Soup Lunch, Don Bosco Room, 12.00-1.00pm
Saturday, 3 rd Nov *	Altar Servers' Lunch, Jubilee Room. 12.45-2.00pm
*	Faith and Light, both rooms, 2.30-4.30pm

Sympathy - we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Margaret Sewell, whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on Tuesday, 6th November at 11.00am, followed by burial in Durham. *Requiescat in pace.*

Baptism - we welcome into our parish community Beatrice Hall, who will be Baptised this Sunday, 28th October after the 11.00am Mass at St. Joseph's.

Annual Mass Count - ends 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.

Second Collection - there will be a second collection **this weekend** for the **Clergy Training Fund**. 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 25th November).

Thursday, 1st November - All Saints Day

This is a Holy Day of Obligation and parish Masses are as follows:
St. Godric's Church - 10.00am and St. Joseph's Church - 7.00pm

Coffee Morning - 10.30am in St. Godric's, after the morning Mass. Everyone welcome.

Our annual **Sharing Fair Sale** will take place next weekend, 3rd - 4th November.

New Rota, St. Joseph's - a new rota for Ministers and Readers for the month of November is now available at the back of church. If you would like to receive this in the future by email, please contact Leanne Heseltine. Please also inform Leanne if you arrange a "swap".

Concert - Russian Choir - On Tuesday 20th 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.

Also, we need some volunteers to host members of this choir for one night (the night of the concert) and they will need bed and breakfast. Can anyone who is willing to host one or more choir members please let Marjorie know. We need places for 9 choir members. Thank you.

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.

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.

Diocesan Altar Servers' Mass - Saturday 3rd 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.

St. Godric's Primary School - The Mini Vinnies from St. Godric's Primary School would like to invite all parish members to an afternoon of prayer, activity and tea and biscuits on Tuesday 6th November at 2pm - 3pm.

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 3rd November until 2nd December). The poinsettias will then be placed in church from 22nd December and you can collect your poinsettia after the weekend of 5th/6th January and take them home if you wish. Each plant will be labelled with the requested name.
Clare Thompson.

2018 St. Leonard's Lecture

Thursday, 8th 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.*

This weekend - don't forget to put your clocks back one hour. The suggested time to do it is 2.00am on Sunday morning!!

Friday Soup Lunch - our next lunch will take place next Friday, 2nd November, in the Don Bosco room at St. Joseph's. All are welcome.

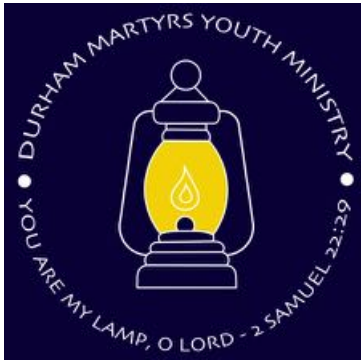
Soup lunches in December (7th, 14th and 21st) will be our usual **Advent Charity Soup Lunches**. If you or your group would like to host a lunch, please give Marjorie your preferred date. The soup lunch held in October raised £61, which was donated to the parish Inclusive Church Group. Thanks to all who supported this in any way for your generosity.

Information Sessions on the Permanent Diaconate

The permanent diaconate is well-established in our Diocese now, and the deacons come from all walks of life and live out their ministry in a variety of ways. The Council of Deacons is running a series of information evenings across the diocese, to offer an opportunity to come along and find out more about the diaconate. The Council of Deacons is sure that the Holy Spirit is calling forward men to the diaconate. The information evenings will offer an overview of the four-year formation period, insight from current deacons as to how they live out their ministry, and offer a chance to ask questions. Anyone interested to know more is invited to come along to one of the sessions. Wives of those interested in the diaconate are welcome to attend. The details of the three information evenings are as follows:

- Wednesday 7th November 7.00 pm: St Hilda's Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY.
- Wednesday 21st November 7.00 pm: English Martyrs and Ss Peter and Paul, Redhill Road, Stockton-on-Tees, TS19 9BY.
- Thursday 22nd November 7:00 pm: St Michael's, Durham Road, Houghton-le-Spring, DH5 8NF (in the meeting room).

If you are unable to attend any of these evenings, but are still interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate, please look at the diocesan website: <http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/vocdeacon/vocdeaconabout.php>



DURHAM MARTYRS' YOUTH MINISTRY

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What?	When?	Time	
Base Camp	Tuesday, 30 th Oct	4.30-6.30pm	£1.50 entry Includes a meal
Signpost	Thursday, 1 st Nov	5.00-7.00pm	
Frontier	Wednesday, 31 st Oct	7.00-9.00pm	

Welcome back to all our pupils and teachers, I hope you are all refreshed after the half term!

All our groups this week will be celebrating an All Hallow's Eve party. We are encouraging everyone to come in fancy dress if you want to!

A schedule for all groups until Christmas is available at the back of Church and will also be provided to all our young people through school.

Flame 2019 - On 2nd 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 4th November** at the latest.

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**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 27 October		10.00am	10.00am Deceased priests of the Diocese 5.00pm - Peter and Catherine McLoughlin and deceased members of the Condron & Michiels Families
Sunday 28 October		9.00am Elizabeth Carmel Nolan 3.00-4.00pm Exposition	11.00am The Oliver Family and Jim Cullen
Monday 29 October	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 30 October	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am	6.30- Exposition 7.00pm - Chris Kelly
Wednesday 31 October	9.15am SVP friends and benefactors	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Thursday 1 November ALL SAINTS DAY	9.15am School Mass	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am	7.00pm Holy Mass
Friday 2 November ALL SOULS EPISCOPAL MEETING	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 3 November		10.00am Bernard McGoay (1 st Anniversary)	10.00am - Sheila Owens (Illness) 5.00pm - Philip Gibson (10 th Anniversary) and Bill Hannigan
Sunday 4 November		9.00am Annie Whitehead and a Special Intention 3.00pm - Exposition	11.00am Harriet Morris and Maura Cullen

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 28	Mon 29	Tue 30	Wed 31	Thur 1	Fri 2	Sat 3	Sun 4
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	7.00pm Vigil Mass for All Saints	12.15pm All Saints Mass	12.15pm Commemoration of All Souls	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm