

*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
3rd - 11th November 2018
Sunday 4th November - 31st Sunday of the Year

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Congratulations to our Roger McKone on his wonderful achievement of having his Mass of the Durham Martyrs accepted by the National Liturgical Commission. A great achievement Roger.

We have a mysterious poster thief at St. Godric's who either doesn't like Russian choirs, or has issues with Vladimir Putin. Can you please leave the posters alone, whoever you are.

Fr. Chris Jackson's talk at St. Leonard's on Jewish-Catholic relationships since Vatican 2 should be well worth attending.

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, 3 rd November	St. Winefride V and St. Martin de Porres Rel
Wednesday, 1 st Nov	St. Willibrord Bp
Friday, 9 th November	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Saturday, 10 th Nov	St. Leo the Great Pp, D

What's On

Tuesday, 6 th November	Base Camp, Jubilee Room, 4.30-6.30pm
Wednesday, 7 th Nov	* Wednesday Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm, Jubilee Room * Frontier Group, Jubilee Room, 7.00-9.00pm * Buildings/H&S Meeting, Don Bosco, 7.00-9.00pm
Thursday, 8 th Nov	Signpost Group - Jubilee Room, 5.00-7.00pm

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,

.. and also to the family and friends of the late Austin Dobbie.
Requiescant in pace.

Baptism - we welcome into our parish community Mateo Verlet, who will be Baptised this Sunday, 4th November after the 9.00am Mass at St. Godric's.

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

First Holy Communion Programme - we welcome to our Sunday morning Masses all the children from our three primary schools who are undertaking the First Holy Communion Programme.

The children from St. Godric's school will continue session 2 on Thursday, 8th November after school. The children from St. Joseph's and St. Thomas More schools will continue session 2 on Sunday, 11th November at 10.30am in the Jubilee Room St. Joseph's and then join us for Mass.

Masses at St. Joseph's - The Tuesday evening and Saturday morning Masses will take place in the Jubilee Room with immediate effect. Our Thursday morning Mass will remain in the church during term-time, to facilitate the school children from St. Joseph's and St. Thomas More.

Parish Council Meeting Agenda items - there will be a business meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30 pm Tuesday 13th November in the Don Bosco Room. Please forward any items you wish to have raised on your behalf to the Parish Secretary by Tuesday 6th November.

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.

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. Email secretary.stjandstg@btconnect.com During the concert interval and at the end there will be the opportunity to purchase CD recordings of the choir and other traditional Russian gifts.

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 now need places for 6 choir members. Thank you to those three people who have already made the offer.

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.

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.*

DATE FOR THE DIARY

Memorial Sunday - our annual Memorial Sunday Mass will take place on **Sunday 25th November** at St. Godric's at 3.00pm. All parishioners who have been bereaved during the year November 2017-November 2018 have received a personal invitation from Fr. Colm to come along and light a candle in remembrance of their loved ones. Fr. Colm will light three larger candles (one for each Mass centre) which represent the deceased members of our parish and our families and friends. These will remain on the altar and be lit at every Mass until Christmas.

Please come along to the Mass, and join us for seasonal refreshments in the Narthex afterwards. Everyone welcome.

Mass of the Durham Martyrs - The Mass of the Durham Martyrs has been approved by the Liturgy Office. Congratulations to Roger.

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.

Durham Theology Reading Group - A reading group is beginning on 19th November at 7.30 for 8.00pm, meeting at 6 Albert Street, Durham, run by Karen Kilby and Mary McHugh. Coffee, tea, wine and cake will be provided. The group is aimed at people interested in reading and discussing theology who have not formally studied the subject. Please contact Karen (Karen.Kilby@durham.ac.uk) for more details. All welcome.

The parish buildings/health and safety committee reminds organisers of parish events that if an event is likely to attract a substantial number of people (e.g. concerts, fayres) or carries a particular health or safety risk, a risk assessment must be carried out in good time beforehand. We will pick up from the weekly bulletin most events we think will require an assessment and contact the organiser accordingly. However, there may be some we miss so organisers should be aware and if in doubt contact a member of the committee in good time.

Fundraising

Aid to the Church in Need (A.C.N) Red Wednesday Coffee Morning, 28th November, St. Godric's Church after 10a.m Mass. Support A.C.N. helping persecuted Christians. Wear something red! Cakes or prizes for the Red Raffle most welcome - Pat Whitton - 3866873.

Art Auction - The Macmillan Durham Not Alone Group are holding an Art Auction on 16th November at the Marriott Hotel, Durham. Viewing at 7.00pm and Silent Auction at 7.30pm. Tickets £15, includes 1 glass of wine and cheese. See poster.

From the Diocese -

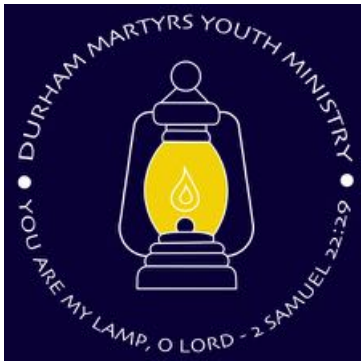
Advent Resources 2018 - Gaudete et Exsultate



The theme of our Advent Resources 2018 is Gaudete et Exsultate.

They are available to download from the Diocesan website - rcdhn.org.uk or, if you prefer, on a CD, which you can order from the Department for Spirituality. If you would like

further ideas on how to use the resources, please do not hesitate to contact the Department. **Rejoice and Be Glad!**



DURHAM MARTYRS' YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Co-ordinator - Katie Flood

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What?	When?	Time	
Base Camp	Tuesday, 6 th November	4.30-6.30pm	£1.50 entry Includes a meal
Signpost	Thursday, 8 th Nov	5.00-7.00pm	
Frontier	Wednesday, 7 th Nov	7.00-9.00pm	

Flame - Saturday 2nd March 2019 - An amazing gathering of Catholic's from all around the country at Wembley arena is a great opportunity to hear inspirational talks, listen to wonderful music and worship with thousands of other Catholics. We will be travelling by coach and the cost is £20 (generously subsidised by the Partnership). The deadline for people who would like to attend Flame 2019 is Monday 5th November. If you would like to attend and have not already done so, please contact me via email or phone to put your name down.

The Event - Wednesday 21st November - The Event is a monthly gathering for young people in years 6, 7 and 8 and gives them the opportunity to have fun, make new friends, celebrate their faith, sing, dance, play games and worship. The cost is £5 - this is to cover transport costs to the Event which is held at St Joseph's Academy in Hebburn. Drop off will be at St Joseph's, Gilesgate at 5:15pm and pick up will be from the same location at 8:00pm.

If your child would like to attend the Event a consent form must be completed and returned to class teacher/chaplain or myself by Wednesday 14th November. This form will be available from school or you can contact me on the details above.

The Source - Wednesday 5th December - The Source brings young people, Year 9 and above, together for an evening of inspiring talks, praise and worship and friendship. We took a group of 6 young people to the previous Source and had a wonderful time! The cost is £7.50- this includes train fare and food, there will also be refreshments after the event. Meet at St Godric's church, no later than 5:30pm. Pick up from St Godric's Church at 9:30pm. A consent form must be completed for each young person attending the Source for copies of this please email me or give me a call.

Weekly Challenge - As we have celebrated All Saint's Day this week, think about what kind of saint you want to be and how you can make a difference in our world.

Katie Flood

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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 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 3.00-4.00pm Exposition	11.00am Harriet Morris and Maura Cullen
Monday 5 November	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 6 November	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am	11.00am Requiem Mass of Margaret Sewell
Wednesday 7 November	9.15am Brian O'Connor	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Thursday 8 November	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am	9.15am Ruth Brennan (Special Intention)
Friday 9 November	9.15am Belle Blakey	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 10 November		10.00am	10.00am Peter Mahan 5.00pm David Adams
Sunday 11 November		9.00am Special Intention (T & P) 3.00pm - Exposition	11.00am Sarah Hann

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 4	Mon 5	Tue 6	Wed 7	Thur 8	Fri 9	Sat 10	Sun 11
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm