

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 17th - 25th March 2018
Sunday 18th March - 5th Sunday of Lent

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Note from Fr. Colm - We journey closer to Holy Week now. A Pilgrim People seems to be very much in vogue now with TV personalities heading off to the Camino. Simon Reeve recently commented on his series of programmes on pilgrimage that many are now walking the Camino as an adventure holiday. This is unfortunate, but from my experience it is impossible to avoid the Catholicity of the walk. If some rubs off, well and good. What is rarely mentioned is the interest of New Age pilgrims in walking the Druidic route, which was the original pilgrim route, which ended in Finisterre (literally meaning The End of The World). The Atlantic was of course Atlantis. The Druids were a force to be reckoned with for St. Patrick in Ireland. Like the Incas of South America, and other Amazonian cultures, the Druids had a soft spot for human sacrifice.

"Our task now is to learn that if we can voyage to the ends of the earth and find ourselves in the aborigine who most differs from ourselves, we will have made a most fruitful pilgrimage. That is why pilgrimage is necessary, in some shape or other. Mere sitting at home and meditating on the divine presence is not enough for our time. We have to come to the end of a long journey and see that the stranger we meet there is no other than ourselves - which is the same as saying we find Christ in him/her" *Thomas Merton, Cistercian Monk and author.*

Back home now. Can I remind the many, and sadly they are increasing in number, parents and adults receiving the Sacraments for the first time, that these are Rites of Passage into higher levels of Christian formation and growth in Faith Commitment. They (Sacraments) are not school entry passes, or occasions for big photo shoots, and party celebrations afterwards. It can be demoralising to many,

* **Rachel Gallon Smith**, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday, 28th March at 10.00am in St. Godric's, followed by burial in South Road Cemetery. *Requiescant in pace.*

Baptism - we welcome into our parish community Ethan Doyle, who will be Baptised after 11.00am Mass at St. Joseph's this Sunday, 18th March.

Marriage Preparation - we welcome to our 11.00am Mass this morning the engaged couples who will be celebrating their marriages during the year in our parish: Anna and Craig, Rebecca and Mark, Caitlin and Sam, and Rory and Angela.

Lent Charity Soup Lunches - thank you to the parishioners who came to the Lenten lunch last Friday (9th March). £97 was raised by the SVP. towards Educating Street Children in India.

Thank you for your continued generous support of our charity lunches. The last of this year's Lenten Lunches will be hosted by St. Joseph's School Staff, aided by the Mini Vinnies, on Friday, 23rd March.

Ann would like to thank all the young people (and their parents) who took part in Stations of the Cross last Friday - they were very reverent. Thanks to all who supported the event, including the music group.

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.

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.

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

Date	Group	Venue
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

18th March - Easter Vigil and 25th March - Easter Sunday

SVP Raffle tickets will be on sale at the back of church this weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

Film and Tea Afternoon - Wednesday, 21st March. Everyone welcome. If you need a lift, please contact Helen on 384 5843.

The family of the late Catherine Hannigan would like to thank Fr Colm, the Faith and light group and the parish for their kindness and support during this difficult time. Thanks to all who sent sympathy cards and condolences and contributed to the wonderful celebration of her life. You would all have been given huge thumbs up from Catherine.

Fundraising - Our Easter coffee morning will be held on **THURSDAY 22nd MARCH** (please note the new date) in St. Bede's Room in St. Godric's School after the 9.15 Eucharistic Service. There will be an Easter raffle, Easter baking and small Easter gifts will be available to buy. All proceeds are for Women In Need in India. All are very welcome.

The Event - I would just like to invite any young people in years 5,6,7 and 8 + parents/parishioners/clergy and staff to our next diocesan youth Faith night - the Event. The event is a night of worship music by our live band, games, drama, faith challenges, guest speakers, socialising, pizza and prayer. It is now in its 2nd year and is growing from strength to strength. The next monthly Event will be on **Wednesday 21st March 2018**. It starts at 6pm till 7:30pm and is entirely free for all who attend. We are having a special St. Patrick's theme so students are welcome to dress up in Irish related attire if they wish. *Andrew Young (See poster)*.

Missio Red Boxes St. Joseph's - 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.

Raised on Songs and Stories - Tuesday, 17th April, 12.30-2.30pm, St. Joseph's Church - The Tyneside Irish Cultural Society runs a project called ROSS (Raised on Songs and Stories) exploring the rich legacy of our Irish heritage. We are inviting older Irish people, or people of Irish descent to attend our lunchtime meeting on Tuesday, 17th April. This is a chance to meet for a free hot meal, live Irish music and friendly chat. To help with numbers, please contact book through the Parish Secretary.

Ministers and Readers' Rota - St. Joseph's - a new rota covering the period 31st March - 20th May is now available at the back of church. If you would like to receive this by email, please contact the parish secretary.

**TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL
200 CLUB
March 2018 Result**

1st (£50) S. O'Brien Mrs. Pat Echocia	No. 110 St. Bernadette's, Wallsend O. O & St. Wilfred's, Blyth
2nd (£25) SVP Conference Sheila Grant Joyce Grant	No. 47 St. Joseph's, Sunderland St. Charles, Gosforth Durham Martyrs (Ss. Godric & Bede)

Thank you for your continued support

Health and Safety

A message for all parishioners involved in Parish catering

The kitchen Health and Safety file has been updated and a memo to all has been left in the kitchen at St Joseph's and St Godric's.

Disposable aprons and gloves are now available for your use. Please could someone let me know when supplies are running low so that I can order additional packs.

Do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Parish Health and Safety Committee for any further advice or information.] Many thanks.
Mary Harrison.

Message for all Parish cleaners

Disposable aprons and gloves are now provided for your use when handling cleaning products. These are in the kitchen at St. Joseph's and St. Godric's. Please let me know when supplies are running low. Please read the safety information for the cleaning products and do not hesitate to contact me, or any member of the Parish Health and Safety Committee for any additional advice and information you require. Many thanks. Mary Harrison.

The Finchale Partnership: The Partnership Development Group (PDG) met at the end of February. At the meeting the PDG supported the proposal from the parishes of Coxhoe, Sedgefield and Trimdon to become one parish. The proposal has now gone forward to the Episcopal Council. We discussed the appointment of a Youth Ministry Co-ordinator in Durham Martyrs' parish and the next steps with the Partnership Development Plan following the consultation meeting. There'll be more information about the plan after Easter, but in the meantime, you can read the minutes of the PDG meeting at the back of church or on our Partnership webpages hosted at www.stcuthberts-durham.org.uk/the-finchale-partnership/partnership-development-group-information.

Liturgy Department Courses

New Funeral Assistants - Venue - St. Hilda's Resource Centre, Newcastle

10 sessions, split into two parts:

Part 1 - Mondays - 23rd and 30th April, 14th and 21st May, 4th June, all 7.00-9.00pm

Part 2 - Monday 3rd and 10th September, Saturday 22nd September and 6th October (10.00am-4.00pm) and Monday, 8th October, 7.00-9.00pm
If interested, please contact the parish secretary in the first instance.

Holy Week 2017

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| 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 Tuesday, 27th March will be the last Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during Holy Week. It will recommence on Monday, 2nd April at the normal time of 2.00-3.00pm

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

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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 17 March		10.00am Special Intention (A, R, M) and John Dickenson (Birthday Remembrance)	10.00am NO MASS OR SERVICE 5.30pm Victoria Garnham (Anniversary) and Christine Meecham
Sunday 18 March		9.00am - Rose Carr (Birthday Remembrance) and Brian O'Connor 3.00 - 4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Veronica Salmon
Monday 19 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
Tuesday 20 March	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am	6.30pm - Exposition 7.00pm Eileen Stockton
Wednesday 21 March	9.15am Margaret McAffery and In thanksgiving (BT)	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 22 March	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	9.30-10.00am - Exposition 10.00am	9.15am Agnes Vickers
Friday 23 March	9.15am Harold Hall and Susan Laing	10.00am	9.15am - Service of Word and Holy Communion 11.30am - Funeral Service of Peter McLaughlin
Saturday 24 March		10.00am In thanksgiving (BT)	10.00am Requiem Mass of John Fisher 5.30pm - Gerald & Mary Lennon and Peter & Catherine McLoughlin
Sunday 25 March PALM SUNDAY		9.00am - Gloria Hughes and Isabella Jose (Birthday Remembrance) 3.00pm-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Peggy Thompson (Anniversary) and Joe Lane

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 18	Mon 19	Tue 20	Wed 21	Thurs 22	Fri 23	Sat 24	Sun 25
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	NO MASS	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm