

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
17th - 25th November 2018
Sunday 18th November - 33rd Sunday of the Year

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Note from Fr. Colm

The Partnership Day at Ushaw last Saturday went very well and there were some good discussions regarding the workings of the different Parish Councils across the Partnership.

We had our own Parish Council meeting this week and I am pleased to announce three new members - Mike McNally, Tony Power and John Thompson. Briefing notes on the main topics of interest will be read out at all weekend Masses next weekend.

The Russian Choir Concert next Tuesday evening at St. Godric's is nearly upon us and I think this will be a great evening.

Dr. Sam Bethapudi's very worthwhile talk on pain and inner healing takes place this Wednesday at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's.

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, 17 th Nov	St. Hilda of Whitby, Abbess
Tuesday 20 th Nov	St. Edmund, King M
Wednesday, 21 st Nov	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday, 22 nd Nov	St. Cecelia V, M
Friday, 23 rd Nov	St. Clement 1 Pp, M/St. Columban Abb
Saturday, 24 th Nov	St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions MM
Sunday, 25 th November	Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

What's On

Tuesday, 20 th Nov	*	Base Camp, Jubilee Room, 4.30-6.30pm
	*	Russian Concert, 7.00-9.00pm. St. Godric's
Wednesday, 21 st Nov	*	Wednesday Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm, Jubilee Room
	*	Talk by Dr. Sam Bethapudi, 7.00pm - Jubilee Room
Sunday, 25 th November		Memorial Sunday Mass, St. Godric's, 3.00pm
	*	Christmas Choir Rehearsal, 6.00-7.30pm Don Bosco

St. Joseph's Change of Mass Time - on Tuesday 20th November, Exposition will take place at 9.00am, followed by Mass at 9.30am to facilitate the Russian Choir Concert at St. Godric's at 7.00pm.

Second Collection - Next weekend we celebrate Youth Sunday. Bishop Seamus and the Youth Ministry Trust wish to thank you for your generous contributions to last year's collection and for all you have done throughout the year to support our young people on their faith journey. There will be a collection next week to support the work of YMT. Envelopes are available if you would like the opportunity to Gift Aid your donation.

Pain and Inner Healing - Dr. Sam Bethapudi will give a talk in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's on Wednesday, 21st November, 7.00-8.30pm. All are welcome.

Note to all Parishioners involved in cooking/baking/meal preparation for Parish Events and fund raising.

One of the roles of The Health and Safety Committee has been to consider Food safety. This involves the food handling practices of everyone involved in cooking food for the Parish both at St. Joseph's and St. Godric's. Meetings will be held on Tuesday 27th November at 7.30pm and Tuesday 4th December at 7.30pm, both in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's, and we would like to invite you to attend on one of those dates. This will give us the opportunity to explain some of the requirements we need to observe and some changes in practice which we may have to consider, and we look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Mary Harrison.

St. Godric's weekday morning services - Please note that from **Monday, 19th November**, the main door to St. Godric's Church will not be open for weekday morning services, access to the church will be via the door in the car park. During the recent H & S meeting it was noted that whilst the morning service was taking place in John Boste room it was difficult to monitor who was entering the church. A sign will be put on the main door advising worshippers accordingly.

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. Tickets still available - cost £7-50/free under 19. **Please note that the car park at the rear of St Godric's Church will be reserved for choir transport only for the duration of the evening.**

Justice and Peace group meeting - Sunday 18th November after 9 am Mass St Godric's.

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 remain there 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.*

Durham Martyrs Walking Group - December arrangements - There will be no walk in December but the Group will meet for lunch as Sambuca, Gilesgate, Durham at 12.00 on Saturday 15th December. All group members past, present or potential are welcome to attend. This will be a good opportunity to consider our plans for 2019 walks. Please let Marjorie know no later than 20th November if you would like to attend, so that she can make the booking.

Change of Date - the film and tea afternoon scheduled for **Tuesday, 20th November** has been cancelled owing to a clash with other events. It will now take place the week after, on **Tuesday 27th November** at 1.30pm.

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.

Centre for Catholic Studies

Wednesday 21st November 2018: Film Screening: *The Claim: Archbishop Romero, his people, and Pope Francis*, followed by a Q&A with Julian Filochowski, chair of the Archbishop Romero Trust, and then a Justice and Peace-themed Mass. 5pm at Durham University Catholic Chaplaincy, St. Cuthbert's Catholic Church, Old Elvet, Durham City. Free entry with a retiring collection for the Archbishop Romero Trust. Space is limited so booking is essential via <https://centreforcatholicstudies.eventbrite.com> or by telephoning 0191 334 1656.

Tuesday 27th November 2018: Ushaw Lecture Series: *Edward Coleman (1636-1678): Catholic Martyr as News Letter Writer*, by Prof. Stephen Taylor. 5.30pm (drinks) for 6pm lecture at Ushaw College. All welcome; please register at <https://centreforcatholicstudies.eventbrite.com>, where details of transport are also available, or call 0191 334 1656. The registration deadline for transport is 10am on Thursday 22nd November.

TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL

200 CLUB

November 2018 Results

1st (£50)

Maurice Ahern
Ann Wilkin

No. 30

St. Bernadette's, Wallsend
St. Cuthbert's, North Shields

2nd (£25)

Sheila Grant
SVP Conference
Joyce Grant

No. 47

St. Charles, Gosforth
St. Joseph's, Sunderland
Ss. Godric & Bede, Durham

Justice and Peace Refugee Project

Our Lady of Lourdes Deaf Centre, Newcastle

Quoting from the Project's Autumn 2018 newsletter:

'Until relatively recently, we were typically registering 20-25 new people every month. However, in the past 3 months 180 new clients have joined us. Thanks to the continued support of our donor parishes/schools, we continue to be able to support all of our clients but we are now beginning to struggle under the increasing weight of numbers. We urge our regular supporters to keep up their parish food collections and to increase them if this is at all possible.'

Pressure on the service will be particularly high at the beginning of December as clients receive extra food bags at that time to compensate for the closure of the service over Christmas. As usual, the December collection from the parish will be on the first Sunday of the month.

**Tyne and Wear Citizens - Mental Health Assembly
5.30-7.30 Thursday 22nd November.**

Since the Tyne and Wear Citizens launch assembly in autumn 2017 the Mental Health Action Team has been working hard to establish the concerns of Tyne and Wear Citizens members in relation to mental health services in our region. The action team launches the Citizens' Commission on Mental Health, has gathered over 300 individual written and 30 individual verbal testimonies as part of a listening campaign and held 3 public hearings in Durham, Sunderland and Newcastle. In response, the action team has identified 14 practical and winnable solutions to some of the recurring issues that have been raised.

The Commission is now ready to engage with the key decision makers in local government, health services and civil society to bring about positive change for the mental health and wellbeing of those in our communities.

The Tyne & Wear Citizens Mental Health Assembly will be held on **Thursday 22nd November** at the **Banqueting Hall, Newcastle Civic Centre**. In attendance will be Catherine McKinnell (MP for Newcastle North) and John Lawlor (Chief Executive of the Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Mental Health Foundation Trust). We will be seeking specific pledges from these individuals, among others, to work with us to implement these solutions. Having a large number of members at public events is crucial to influencing decision makers. Please come along on Thursday if you can. The event starts at 5.30 pm. You can register to attend on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tyne-wear-citizens-mental-health-assembly-tickets-47277143208>.



Events During Advent

Advent Charity Soup Lunches at St. Joseph's - dates agreed are:

SVP will be hosting on 7th December
Inclusive Church Group on 14th December
Justice and Peace Group on 21st December
Please come along and support these worthy causes.

The Finchale Partnership - Advent Service: Please join us at Ushaw College for our Partnership Advent Service on Sunday 2nd December, at 4.00pm. During the service we'll be lighting the first candle of the Advent wreath in the magnificent surroundings of St Cuthbert's chapel. There'll be drinks afterwards, and a treasure trail for the children. We'll be taking a collection for the college (and please be generous as you will also have the opportunity to see the Christmas tree festival while you are there). Please contact the parish secretary if you would like, or can offer, a lift.

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

St. Mary's, Hexham - Torchlight Procession, led by Fr. Christopher Warren on Friday, 7th December at 7.00pm, in celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. A collection will be taken in aid of the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Nurses' Fund. See *poster for further information*.

Ushaw Lecture Series

Tuesday 11 December 2018 - Prof. Janet Soskice (University of Cambridge) *Christ, the Light of Our Lives; Or 'What Do the Ox and the Ass Get Out of Christmas?'* (Please note this is a revised title), followed by the Ushaw Carol Service.

Transport - Participants who do not have their own transport are invited to book places on the following, free of charge:

Coach departing at 4.45pm from New Elvet, Durham City, arriving at Ushaw for the 5.15pm drinks reception

Coach departing from Ushaw at 7.15pm, going to Elvet Riverside via North Road

Coach departing from Ushaw at 9.30pm, going to Elvet Riverside via North Road

Registration is essential - please register via
<https://centreforcatholicstudies.eventbrite.com>.

The registration deadlines are as follows:

Registration deadline for **transport**: 10am on **Tuesday 27 November**

Registration deadline for **lecture with carol service** tickets: 10am on **Monday 3 December**.

Carol Service-only tickets - If you wish to attend the Ushaw Carol Service but not the lecture, please book your carol service tickets directly with Ushaw. Phone 3738500 or check website www.ushaw.org/page/concerts-and-events

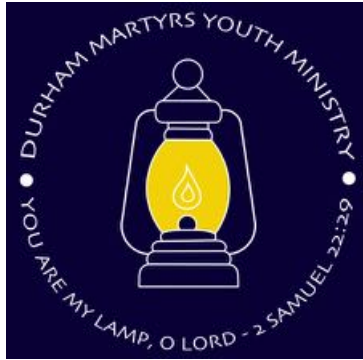
Churches Together Events

St. Laurence Church, Pittington

Christmas Afternoon Tea, Thursday, 13th December, 2.00-4.00pm

St. Laurence church, Pittington

Carol Service on Sunday 16th December at 4.00pm. This will be a family service with Pittington Brass. See *posters*.



DURHAM MARTYRS' YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Co-ordinator - Katie Flood

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mobile: 07483 369 561

What?	When?	Time	
Base Camp	Tuesday, 20 th Nov	4.30-6.30pm	£1.50 entry Includes a meal
Signpost	Thursday, 22 nd Nov	NO GROUP	
Frontier	Wednesday, 21 st Nov	TRIP TO THE EVENT	

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.

To all our Year 4 children who have begun preparing for their First Sacraments, congratulations! We will keep you in our prayers and look forward to journeying with you.

As our year 6's continue their Faith in Action journey, please keep them in your prayers.

Weekly Challenge - Is there someone in your life who is selfless or is always helping others? This week try and do something for them.

Katie Flood

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Sunday, 18th November - 33rd 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 17 November		10.00am	10.00am Austin Flynn (Anniversary) 5.00pm John Quinn (Anniversary)
Sunday 18 November		9.00am Frank & Bernard McGoay 3.00-4.00pm Exposition	11.00am Charles Burnside and Stephen Murphy
Monday 19 November	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 20 November	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am	9.00am Exposition 9.30am Mary Douglas
Wednesday 21 November	9.15am Ed. McGinty	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Thursday 22 November	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am	9.15am Michael Walton
Friday 23 November	9.15am The Dobbie Family	10.00am Joseph and Mary Ward	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 24 November		10.00am Gloria Hughes (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance)	10.00am Deceased members of the Wright, Ward & Moran Families 5.00pm Deceased members of the Hannigan Family
Sunday 25 November		9.00am Elizabeth Carmel Nolan 3.00pm Memorial Sunday Mass	11.00am The Oliver Family and Jim Pickering (Birthday Remembrance)

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 18	Mon 19	Tue 20	Wed 21	Thur 22	Fri 23	Sat 24	Sun 25
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm + 7.00pm (Catenian Mass for deceased members)	12..15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm