

*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 5<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018**  
**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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### **Pentecost Novena**

Starting on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May, you are invited to join in a diocesan-wide Novena leading up to the first anniversary of the launch of our Partnerships last Pentecost Sunday. It uses the Gospel for each day and an extract from Pope Francis' new document "Gaudete et Exsultate" (Rejoice and be glad) to help us focus prayer on our Partnerships.

It is available from the diocesan website, on the Spirituality Facebook page or you can subscribe to a daily email and get it delivered direct to your Inbox and the Department for Spirituality will send out a limited number of copies on request. (A few copies of it as a booklet are available at the back of church).

Traditionally, between Ascension and Pentecost, we take nine days of prayer asking the Holy Spirit to come into our lives with renewed impetus.

Contact [spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk) or 0191 243 3302 for more information.

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, 7 <sup>th</sup> May	St. John of Beverley Bp
Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Ascension of the Lord
Saturday, 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Ss. Nereus and Achilleus and St. Pancras

### What's On

Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Memory Cafe, 12.30-3.30pm, Jubilee Room
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Wednesday Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm, Jubilee Room,

### Funerals this week

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May** - Requiem Mass of Sarah Flanagan, St. Joseph's, 10.30am

**Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> May**, Funeral Service of Elizabeth McDine, Durham Crematorium, 11.30am

### Holy Day of Obligation

**Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> May** is the Ascension of the Lord, and St. Joseph's Mass will be at 7.00pm. There will not be a morning Mass.

**May Procession, St. Joseph's, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Dementia Friends** - The Durham Martyrs' Parish Inclusive Group would like to warmly welcome you to a "Dementia Friends Session" at **7pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May in the Jubilee Room**. Parishioners and non-parishioners are welcome to attend the session which will last for 1 hour only. Please do attend if you can - all are welcome.

### Serve the Lord with Gladness -

#### Forthcoming Diocesan Days of Reflection for All Ministries

\* Ushaw College, Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 10.30am-3.30pm

\* St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Gateshead, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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*.

**Parish Walk** - The next parish walk will take place this coming Saturday, **12<sup>th</sup> May** rather than the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> May from the main door of St. Mary's Cathedral Newcastle. On Saturdays there is a mass at St. Mary's 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, 19<sup>th</sup> 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

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day 2018** - we have received a letter of thanks from Chris Funnell, Head of Supporter Donations, for our parish donation of £1,846.22. This sum will be matched by the Government. Thank you for your continued generous support.

### **Second Collection - World Communications Day, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

On this day, we pray for those who work in the media and also for the valuable work carried out on our behalf by the Communications Office of the Bishops' Conference. Working with journalists across both national and international media outlets, it provides a professional news service to the Church and to the world. This Special Collection is **eligible** for Diocesan Gift Aid. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please use a Special Collection envelope from your box supplied.

### **Date for the Diary**

#### **Celebration of Life Mass, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 10.00am, St. Joseph's**

The Bereavement Group would like to invite you to the above Mass where you will be invited to lay a flower in remembrance of your deceased loved ones. The flowers will be provided by the group and there will be refreshments afterwards in the Don Bosco room. Please join us - everyone welcome.

### **Car Parking - St. Joseph's**

A reminder that the accessible car parking spaces (those with yellow markings at the side) at St. Joseph's are intended for use only by those who have difficulty walking and by parents/carers with pre- school children. There have been instances recently of people who have severe difficulty walking being unable to obtain a space.

**The following posts are vacant at the school:**

- \* Head of History - full time - closing date Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May.
- \* Teacher of English - one year contract - closing date Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May
- \* Teacher of History - Maternity Cover - part time - closing date Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May
- \* Teacher of ICT/Computing - Maternity Cover - full time - closing date Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May

For all posts, CES Application Forms and further details are available from St. Leonard's Catholic School, North End, Durham, DH1 4NG, telephone: (0191) 3848575, and details are also available on the school website: [www.st-leonards.durham.sch.uk](http://www.st-leonards.durham.sch.uk)

*See posters on the church notice-board.*

**Around the Diocese:**

**Diocesan Festival 2018:** The sixth Diocesan Festival takes place on Saturday 23 - Sunday 24 June 2018 at the Emmaus Youth Village in Consett.

This year's theme is '**Encounter**' and there will be talks from Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow OBE, Sr Judith Russi and Sara Bryson.

It includes prayer, liturgy, reflection, discussion and music. It is an opportunity for our whole Diocesan family to come together to celebrate and to be encouraged in our faith offering inspiring speakers for adults as well as activities for young people and children. For more information visit the Diocesan website Festival page or read the Festival booklet (includes booking form).

**Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018:** The 2018 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place between Friday 27 July and Friday 3 August.

See the poster or pilgrimage page for more information. The pilgrimage coordinator is Fr. Peter Stott at, St. Robert of Newminster, Morpeth and can be contacted by tel: 01670 513410 or by email.

Adult Helpers **URGENTLY** required. The pilgrimage could not take place without the invaluable support given by our many adult helpers. If you would like to volunteer for this year's pilgrimage, the Adult Helpers Registration Form is available from Fr. Stott or through the pilgrimage website.



**Department for Justice and Peace:**

**'Housing and Homelessness: A Challenge to Faith and Society'.**

On Saturday 16 June between 10.00am and 4.00pm at Cuthbert House, Stonebridge, Durham DH1 3RY. Key speakers include; Fr. Peter McVerry S.J., Helen Jarvis and Phil Conn.

There has been a dramatic rise in homelessness across our region, more are living on the streets and even more are relying on friends and relatives as they cannot afford or access their own home. Housing, and the provision of it is a crisis in our country. This is an Ecumenical study day and an opportunity to come together, discuss the issues in the region and wider and explore some possible ways forward and what we, faith communities, can do together.

Fr. Peter has been campaigning for those with housing issues in Dublin for 40 years through the Peter McVerry Trust. The day is free and open to all, but please book a place through [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) For further information contact North East Churches Acting Together (NECAT) by email - [regionalofficer@necat.co.uk](mailto:regionalofficer@necat.co.uk).

**Coming up at Minsteracres:**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May**, 10.00am - 4.00pm. Open house - an opportunity to have a look around the house and grounds, with tours, exhibitions and moments of reflection.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> (6.30pm) - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May (2.00pm)** - Poetry retreat, in collaboration with the Creative Arts Retreat Movement (CARM), led by Michael Campling and Jock Stein.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> (11.00am) - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May (2.00pm)** - Icon painting workshop, led by Maureen Rimmer.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> (7.00pm) - Sunday 20 May (2.00pm)** - Pentecost renewal retreat, led by Ann Liddell.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May (10.00am - 5.00pm)**. Walking retreat day, led by the Minsteracres team.

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May (6.30pm) - Friday 1 June (2.00pm)**. Come and experience monastic life, led by the Minsteracres team.

For more information about Minsteracres and the programme visit the website: [www.minsteracres.org](http://www.minsteracres.org) or call 01434 673248.

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**Exposition at St. Godric's Monday - Saturday afternoons from  
 2.00pm-3.00pm**

	<b>St. Bede's/St. Godric's School</b>	<b>St. Godric's</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>
<b>Saturday 5 May</b>		<b>10.00am</b>	<b>10.00am - Rita Stephenson 5.30pm Pauline Inglis (Birthday Remembrance)</b>
<b>Sunday 6 May</b>		<b>9.00am Gloria Hughes (Anniversary) 3.00 - 4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	<b>11.00am The Oliver Family</b>
<b>Monday 7 May</b>	<b>9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion</b>	<b>10.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion</b>	<b>9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion</b>
<b>Tuesday 8 May</b>	<b>9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>10.30am Requiem Mass of Sarah Flanagan</b>
<b>Wednesday 9 May</b>	<b>9.15am Brian O'Connor and George Humble</b>	<b>10.00am Philip Hunter (Birthday Remembrance)</b>	<b>9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion</b>
<b>Thursday 10 May ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>	<b>9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion</b>	<b>9.30-10.00am - Exposition 10.00am</b>	<b>7.00pm Grace Picozzi</b>
<b>Friday 11 May EPISCOPAL MTG</b>	<b>9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion</b>
<b>Saturday 12 May</b>		<b>10.00am</b>	<b>10.00am - Dennis O'Connell and Julia Riordan 5.30pm John Quinn and David Adams</b>
<b>Sunday 13 May</b>		<b>9.00am - Deceased members of the Condron Family, and Marian Heaphy 3.00pm-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	<b>11.00am The Grieveson Family and deceased members of the Hunter and Equi Families</b>

**St. Cuthbert's**

<b>Sun 6</b>	<b>Mon 7</b>	<b>Tue 8</b>	<b>Wed 9</b>	<b>Thurs 10</b>	<b>Fri 11</b>	<b>Sat 12</b>	<b>Sun 13</b>
<b>10.00am and 6.30pm</b>	<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>7.00pm (Vigil of the Ascension)</b>	<b>12.15pm Feast of the Ascension</b>	<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>10.00am and 6.30pm</b>