

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
15th - 22nd December 2018
Sunday 16th December - Third Sunday of Advent

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Note from Fr. Colm

The Christingle is upon us this year once more. Now, this event is taking a far greater importance than in the past. For many children it will be their only real involvement with the church within the context of why we are celebrating this wonderful occasion. The sense of The Other. That sense of awe. That sense of God. And last, but by no means least, that sense of Jesus being born for US. All come together in this celebration of Light. Light in darkness. More and more children are experiencing darkness in ways that might horrify us, if their story be told. So this is an occasion to gather as parish and schools to enjoy and share the wonderful reality of Love that these coming days remind us. Do join us. 4.00pm on Sunday afternoon at St. Joseph's.

I am reminded of the challenges that we as Christians will meet this winter. If there is a cold snap like last year, it is reckoned that we will have a greater challenge than before to help. Durham is a beautiful city, but let's not be blind to the darkness too of homelessness. "The cold within him froze his cold features." From 'A Christmas Carol'.

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

Friday, 21 st December	St. Peter Canisus P, D
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What's On

Sunday, 16 th Dec	* * * *	Christingle Service, 4.00pm, St. Joseph's Choir Practice, 6.00-7.30pm, Don Bosco Room
Tuesday, 18 th Dec	* *	Base Camp, Jubilee Room, 4.30-6.30pm Partnership Reconciliation Service, 7.00pm, St. Joseph's
Wednesday 19 th Dec		Wednesday Lunch Club Christmas Lunch and film afternoon 12.00-4.00pm, Jubilee Room
Thursday, 20 th Dec	* *	Food Handling Training, 10.30am-4.30pm, Jubilee Room Signpost Group, 5.00-7.00pm, Jubilee Room
Friday, 21 st Dec		Advent Soup Lunch, J&P, Don Bosco Rm, 12.00-1.00pm

Baptism - we welcome into our parish community Isla Harrison, who will be Baptised this Sunday, 16th December after the 9.00am Mass at St. Godric's.

Christmas Music - Final rehearsal for the choir to sing at the **Christmas Eve Carol Service and Vigil Mass** at St. Leonard's. This Sunday, 16th December, from 6 - 7.30pm in the Don Bosco Room.

Charity Soup Lunch - Friday 21st December - the Justice and Peace Group will be hosting the third and last of our Advent Soup Lunches. Please come along at 12.00pm to St. Joseph's Don Bosco Room and enjoy a hearty bowl of home-made soup. The SVP raised £104 at their lunch on 7th December. Thanks to all who attended and helped in any way.

Parish Christingle Celebration - Our Christingle celebration is this Sunday, 16th December, at 4.00pm at St. Joseph's Church, followed by the annual party in the School hall. We look forward to seeing you there. Many thanks to all those who have worked so hard to make the event possible.

TIME CHANGES - The Tuesday Mass at St. Joseph's will move from 7.00pm to 9.30am, preceded by Exposition at 9.00am owing to the Reconciliation Service at 7.00pm.

The morning Mass at **St. Joseph's** on **Thursday, 20th December** will take place at **9.30am** and not **9.15am**.

Christmas Film and Tea Afternoon- Wednesday 19th December at 1.30pm
Come and join us to watch the classic "Oh What a Wonderful Life", followed by a Christmas tea. For lifts ring Helen.

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

Fundraising - Our next coffee morning will be held in St. Bede's Room in St. Godric's School after the 9.15 Service of the Word and Holy Communion on **Friday 4th January 2019**. All proceeds will go to the charity Women In Need in India. Everyone is very welcome.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the SVP collection at St. Joseph's over the last few weeks. This enabled staff at St. Joseph's school to support families in need at this time.

SVP Sudan Appeal - Quoted from a recent Sudan Report:

"We, the SVP in Sudan, are still appealing to our donors not to tire of supporting us. NO support means an increase in the number of death cases. With no confidence in the peace, we call upon you not to give up in supporting the poor people of God."

They need our help. To feed a baby for a year is £50. Any amount of money would help to make a difference. You can exchange your donation for a certificate or card to give as a gift to the friend who has everything. Money can be sent to me, Helen Haywood at The Beeches, Grove House Drive, Gilesgate, Durham, or handed to SVP members at church, or left with Marjorie. Don't forget to Gift Aid. Forms at the back of church. Thank you.

200 CLUB - RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscriptions for the 200 club expire at the end of December. Could all members wishing to renew, please put their subscription in an envelope, clearly marked with their name, and give this to the SVP member at the back of church.

The amount is £12 for the year and all cheques should be made payable to 'SVP 200 Club'.

Any members not wanting to renew should inform an SVP member as soon as possible.

All profits from this enterprise goes to the SVP food bank in Newcastle. Can we take this opportunity to thank you all for your past and hopefully future support for this very worthwhile cause. Thank you.

Save the Date - Altar Server's Epiphany Party, 5th January 2019, 6-8pm -
The annual party for our Altar Servers will be on 5th January after the 5pm Mass. Servers should collect an invitation from the Sacristy and return as soon as possible. Help from parents would be much appreciated.

Food Handling Training

Thank you to all who attended the recent meetings. A training session has now been arranged for Thursday 20th December from 10.30-16.30 in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's. I have emailed details to the cooks who attended the meeting and if you haven't received my email please contact me.

If there is anyone who cooks for the Parish and was unable to attend one of the meetings but would like to undertake the training please can you contact me by email by Monday evening (17th December) at the latest. Thank you, Mary Harrison.

Durham Churches Together has its annual New Year's Eve service in Durham Cathedral, and as ever, a choir is needed to lead the musical worship. In the past few years, St. Oswald's choir has sung for this service; however, this year, I'm hoping to make it a more collaborative enterprise! I'm very aware that there are talented musicians in churches throughout the area, and as this is an ecumenical service, it would be good to see as many churches as possible represented in the choir.

The choir will lead the singing of the hymns and will also sing an anthem: John Rutter's "The Lord bless you and keep you".

The service is at 6.30pm on the 31st December, with a short rehearsal beforehand. I will also run a rehearsal on the afternoon of Sunday 30th at 3.00pm at St Oswald's. If you would like to sing for this service, please could you email me at d.m.harris108@gmail.com with the following information:

Name, Church, Voice part (SATB), Whether you have sung the Rutter before and whether you can make the rehearsal on 30th December.

**DURHAM MARTYRS' PARISH- ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2018
EVENTS/SERVICES/MASS**

Advent Sunrise Services - In the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's, on the weekdays of Advent at 7.30am, as long as the demand is there. At St. Bede's, services will take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8.45am (after Breakfast Club) Come and help the children appreciate the real meaning of Christmas preparations!.

There won't be any Sunrise Services at St. Godric's.

Each Friday afternoon at 2:50pm throughout Advent, a time of preparation, I will be having Advent reflections in St. Bede's Chapel at St. Godric's Primary School. A time of reflection and meditation through spiritual art. A time away from the busyness and reality for a short time to be still, calm and quiet. I would be delighted if you could join me. Thank you, Julie Wilmore

Sunday, 16th December
3.00pm, St. Joseph's

Christingle Service and Party

Tuesday, 18th December
7.00pm, St. Joseph's

Partnership Reconciliation Service

Monday, 24th December
7.00pm, St. Leonard's School

**Christmas Eve Vigil Mass preceded by
Christmas Carols at 6.30pm**

Tuesday 25th December
10.00am, St. Leonard's School

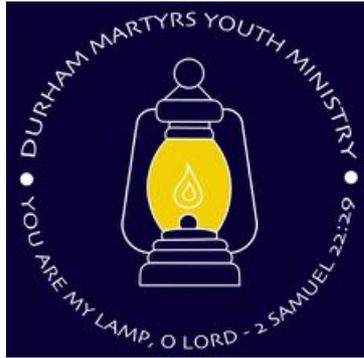
Christmas Day Mass

Wednesday, 26th December
10.00am, St. Godric's

St. Stephen's Day Mass

(there will be no Services of Word in the parish on this day)

**No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 24th - 26th December
inclusive, nor on New Year's Eve, 31st December.**



DURHAM MARTYRS' YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Co-ordinator - Katie Flood

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What?	When?	Time	
Base Camp	Tuesday, 18 th Dec	4.30-6.30pm	£1.50 entry Includes a meal
Signpost	Thursday, 20 th Dec	5.00-7.00pm	
Frontier	Wednesday, 19 th Dec	NO GROUP	

This week in our Base Camp and Signpost groups we will be having our Christmas parties. There will be Christmas games, music and a buffet tea, and we look forward to seeing you there! The Frontier Group (Year 9+) will celebrate when we return in the new year.

Residential Retreat - Youth 2000, Leeds, 15th-17th February 2019

'You make me brave' is a weekend of friendship, prayer and fun, where we come together as a community of young people to grow in our relationship with God with the support of the Church. 'You make me brave' is the theme of the weekend, and it will be a great opportunity to take some time away from our busy lives and make new friends. This weekend, we will journey together, meet with Christ, and rise up filled with a greater confidence, a stronger voice, a deeper trust, and a renewed song in our hearts! We will be taking a parish group and letters will be available from me at all Masses next week and can be sent via email if you contact me.

Well done to Megan and Saphira who both took part in St. Leonard's production of Jack and the Beanstalk this week. It was a great show!

Why not have a reverse advent calendar this year!

Reverse advent calendars work by you filling them every day with items of food or clothing that can then be taken to a food bank or charity in order to help those less fortunate that are struggling at Christmas time. After gathering helpful items all month, you can take everything you've saved to your local help scheme on Christmas Eve and know that you've given a Christmas present to someone that really needed it. Not only is this a fun thing for the whole family to do together, from creating the advent calendar structure itself to picking the goodies to go in it, it more importantly teaches your kids the importance of helping others and seeing the bigger picture at Christmas.

Katie Flood

15th - 22nd December 2018

Sunday, 16th December - The Third Sunday of Advent

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 15 December		10.00am Gerry Kirby and his family	10.00am Gerry Murphy and Family 5.00pm Janey Jackson (Anniversary)
Sunday 16 December		9.00am Vera Kelledy and Margaret Ryan 3.00-4.00pm Exposition	11.00am Brendan Murphy
Monday 17 December	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 18 December	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am	9.00am Exposition 9.30am - Louise Birney 7.00pm Partnership Reconciliation Service
Wednesday 19 December	9.15am Jim Robinson	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Thursday 20 December	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am	9.30am The Murphy Family
Friday 21 December	9.15am Vocations to the Priesthood	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 22 December		10.00am John and May McCabe and Anne McKenzie	10.00am Deceased Members of the Pattison Family 5.00pm - David Adams and Peter and Catherine McLoughlin
Sunday 23 December		9.00am Mr. T. C. Alexander	11.00am Bob and Sheila Collinson

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 16	Mon 17	Tue 18	Wed 19	Thur 20	Fri 21	Sat 22	Sun 23
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12..15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm