

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 10th - 18th March 2018
Sunday 11th March - 4th Sunday of Lent

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Note from Fr. Colm

The partnership Penitential Service takes place next Thursday in St. Joseph's, Ushaw Moor. It is an opportunity to gather as a larger group and to participate and avail of one of the pivotal Lenten experiences. Do join us. I'm sure there are friends and neighbours who might like a lift.

"The spiritual self is crucified daily in the midst of everyday cares, worries and failures. Confession is the means by which we are restored to our birthright - - the abyss of love from which we were created." Peter Tyler (Theologian and Psychotherapist).

Worth a listen: Short Cuts broadcast on 6th March on Radio 4.

Worth a watch: Dan Snow's recent documentary on the Celtic Monastic Movement and their historical beginnings in Britain on BBC 4 TV.

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

Saturday, 17 th March	St. Patrick, Apostle of Ireland
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What's On

Sunday, 11 th March	Choir Practice, Don Bosco Room, 6.00-7.30pm
Tuesday, 13 th March	Memory Cafe, Jubilee Room, 12.30-3.30pm
Wednesday , 14 th March	Wednesday Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm, Jubilee Room
Thursday, 15 th March	Journey in Faith, 7.30-9.00pm, both rooms
Friday, 16 th March	Lenten Charity Lunch, 12.00 noon, Don Bosco Room

Catherine Hannigan's body will be received into St. Joseph's Church on Monday, 12th March at 5.00pm

Sympathy - we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Joan Cornish, whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on Tuesday, 27th March at 11.00am followed by burial at South Road Cemetery. *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 7.30pm on Thursday, 15th March. Fr. Liam Kelly will be giving a talk on 'Reconciliation'. Everyone welcome.

Lenten Charity Soup Lunches - thank you to the intrepid parishioners who came to the Lenten lunch last Friday (2nd March). £57 was raised and has been donated to the SVP Baby Feeding Station project in Sudan.

Thank you for your continued generous support of our charity lunches. Remaining Lenten lunches are given below.

Friday, 16 th March	Inclusive Church Group
Friday 23 rd March	St. Joseph's School Staff

First Holy Communion Programme - we welcome children on the programme from our primary schools across the parish to our Sunday Masses this weekend.

Durham Martyrs' Walking Group - our scheduled walk this month is on 17th March, when we will join the Finchale Camino Walk from Finchale Priory to Durham Cathedral. A bus will leave County Hall at 10.00am and take walkers to Finchale Priory. You will need a ticket if you wish to travel on the bus, and these can be obtained from www.eventbrite.co.uk

Baptism Programme - the Spring session has been re-scheduled for Monday, 19th March, from 6.30-9.00pm in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's. If you would like to attend but have not already applied, please contact the parish secretary.

Sunrise Services continue at St. Joseph's Church, each weekday morning during Lent from 7.30am-7.45am, and at St. Godric's school with the children. This is a very short service being the readings of the day followed by Holy Communion. We finish at 8.55am and it is a great way to begin the day.

Lent with Arts and Faith - St. Godric's Primary School each Friday during Lent at 2:50pm in St. Bede's Chapel and enter a visual prayer experience this Lent with Arts & Faith.

Partnership Penitential Service - Thursday, 15th March at 7.00pm at St. Joseph's Church, Durham Road, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7LF. Parking is available at the rear of the church.

Parish Stations of the Cross - all at 7.00pm except Good Friday

Date	Group	Venue
Friday 16 th March	The Parish Council	St. Joseph's
Friday, 23 rd March	Aid to the Indian Ladies Group	St. Bede's
Friday, 30 th March GOOD FRIDAY, 10.00am	Faith and Light	St. Joseph's

Sing for Easter - Anyone wishing to sing in the choir for Easter services are asked to attend the following rehearsals:

Sunday evenings, 6pm - 7.30pm - Don Bosco Room, St. Joseph's

11th March - Good Friday Music

18th March - Easter Vigil

25th March - Easter Sunday

Thank you - to all parishioners and helpers who joined schools staff in clearing snow from our schools and car parks so that they could re-open this week, and to those who cleared church car parks, making access to our churches safer. An amazing effort by all concerned and a great sense of community spirit.

Missio Red Boxes St. Joseph's - Many thanks for the £1434.85 collected in 2017, but could we have collected more if everyone had their box emptied? Please contact Alison or John Balmer if you need money collecting. We are still able to bank old currency- £1, £5 and now £10. We will be available at the back of church, after Mass, for the next four weeks.

Friends of St Leonards Ceilidh - The friends of St Leonards School are holding a ceilidh on **Friday 16th March**, 7pm-10.30pm in Bowburn Community Centre.

Tickets are £5 and available from school tel. 0191 3848575, alternatively if you know a member of the rowing club or a pupil taking part in Operation Wallacea buy one from them as those 2 groups will benefit from the sale

Prayer Group at St. Godric's - re-scheduled dates. The next meetings of the Prayer Group will take place from 6.45-8.00pm in the John Boste Room on Thursday 22nd March, Thursday 5th April and every subsequent second Thursday. All welcome.

Ushaw opens again to the public on 21st March. Hours of opening 11.00.a.m. - 4.00.p.m. Wednesday - Saturday. Chapels, Reception Rooms, Exhibitions, Café and Shop. The Shop, Café and Gardens will be open Mondays and Tuesdays as well 11.00. - 2.00.p.m. Our new in house Café team offer delicious soup, quiche, scones, cake and sandwiches and Ushaw Afternoon tea can be booked in advance for a special occasion or just because you feel like it!

After three years of free entry, Ushaw is this year introducing an annual admission charge. It will be £5.00 per person and will be in the form of a pass entitling you to free entry after that for 12 months. Children over 5 and under 16yrs will get their own annual pass for £2.00.

This is the 450th anniversary of the foundation of the college by Cardinal William Allen in Douai France in 1568. The first exhibition will be of the extraordinary collection of silver, documents and artefacts from Douai. The programme of concerts and events continues with Craft Fairs, organ, brass, piano, chamber, orchestral, jazz and this year folk from The Unthanks and Kathryn Tickell. Check out the website www.ushaw.org Mass every Friday 12.30.p.m. Advance notice June 12th - 17th Flower Festival.

Finally we'd love to have more volunteers. We have a team of over 80 people acting as stewards, guides, librarians, shop people and gardeners. They are a wonderful addition and seem to really enjoy their time here. If you're interested please let us know at volunteers@ushaw.org or give us a ring on 0191 373 8500 - you can do as much or as little as you want - no obligation.

Diocesan Vacancies

- 'Walking With' in North Tyneside has a full-time vacancy for a Project Manager to work with refugees and asylum seekers. Full-time, initial 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date for applications: 15th March.
- The parish of the Durham Martyrs are looking to appoint a Youth Ministry Co-ordinator. Full-time, 3 year fixed term contract. Closing date for applications: 23rd March.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit the diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us (0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk)



St. Leonard's School has the following vacancies:

- * Full time teacher of Mathematics to start in September 2018
Closing date: 12.00 noon on Wednesday, 21st March
- * Full time teacher of English to start in September 2018
Closing date: 12.00 noon on Wednesday, 21st March
- * Administrative Assistant, 30hpw, term-time only +10 days to start in April 2018. Closing date: 12 noon on Monday, 19th March.

CES Application forms and further details for each vacancy are available from the school at North End, Durham, DH1 4NG, telephone 3848575, and details are also available on the school website: www.st-leonards.durham.sch.uk See posters

Date for the Diary

Practical Steps for Parishes and Partnerships

A conference will take place on **Saturday 12th May** at St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Hebburn to help parishes and partnerships engage with young people in their communities. The keynote speaker is Fr Dominic Howarth, responsible for Youth Services in Brentwood Diocese, and the programme includes 12 workshops. The conference is for everyone who is concerned about our young people and will offer inspiring examples of good practice. The conference fee is £10 and includes lunch. Further details are in the booking forms available in parishes, downloadable from www.ymt.org or contact admin@ymt.org

Annual Training for Confirmation Catechists - or those interested in becoming catechists, will take place this year within the Youth Ministry Conference on **Saturday 12th May** at St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Hebburn. Details on the booking form. Booking forms available at the back of church

Holy Week 2017

24th March (Saturday)	St. Joseph's - 5.30pm Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday with Procession and Blessing of palms.
25th March - Palm Sunday	St. Godric's - 9.00am Palm Sunday Mass and 11.00am at St. Joseph's, with Procession and Blessing of palms.
28th March - Wednesday	Mini-Triduum for the housebound 2.00pm in St. Joseph's Church followed by refreshments.
29th March - Holy Thursday NO EXPOSITION TODAY	7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - St. Godric's, followed by watching at the Altar of Repose at the Lady Altar with Night Prayer at 8.45pm - 9.00pm.
30th March - Good Friday	10.00am Stations of the Cross St. Joseph's (Faith and Light) 3.00pm The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ with Veneration of the Cross, St. Leonard's School
31st March - Holy Saturday	8.00 pm Easter Vigil Mass St. Leonard's School
1st April - Easter Sunday	10.00am Easter Sunday Mass St. Leonard's School

Exposition at St. Godric's - Please note that Wednesday, 28th March will be the last Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during Holy Week. It will re-commence on Sunday 1st April at the usual time of 3.00-4.00pm and resume at the normal time of 2.00-3.00pm Monday - Saturday from Monday, 2nd April.

No Sunrise Services in the parish after Wednesday, 28th March

10th - 18th March 2018
11th March - 4th Sunday of Lent

**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 10 March		10.00am Bernard McGoay	10.00am - Tom, Mrs. Lovatt, Michael Thomas Lovatt 5.30pm - David Adams and Jane Burnside (Birthday Remembrance)
Sunday 11 March		9.00am Fr. David Bingham 3.00 - 4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Hugh and Sabina Conway and Colette Toner
Monday 12 March	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion 5.00pm - Reception of Body
Tuesday 13 March	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am Valerie Hamilton	10.30am - Requiem Mass of Catherine Hannigan
Wednesday 14 March BOARD OF DIRECTORS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 15 March	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	9.30-10.00am - Exposition 10.00am	12.00 noon Requiem Mass of Michael Healey
Friday 16 March EPISCOPAL	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 17 March		10.00am Special Intention (A, R, M)	10.00am NO MASS OR SERVICE 5.30pm - Victoria Garnham (Anniversary) and Christine Meecham
Sunday 18 March		9.00am - Rose Carr (Birthday Remembrance) 3.00pm-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Veronica Salmon

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 11	Mon 12	Tue 13	Wed 14	Thurs 15	Fri 16	Sat 17	Sun 18
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm