

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 February 2018

Sunday 11th February - 6th Sunday of the Year

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Note from Fr. Colm

Lent begins this week. A time of Fast and Abstinence. "This man (Jesus) suddenly remarks one day 'No-one need fast whilst I am here.' Who is this man who remarks that His mere presence suspends all normal rules?" C. S. Lewis. And so we here at the Durham Martyrs begin a journey of looking at Jesus more intently. There is a calendar available for all to reflect on for each day of Lent. Please do avail of it, and all the normal extra services in the three centres.

There is also an important notice asking first that we are alert to those who may not have lifts to our other Masses in the parish after I said the last Mass at St. Bede's. Please keep us in the loop on this. A test of real Community.

Worth listening to was Rabbi Jonathan Sacks 'Thought for the Day' last Friday, 9th February. A delicate reflection on Alzheimers and a spirituality of love and care. Excellent. Also, Cathy Newman's interview on Channel 4 News with writer and psychologist, Jordan B. Peterson. Challenging. You Tube for that full interview.

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, 10 th February	St. Scholastica V
Sunday, 11 th February World Day of Prayer for the Sick	Our Lady of Lourdes

What's On

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
Wednesday, 14 th February	Wednesday Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm, Jubilee Room
Thursday, 15 th February	Prayer Group, St. Godric's, 6.45-8.00pm
Sunday, 11 th February	Choir Practice, 6.00-7.30pm., Don Bosco Room

Sympathy - we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Eileen Jardine, whose Funeral Service will take place at Durham Crematorium on Thursday, 15th February at 1.30pm

- and also to the family and friends of the late Nora Reay, whose Funeral Service will be held at St. Joseph's on Thursday, 22nd February at 12.00 noon, followed by cremation in Durham. *Requiescant in pace.*

Baptism - we welcome into our parish community Travis Bancroft, who will be Baptised at St. Joseph's during our 11.00am Mass this Sunday, 11th February.

Ash Wednesday - 14th February - this is a day when we deliberately fast from food and abstain from meat to mark the beginning of the Season of Lent. In addition to the morning Masses at St. Godric's School and St. Godric's Church, there will be Mass at St. Joseph's at 7.00pm, all with distribution of ashes.

Journey in Faith - No meeting during half term week. 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, 22nd February. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Lent Charity Soup Lunches - our first Lenten Charity Soup Lunch will take place on Friday 16th February hosted by the Justice & Peace Group. The Bereavement Group will host the second lunch on 23rd February. Please let the parish secretary know if you and/or your church group would like to host one of the remaining four slots.

First Holy Communion Programme - we welcome the children from St. Joseph's and St. Thomas More schools who will continue session 5 today, 11th February at 10.30am in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's Church.

Prayer Group - St. Godric's - 15th February - Please note that car parking is free after 6.00pm.

Transport to Mass on Saturday and Sunday - As we are one month into the new Mass arrangements, we would like to know if anyone is finding it difficult to get to either St. Joseph's or St. Godric's churches for the weekend Masses. Please contact the Parish Secretary if you need arrangements to be made for you, and we will review these requests and aim to resolve them as far as possible.

Baptism - The Spring Baptism Programme is scheduled for Monday, 5th March when those who have expressed an interest are invited to meet 6.30pm for a prompt 6.35 start at St. Joseph's church in the Jubilee room. The evening will finish at 9.00 pm. A buffet will be available on arrival and there will be a short comfort break midway through the evening. Anyone who wishes to attend please contact Parish Secretary for further information if you haven't already done so .

We are looking for volunteers to assist with children's liturgy sessions for Sunday morning Mass at St. Godric's. We operate on a rota basis so the commitment need is usually one week in every four. The role entails taking the children into a separate area of the church to read the Gospel in an easily understood form and explain the meaning/underlying message to them. We try to communicate the message to the children in a way that they can relate to and put into practice in their everyday lives. They are then given an activity, usually a picture to colour, relating to the Gospel message. This, of course, is their favourite part, being able to visualise what they have just heard, often adding their own detail or a prayer. We then get the children to talk about what they have just heard, to the congregation. The sessions are approximately 20 minutes long, so there is still time to fully partake in the rest of the Mass. If you are interested in getting involved, you will be required to have a DBS check. Please contact Kathleen Murray who will be able to arrange the check and Maria Curtis, Angela Pearson or Aisling Stuart, who can show you the ropes and arrange for the materials you will need.

Durham Martyrs Walking Group Next walk - Beamish and Stanley (5.5miles)

The next parish walk will take place on Saturday 17th February 2018 meeting at St. Joseph's immediately after 10.00 Mass, when we can arrange to share transport to Eden Place Car Park which is the starting point for our walk. This pleasant circular walk takes us through mixed woodland which was formerly part of the Beamish Estate. The first part of the walk follows The Great North Forest Trail. The Walking Group programme for the year will be available soon and will include a range of walks to suit all abilities. New members are always welcome.

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday 23rd February. Donations will be doubled by the UK Government up to £5 million pounds. Donating envelopes will be available over next weekend, 17th/18th February for return the following weekend.

Partnership Matters - The latest edition of the bi-monthly Partnership Matters news update is now available on the front page of the diocesan website (www.rcdhn.org.uk). It includes items on the forthcoming Property and Community Review, support available from the Diocesan Church Music Association, an 'Unconference' for Partnership Development Groups, news from around the Partnerships and much more. Contributions of news items from Partnerships are always welcome.

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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 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) 3.00 - 4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Norman Wright
Monday 12 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 13 February	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am Marie Crawford	6.30pm - Exposition 7.00pm - Deceased members of the Burnside Family
Wednesday 14 February ASH WEDNESDAY	9.15am Patrick Frobisher	10.00am	7.00pm Holy Mass
Thursday 15 February	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	9.30-10.00am - Exposition 10.00am Gloria Johnson	9.15am Kitty Tisdall
Friday 16 February EPISCOPAL MTG	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 17 February		10.00am Christine Meecham	10.00am Austin Flynn (Anniversary) 5.30pm - Marie & Jack Bradley and Janet Graham
Sunday 18 February		9.00am Marie Crawford (SVP) 3.00pm-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Frank Howe

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	12.15pm and 7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm