

*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 February 2018

Sunday 4th February - 5th Sunday of the Year

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Note from Fr. Colm

I hope you like the new entrance to St. Joseph's. The comments are quite favourable. Thanks to our buildings committee for the work put into it. Can I ask you to please not park on the new entrance. Regarding disabilities, there are extra disabled bays on the left hand side of the church car park. Please do use them. Thank you. If you have any comments, or complaints, please do let me know directly, or via the parish secretary.

Fr. David Bingham has died. Fr. David was a wonderful presence at Tenter House for over six years as member of the Mill Hill Community. He was a great help visiting parishioners. He said Mass regularly at St. Godric's during the week, but it was the decency of the man that always shone through. With an impish sense of humour, he won the hearts of so many fortunate enough to know him. May he rest in peace.

Parish Council meets next Tuesday. Any items for agenda, - please contact the parish secretary.

Worth a watch: Ethel Kennedy (Widow of Bobby) talks about her losses. (One minute on You Tube).

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, 3 rd February	St. Blaise Bp, M; St. Ansgar Bp
Monday, 5 th February	St. Agatha V, M
Tuesday, 6 th February	St. Paul Miki & Companions MM
Thursday, 8 th February	St. Jerome Emiliani P; St. Josephine Bakhita V
Saturday, 10 th February	St. Scholastica V
Sunday, 11 th February	Our Lady of Lourdes

What's On

Wednesday, 7 th February	Wednesday Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm, Jubilee Room
Thursday, 8 th February	Journey in Faith, 7.30-9.00pm., both rooms
Saturday, 10 th February	Diocesan J & P Meeting, 11am-12.30pm, Jubilee Room
Sunday, 11 th February	Choir Practice, 6.00-7.30pm., Don Bosco Room

Fr. David Bingham MHM

With great sadness, we announce the death of Fr. David who died on Saturday, 27th January at about 8pm in Herbert House, Freshfield. His funeral mass was on Saturday 3rd February at 11 am followed by burial in the cemetery of Herbert House.

Sympathy - we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Agnes Vickers, whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on Tuesday, 20th February at 10.00am, followed by cremation in Durham. *Requiescant in pace.*

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

We also welcome into our parish community the following children from the same family, who will be Baptised on Saturday 10th February at St. Joseph's at 11.30am: Paris Turnbull, Ambresena Wild, Indiana Rose Wild, Mark Wild, Mizelli Wild.

Parish Council Meeting - There will be a business meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday, 6th February, at 7.30pm.

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, 8th February. Dominica Moran is speaking about Our Lady. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Lent Charity Soup Lunches - our annual Lenten Charity Soup Lunches will commence on Friday 16th February, and will take place weekly on 23rd February and 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd March. Please let the parish secretary know if you and/or your church group would like to host a lunch.

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

The children on the programme from St. Godric's School will continue their session in school at 3.15pm on Thursday, 8th February. Parents are invited to join the children at 4.15pm. The children from St. Joseph's and St. Thomas More schools will continue their session on Sunday, 11th February at 10.30am in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's Church.

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 4th, 11th and 18th, 6pm -7.30.**

Congratulations to Annie from St. Joseph's who has won the three course meal for two at Finbarr's, winning ticket 956 (green). Thank you once again to everyone in the parish who supported Lucy's cake sale and raffle, which has helped raise nearly £1000 towards my expedition to South Africa in July. *Lucy Grehan-Bradley*

World Mission Sunday 2017 - we have received thanks and appreciation from Fr. Anthony Chantry, Missio National Director, for our parish collection of £556.18.

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 usual parish collection will take place this weekend, 3rd/4th February. Your continued support is really appreciated.

The Finchale Partnership: Development Plan. Our Partnership was set up at Pentecost 2017, and we have made good progress in getting to know each other and starting to work together. But it's important that we agree what our priorities are, so that the Partnership takes forward the right things to support and build the church across our 9 parishes. The Partnership Development Group (PDG) have drafted a development plan, but we need your views on whether we have included the right things, and we need you to get involved with taking forward all that needs to be done. Please take a copy of the summary draft development plan, and let us have your views, by attending the open meeting at St. Leonard's School on Thursday 22 February at 7.00pm, speaking to your parish's representative on the PDG, Graham Donachie, or emailing the PDG secretary, Margaret Doyle, at margaretdoyle1066@sky.com. The full draft development plan can be viewed at the back of church or on our Partnership webpages, hosted at <http://www.stcuthberts-durham.org.uk/the-finchale-partnership/partnership-development-plan>

Ceilidh - The combined parishes of St. John Fisher Sedgefield, St. Joseph's Coxhoe and St. William's Trimdon have held ceilidhs for the past 4 years and would like to invite people from across the Finchale partnership to join them on Saturday, 10th February at Fishburn Welfare Hall, from 7.20-10.00pm. There will be a shared supper, family quiz and a friendly bar. Adults £3.00, Family £6.00. *See poster*

Forthcoming Diocesan Courses

New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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

Monday's 19th and 26th February, 7.00-9.00pm and

Saturday 3rd 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 6th 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.

Tyne and Wear Citizens Update - As you know, the Parish is a member organisation of Tyne and Wear Citizens. During the summer and autumn of 2017, the Parish participated in the process that led to identifying priorities for action, including representation at the delegates assembly in September and the launch assembly in November. The Parish is also represented at the regular Tyne and Wear Citizens Durham hub meetings. Please find below a short summary of the points discussed at the last Durham hub meeting on December 8th.

Anyone who is part of a member organisation (such as the Parish of the Durham Martyrs) is welcome to attend action meetings on any of the three priority areas - poverty (areas of focus are the real living wage and ensuring children receiving free school meals get their full entitlement), mental health and safer cities (currently focusing on hate crime on public transport). Those interested in becoming involved should contact Sara Bryson at sara.bryson@citizensuk.org for dates of meetings. In 2018 the Durham Hub will focus on the **accessible cities** priority that emerged from the summer consultation exercise, as it reflected important concerns of the residents of Durham City. There will be a meeting early in the new year to discuss future actions in relation to this. Your involvement in these actions will be very welcome; further details will be included in forthcoming bulletins. The next 2 day community organiser training is on 24th and 25th February. Anyone interested in attending should email sara.bryson@citizensuk.org for more information.

More information about Tyne and Wear Citizens can be found at http://www.citizensuk.org/tyne_wear.

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.

Administrative Assistant - 37 hours per week - Term Time Only

The Governors are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, self-confident and flexible person to provide administrative support for the Deputy Head Teacher, for reports and to assist the finance officer of the school.

Science Technician - 37 hours per week - Full time

The Governors of this successful school are seeking to appoint a qualified and hardworking Science Technician to start in March.

Full details for both vacancies are available on the school website : www.st-leonards.durham.sch.uk and the closing date for both is 9.00am/first post on Wednesday, 21st February 2018. See posters.

Other Vacancies

Hospitality and Catering Manager, Youth Ministry Trust, Emmaus Youth Village, Allensford, Consett - for an Application Pack please email admin@ymt.org or tel. 01207 592244. You may also wish to visit [YMT website](#). See Job Description on church notice-board.

Closing date - Friday 16th February 2018

Chaplain, Durham University

This is a part time, permanent post (17.5 hours per week)

The University is seeking to appoint an individual to act as a chaplain and coordinate and develop the activity of the Chaplaincy Network in its delivery of spiritual, religious and pastoral support to students and staff.

It is anticipated that the post-holder will consult on, develop and promote a strategic vision for spiritual, religious and pastoral support for staff and students across the institution which will be subject to regular review and update.

The University encourages applicants from all faith and belief groups.

For further information and to apply, please visit [Durham University website](#)

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News from Diocesan Departments

Diocesan Church Music Association

The DCMA is the music committee of the Diocesan Liturgy Department. As such, its aims are to develop the skills of parish musicians and foster the best practice and highest standards of music in the liturgy of the churches and schools of the diocese. To this end, it arranges workshops and singing days focusing on particular aspects of music, or seasons of the church's year. Everyone is welcome to attend these events; the DCMA strives to provide a range of music which will appeal to all parishes, whatever their musical resources.

The DCMA is currently planning a series of evening workshops to address some of the issues that people have raised, such as new Mass settings, cantor/descant/harmonies work, psalm settings, etc. The first of these workshops, which will take place after Easter (date and venue to be confirmed) will focus on Mass settings.

If you would like to know more, or if you have any suggestions with regard to this or future workshops, please [email Alison Purvis](#).

Department for Spirituality:

No-one can make the journey of life, or the journey of faith alone. Some people do value solitude and a few people opt for a spiritual life like a hermit. But most of us are in it together and even those who seek a solitary path are connected spiritually with the Christian family throughout the world and throughout time. During this Lent, we will reflect on our shared journey and how we help and support each other along the way and sometimes, how we do not. We will also think about how we might do it better, particularly for those who feel like outsiders or who are unsure of their welcome. We will look at how our Lord did it through the Gospels of Lent and how he reached out and welcomed all kinds of people, meeting them at the stage of faith they were at and helping them to move on.

The Lenten Resources are available to download from [our website](#), alternatively, if you contact the department by [email](#) or telephone 0191 243 3302 you will be mailed a copy of a CD to your address.

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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 February		10.00am	10.00am Thomas Cummings 5.30pm - Thomas and Audrey Loughlin, and Ken Drane
Sunday 4 February		9.00am - Cara Armstrong McKay (illness) 3.00 - 4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Margaret McGarry
Monday 5 February	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 6 February	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am Mary and Joseph Ward	6.30pm - Exposition 7.00pm - Jimmy Patterson
Wednesday 7 February	9.15am Brian O'Connor	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 8 February	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	9.30-10.00am - Exposition 10.00am	9.15am Edward Tanner
Friday 9 February	9.15am John and Olive Rafferty	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 10 February		10.00am	10.00am Joseph, Elizabeth, Eddie, Kathleen and Tony Murphy 5.30pm David Adams and Robert Morrison
Sunday 11 February		9.00am Monica Bilton (SVP) 3.00pm-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Norman Wright

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 4	Mon 5	Tue 6	Wed 7	Thurs 8	Fri 9	Sat 10	Sun 11
10.00am and 6.30pm	No Mass	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	10.00am	10.00am and 6.30pm