

*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**  
**27<sup>th</sup> January - 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018**  
**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**

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SVP Confidential number 07596 821 089

**Note from Fr. Colm**

Some ask regarding the interview with Mark Wahlberg regarding his faith, which I referred to last Sunday. The interview with Piers Morgan is on You Tube entitled "Mark Wahlberg Shares How Faith in God Turned His Life Around". Another interesting Faith programme is a recent BBC Radio 3 documentary entitled 'Soul Music'. Series 25 interviews people from all walks of life who were going through deep trauma and were changed (healed) by the Bach cantata Ich Habe Genug. This is music set to the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple. The title is quoting Simeon as he holds the infant Jesus in his arms. "I have enough!", he proclaims, or "It is enough!" I'm pretty sure it is still available on Download.

I am sorry I missed the Christmas Lunch put on by the SVP for our parishioners. Though numbers were slightly down, I gather it was a great success. Well done, and thanks to all who continue to make this annual gathering such a great parish event.

## 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

|                                     |                                 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> January | St. John Bosco P                |
| Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> February    | The Presentation of the Lord    |
| Saturday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> February  | St. Blaise Bp, M; St. Ansgar Bp |

## What's On

|                                     |        |                                                                                                       |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> January | *<br>* | Wednesday Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm, Jubilee Room<br>Inclusive Church Meeting, 7.00pm., Don Bosco Room |
| Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> February  | *<br>* | Coffee Morning, St. Godric's Church, 10.30am<br>Journey in Faith, 7.30-9.00pm., both rooms            |
| Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> February    | *<br>* | Monthly soup lunch, Don Bosco Room, 12.00<br>Coffee Morning, St. Godric's School after 9.15am Mass    |
| Saturday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> February  |        | Faith and Light, 2.30-4.30pm, both rooms at St. Joseph's                                              |
| Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> February    |        | Choir Practice, 6.00-7.30pm., Don Bosco Room                                                          |

**Sympathy** - we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of John Joseph Atkinson, late of Tenter Terrace, Durham. His funeral will take place at Durham Crematorium on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February at 11.10am. *Requiescat in pace.*

**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, 1<sup>st</sup> February. Fr. Andrew Downie will be speaking on the Sacrament of the Sick. Everyone is welcome to come along.

**Soup Lunch** - there will be a soup lunch next Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February in the Don Bosco Room at St. Joseph's. All are welcome.

**Fundraising** - Our next coffee morning for **Women In Need** will be held on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February after 9.15 Mass** in St Bede's Room in St Godric's School. Two handmade quilts made and donated by a parishioner will be auctioned at the coffee morning. All are very welcome. A cheque for £900 has been sent to the charity. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

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

**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 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Operation Wallacea** - I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported my cake sale and raffle last weekend. A fantastic sum of £470 was raised towards my expedition to South Africa. Last chance to buy your raffle tickets after Mass on Sunday! Thank you for your wonderful generosity. *Lucy Grehan-Bradley*

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day 2017** - We have received an acknowledgement from Cafod for our parish donation of £842.56, together with their thanks for your generous support.

**Asylum Seekers** - we have had a request from John Dowling, the Refugee Project (Asylum Seekers) Manager stating that they need much more tinned fish, meat and tomatoes. Historically, St. Joseph's were asked to donation biscuits and sugar. Could we please therefore provide more tinned fish, meat and tomatoes, and the odd packet of biscuits/sugar, which are a rare treat in difficult lives. Our next parish collection will take place next weekend 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> February. Your continued support is really appreciated.

### **Marie Crawford's Funeral Arrangements**

Marie's funeral service will take place at St. Michael's Esh Laude on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> February, at 1.00pm. This will be followed at 2.00pm by her burial at Langley Park.

**St. Godric's** - New rotas for readers and Ministers are now available at the back of church for those without e-mail. *Kathleen*

**Second Collection** - there will be a second collection this weekend in support of the work for Racial Justice carried out by Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Pope Francis has stated "Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age." This year's theme is "Belonging", emphasising that we are called not only to ensure our parishes welcome newcomers, strangers, and those from different backgrounds, but also that all people will know they will find a welcome in our parishes. Prayer cards are available at the back of church. This collection is eligible for Diocesan Gift Aid, so please use an envelope from your box.

**Paving work at the entrance to St. Joseph's** - Work commenced on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January and will be carried out in two four day stages, Monday to Thursday, with a target completion of 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL 200 CLUB  
JANUARY 2018 RESULTS**

**1<sup>st</sup> (£50)**

Joyce Grant  
SVP Conference  
Sheila Grant

**No. 47**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> (£25)**

Billy Riddell  
A. Foreman  
M. Crozier

**No. 156**

Sacred Heart & St. Cuthbert, Amble  
St. Mary Magdalene, Seaham  
Our Lady & St. Wilfrid, Blyth

As you will know the annual subscriptions for 2018 are now due. Can I take this opportunity to sincerely thank those agents who have already attended to this - it is greatly appreciated. I will continue to include all numbers in the forthcoming draws unless I hear to the contrary. Once again, on behalf of the TCC President and his Board, many, many thanks for all you do for this worthwhile cause. *Janet Nichol*

**House to Rent (Owner living Abroad)**

Two-bedroom furnished terraced house (DH1), modern kitchen/dining room and bathroom. Comfortable, spacious sitting room. Rear patio, parking front and back. Gas central-heating. Available from 20th February 2018. Length of contract negotiable. Contact 07384027930 for details or viewing.

**Forthcoming Diocesan Courses**

**New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

St. Joseph's Church, Walker Terrace, Gateshead, NE8 1LX

Monday's 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February, 7.00-9.00pm and

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 10.30am-4.00pm with Commissioning Mass at 3.00pm

**New Sacristans**

St. Bede's Hall, St. John's Terrace, Jarrow, NE32 3LX

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 10.00am-3.00pm includes Mass with Blessing of Sacristans at 12.15pm

Please contact Fr. Colm if you are interested and the parish secretary will make the booking on behalf of the parish.

## CCRS Specialist Parish Catechesis module

- Dates: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018
- Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm
- Venue: St Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY
- Buffet lunch is provided both days
- Cost: £120.00 (waged) and £60.00 (unwaged). Applicants intending to engage, or already engaged, in local parish ministry may find their parish willing to assist with the course fee. Please contact the parish secretary for further information.

The purpose of this module is to enable participants to gain an understanding of parish catechesis and to develop approaches to working within a parish setting. It offers an introduction to the theology, principles and goals of parish catechesis. Please contact Eamonn Diffley no later than Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 at [eamonn.diffley@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:eamonn.diffley@diocesehn.org.uk) or telephone 0191 243 3313 to book or for more information.

### Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

- Youth Ministry Co-ordinator, partnerships of Brinkburn and Heavenfield, Northumberland, full-time, 3 year fixed term contract. Closing date: 2<sup>nd</sup> February.
- Parish Secretary, Our Lady and St Columba, Wallsend, 10 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 31<sup>st</sup> January.
- Parish Secretary, St Mary and St Wilfrid, Bishop Auckland, 10 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 30<sup>th</sup> January.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or contact us on 0191 243 3301 or [human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk)



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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<br>27 January  |                                                 | 10.00am                                                                                   | 10.00am<br>James and Dorothy Sweeney<br>5.30pm - Philip Hunter<br>(Anniversary)   |
| Sunday<br>28 January    |                                                 | 9.00am - Vera Kelledy<br>3.00 - 4.00pm<br>Exposition of the Blessed<br>Sacrament          | 11.00am<br>Damian Reddington<br>(Birthday Remembrance)                            |
| Monday<br>29 January    | 9.15am<br>Service of Word<br>and Holy Communion | 10.00am<br>Service of Word<br>and Holy Communion                                          | 9.15am<br>Service of Word<br>and Holy Communion                                   |
| Tuesday<br>30 January   | 9.15am<br>Service of Word<br>and Holy Communion | 10.00am                                                                                   | 6.30pm - Exposition<br>7.00pm - Jack & Marie Bradley<br>and Ted Lord              |
| Wednesday<br>31 January | 9.15am<br>St. Bede's Community                  | 10.00am                                                                                   | 9.15am<br>Service of Word<br>and Holy Communion                                   |
| Thursday<br>1 February  | 9.15am<br>Service of Word and Holy<br>Communion | 9.30-10.00am - Exposition<br>10.00am                                                      | 9.15am<br>Jean Grieveson                                                          |
| Friday<br>2 February    | 9.15am<br>John Doyle<br>(Anniversary)           | 10.00am<br>Service of Word and Holy<br>Communion                                          | 9.15am<br>Service of Word and Holy<br>Communion                                   |
| Saturday<br>3 February  |                                                 | 10.00am                                                                                   | 10.00am<br>Thomas Cummings<br>5.30pm<br>Thomas & Audrey Loughlin<br>and Ken Drane |
| Sunday<br>4 February    |                                                 | 9.00am<br>Cara Armstrong McKay<br>3.00pm-4.00pm<br>Exposition of the Blessed<br>Sacrament | 11.00am<br>Margaret McGarry                                                       |

**St. Cuthbert's**

| Sun 28                | Mon 29  | Tue 30  | Wed 31 | Thurs 1 Feb | Fri 2   | Sat 3  | Sun 4                 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|--------|-------------|---------|--------|-----------------------|
| 10.00am<br>and 6.30pm | 12.15pm | 12.15pm | 7.00pm | 12.15pm     | 12.15pm | 9.15am | 10.00am<br>and 6.30pm |