

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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Sunday 29th April - 5th Sunday of Easter

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Note from Fr. Colm - The Diocesan Clergy Retreat takes place next week. Your prayers are asked for all the priests of our Diocese.

Forward Together in Hope meeting took place at the Durham Centre on Thursday last. Very good atmosphere. It was very helpful to get a broader understanding on the different approaches to Partnerships in the rest of the Diocese. Each Partnership is approaching it in their own way, and at their own pace. The sense of co-operation was very good in each of these Partnerships - as is the case with our own Partnership. But my guess is that greater co-operation will be asked of us in the future.

"Obedience may have its uses, but it's no substitute for willing, uncoerced co-operation." Eleanor Roosevelt. Worth a listen: John Sentanu on 'Sunday', last Sunday, BBC Radio 4.

Approaching the 50th anniversary of the death of Robert Kennedy, it's worth watching 'RFK's Most Thoughtful Speech' on You Tube. Only two and a half minutes long. I came across a reflection regarding the possible challenges to parents and young people from Fr. Gabriel Harty OP:

'Fathers and mothers have to shoulder many crosses. Parents have the joy of bringing children into the world, but they have to carry them for a long time before they stand on their own two feet. Children have their crosses too. They often suffer in silence. No wonder, Lord, that you said to the women of Jerusalem: "Weep not for me but for yourselves and for your children." Teach us in this mystery, Jesus, to realise that we do not carry the cross alone. We are family and we carry each other. And you out ahead and we walk in your footsteps.

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

Monday, 30 th April	St. Pius V Pp
Tuesday, 1 st May	St. Joseph the Worker
Wednesday, 2 nd May	St. Athanasius Bp, D
Thursday, 3 rd May	Ss. Philip and James, Apostles
Friday, 4 th May	The English Martyrs

What's On

Tuesday, 1 st May	* *	Liturgy Group, Don Bosco Room, 7.30pm Bereavement Group, 7.00pm
Wednesday, 2 nd May	* * *	Wednesday Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm, Jubilee Room, Inclusive Church Meeting, Don Bosco Room, 7.00pm Steering Group, St. Bede's Presbytery, 7.00pm
Thursday, 3 rd May		Coffee Morning, St. Godric's Church, 10.30am

Sympathy - we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Sarah Anne Flanagan, whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on Tuesday, 8th May at 10.30am, followed by burial in Durham.

Baptism - we welcome into our parish community Patrick and Samuel Handy, who will be Baptised after the 11.00am Mass at St. Joseph's, this Sunday, 29th April.

St. Joseph's Mini Vinnies Update

Last term our newly formed Year 3 Mini Vinnie group really showed how they could 'turn their concern into action'. During their weekly meetings they decided on fundraising initiatives, then organised and led them in school. They organised a non-uniform day, an 'Easter Egg 'tombola, a delicious bake sale and helped with the parish soup lunches on Fridays. They also created some Easter cards for the parish SVP members to distribute. A grand total of £323 was raised and the children decided to donate this to CAFOD's Syria Appeal and to St. Cuthbert's Care.

A Note to Special Ministers and Readers - St. Joseph's - We are going to trial a monthly Rota. Please, can all Readers and Special Ministers from St. Joseph's (or anyone who previously read or was a minister at St. Bede's and would like to be added to the current rota), please contact Leanne Heseltine or Marjorie Towers via the Parish Office to ensure we have your most recent contact details (Phone number and email where possible please) and to confirm which Mass you attend. We are hoping to circulate contact details to all readers and ministers to help facilitate swaps and replacements on the rota where necessary. If you do not wish to have your contact details sharing with others on the rota please let us know. Thank you.

May Procession, St. Joseph's, Sunday 13th May, 3.00pm - Refreshments afterwards. All are welcome. If you are able to help with donations of refreshments please complete the form at the back of the church, or contact the parish secretary.

Notification of Anniversaries - if you would like an anniversary of a deceased relative or friend to be read out at the weekend Masses, please ring or email the

parish secretary. There is also an anniversary diary on the Sanctuary steps at St. Joseph's which is available for you to enter your loved one's name.

Fundraising - Our next coffee morning will be held in St. Bede's Room in St. Godric's School after the Service of Word on **Friday 4th May**. Leah Pattison, co-founder of Women In Need will be coming to the coffee morning to give us an update on the charity's work. All proceeds are for Women In Need in India. Everyone is very welcome.

**TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL
200 CLUB
April 2018 Results**

1st (£50)

A. Brown

No. 7

St. Cuthbert's, Kenton

2nd (£25)

F. Careless
Conference

No. 128

Our Lady & St. Wilfred's, Blyth
St. Cuthbert's, Kenton

Dementia Friends - Do you know someone be it a relative, friend who are living with dementia or caring for someone with dementia and want to learn a little bit more about what this means and the small ways you can help, including possibly working with our Inclusive Group in the parish to create a "Dementia Friendly Community"? The Durham Martyrs' Parish Inclusive Group would like to warmly welcome you to a "Dementia Friends Session" at **7pm on Thursday 17th May in the Jubilee Room**. Parishioners and non-parishioners are welcome to attend the session which will last for 1 hour only. Members of the Bereavement Group, SVP, Eucharistic ministers, Liturgy Group, Choir, Faith and Light, as well as other groups may find this session particularly helpful in their roles in the parish. Please do attend if you can - all are welcome.

Fundraising for Project Peru - Sam Parker and Daniel McMahon will be holding a Book and Bake Sale this weekend, 28th/29th April after 11.00am Mass at St. Joseph's.

Serve the Lord with Gladness -

Forthcoming Diocesan Days of Reflection for All Ministries

* Ushaw College, Saturday, 19th May, 10.30am-3.30pm

* St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Gateshead, Saturday 2nd June, 10.30am-3.00pm

At both venues, registration and refreshments will be from 9.45am. Tea, coffee and a light lunch will be provided. Booking is essential as places are strictly limited. Please contact the Parish Secretary who will make the booking on your behalf. See *poster*.

Soup - our next monthly Friday Soup Lunch will take place on **4th May** in the Don Bosco room at St. Joseph's. All are welcome.

Next Parish Walk - The next parish walk will take place on **12th May** rather than the 3rd Saturday of the Month due to the FA cup final and the Royal Wedding being

alternate attractions on 19th. We will leave for our walk at 11.00am precisely on 12th May from the main door of St. Marys Cathedral Newcastle. On Saturdays there is a mass at St. Marys Cathedral at 10.00am followed by confessions at the cathedral at 10.30am.

Parishioners might wish to book trains from Durham to Newcastle between 9.00am and 9.35am in order to attend Mass at the Cathedral. Alternatively people driving, or travelling by bus, or not attending mass at the Cathedral must arrive by 11.00 so that the walk can start promptly.

This walk was extremely popular when we undertook it during the Year of Mercy. The walk is a circular walk taking in the best green parts of the Toon. We walk from the cathedral to the Quayside via the Castle Keep. We then follow the quayside until we reach the Ouseburn. We follow the Ouseburn past the family farm and Shieldfield running track to the Denes leading to Jesmond dene. We then traverse the town moor, Exhibition park, Leazes park and the town walls on our way back to the Cathedral and train station.

The walk is approximately 7.5 miles although it is possible to do a 4 mile variant by returning to Newcastle from Shieldfield. Could anyone wanting to undertake the 4 mile walk please let Marjorie Towers know so that they receive a map and detailed instructions from Ouseburn. Please bring a packed lunch. We hope to complete the walk by 4.00pm and then travel back to Durham

Wedding Invitation - Please join us in the Jubilee Room on Saturday, 19th May at 11.00am to watch the Royal Wedding on the big screen. Stay for lunch and wine. If interested, contact Margaret White or Helen.

SVP Raffle - thank you for supporting the recently held SVP raffle. Results are on the SVP Notice Board at the back of St. Joseph's. Sorry no winners in the parish.

Tyne and Wear Citizens Accessible Cities Action - Saturday 5th May

In the listening exercise which took place in our parish and other Durham city member organisations of Tyne and Wear Citizens concern was expressed by many about difficulties in getting into and around our city. As a result, Tyne and Wear Citizens are undertaking the Accessible City action on Saturday May 5th. This will be a practical exercise, mapping areas of our city that cause people problems, for example cobbled areas, crossings with short timings etc. **Your help is needed in carrying out this action.** Timings are as follows:

- 2.30 Meet and briefing
- 2.45 - 5 pm Action in Durham city
- 5.15 - 7 pm Debrief and shared food gathering.

Please email if you can get involved, even for a short time, on **Saturday May 5th.**

Northern Scripture Festival - Saturday 12th May

Venue: All Saints School, York, from 10.00am-4.30pm

The upcoming Scripture Festival, '*Joy: the Surprise of the Gospel*' has been organised by a team from the Northern Province working with members of the Bishops' Conference Scripture Working Group. This is to be held in York on 12th May. This is a great opportunity to explore ways of praying with Scripture. It would be particularly useful to Readers and catechists but is open to all.

The keynote speaker is Fr. Eamonn Mulcahy and there is a good selection of workshops to explore other ways of appreciating the Word of God. You can find out more and book at the festival website: www.scripturefestival.org The school in which it is to be held is about five minutes' walk from York station. Registration Fee is £5.

A free bus is being provided by the Diocese and pickup points will be Newcastle Durham and Darlington. The Durham pickup will be outside St. Joseph's Church on Mill Lane. Please contact Karen Brown at the Department for Spirituality on 243-3302 as soon as possible if you would like to travel on the coach, as seats are now being booked.

ADOREMUS

The Bishops of England and Wales will hold a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool from **Friday 7th to Sunday 9th September 2018**. Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. The Eucharistic Congress has been given the title *Adoremus* (Let us adore). Every diocese in England and Wales will take part.

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle participation

Bishop Seamus is keen for the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle to take a full and active part in the congress. As such the following has been agreed:

Saturday Attendance of Partnership delegates

Each partnership has been allocated 17 tickets for the Saturday event at the Liverpool Echo Arena. The costs of travel and participation in the event for these delegates will be met by the partnership. If you would like to attend the Saturday of the Congress, please contact your parish priest or the parish secretary.

Friday and Sunday Attendance

If you wish to take part in the events on the Friday or the Sunday of the Congress, please speak to your parish priest. Places for these days are limited. There is a copy of the programme on the church notice boards, and further information about the programme for the Congress is available on our Diocesan website at:

http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/liturgical_formation/liturgical_events.php

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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 28 April		10.00am	10.00am - No Mass or Service 5.30pm Wilf & Margaret Brennan and Elizabeth Birney
Sunday 29 April		9.00am Marilyn Cunliffe 3.00 - 4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Deceased members of the Conway and Barrett Families
Monday 30 April	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 1 May	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am	6.30pm - Exposition 7.00pm Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 2 May	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 3 May	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	9.30-10.00am - Exposition 10.00am	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Friday 4 May	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 5 May		10.00am	10.00am Rita Stephenson 5.30pm Pauline Inglis (Birthday Remembrance)
Sunday 6 May		9.00am - Gloria Hughes (Anniversary) 3.00pm-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am The Oliver Family

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 29	Mon 30	Tue 1 May	Wed 2	Thurs 3	Fri 4	Sat 5	Sun 6
10.00am and 6.30pm	9.15am	No Mass	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm