

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

24th November - 2nd December 2018

Sunday 25th November - The Feast of Christ the King

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Note from Fr. Colm

Thank you all for making Tuesday's concert so memorable. It was a great witness of parish coming together to make something lovely happen. A special thanks to the organisers and those who hosted the Russian Choir in their homes. These are some of the wonderful positives taking place here in the parish of the Durham Martyrs. Here's to many more such occasions.

Dr. Sam Bethapudi was very helpful and insightful on Wednesday night. After technical teething problems, we were on our way to a sensitive, guided approach to the complex field of Healing. Mature, balanced and humorous, Sam brought his years of experience as a medic to show the need for 'naming' our hurts.

As St. Paul said of St. Luke 'our dear and glorious physician'. Bless all the caring professions.

Congratulations to Audrey Walsh on her 90th birthday yesterday (Thursday).

Confession:

St. Joseph's Saturday: 9.30am-9.50am, 10.30am-11.00am,
4.15pm-4.50pm

St. Godric's Saturday: 10.30am-11.00am

Feast Days

Saturday, 24 th Nov	St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions MM
Monday 26 th Nov	St. Leonard of Porto Maurizio Rel
Friday, 30 th Nov	St. Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland

What's On

Tuesday, 27 th Nov	* * *	SVP Tea and Film Afternoon, 1.30-4.00pm, Jubilee Rm Base Camp, Jubilee Room, 4.30-6.30pm Food Safety Meeting, 7.30pm, Jubilee Room
Wednesday 28 th Nov	* * *	Wednesday Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm, Jubilee Room Frontier Group, 7.00-9.00pm, Jubilee Room Inclusive Church Group Meeting, 7.00pm, Don Bosco
Thursday, 29 th Nov	* *	Signpost Group, 5.00-7.00pm, Jubilee Room Prayer Group, St. Godric's, 6.45-8.00pm
Sunday, 2 nd December		Christmas Choir Rehearsal, 6.00-7.30pm Don Bosco

Second Collection - This weekend we celebrate Youth Sunday. Bishop Séamus and the Youth Ministry Trust wish to thank you for your generous contributions to last year's collection and for all you have done throughout the year to support our young people on their faith journey. There will be a second collection to support the work of YMT. Envelopes are available if you would like the opportunity to Gift Aid your donation.

Note to all Parishioners involved in cooking/baking/meal preparation for Parish Events and fund raising. One of the roles of The Health and Safety Committee has been to consider Food safety. This involves the food handling practices of everyone involved in cooking food for the Parish both at St. Joseph's and St. Godric's.

Meetings will be held on Tuesday 27th November at 7.30pm and Tuesday 4th December at 7.30pm, both in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's, and we would like to invite you to attend on one of those dates. This will give us the opportunity to explain some of the requirements we need to observe and some changes in practice which we may have to consider, and we look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Mary Harrison.

Film and tea afternoon **Tuesday, 27th November** at 1.30pm. All Welcome.

New Rota - St. Joseph's - a new rota for ministers and readers covering the period 1st-30th December, is now available at the back of church.

Durham Martyrs Parish Prayer Group meets fortnightly at St. Godric's John Boste room at from 6.45pm to 8.00pm. The next meeting will take place on

Thursday 29th November. All are welcome. Why not come along to try it out?

Readers at St. Joseph's - At Fr. Colm's request, from December, Readers will be paired up on the rota, with the first reader doing the First Reading and Psalm (unless it is being sung by the music group). The first reader will read the verses of the Psalm solo with the congregation joining in with the response only. The second reader on the rota will do the Second Reading. Fr. Colm would like the Gospel Acclamation at all Masses to be sung. (Either Fr. Colm or the music group/organist will start this off depending on whether it is a weekday or weekend Mass). A different reader will be asked before Mass to do the Bidding Prayers.

As readers are being paired up and therefore will be reading more often, we are in need of new readers to join the rota. Eucharistic Ministers may join the rota of Readers as long as they do not perform both ministries at the same Mass. If you would like to read or be included on the rota please let Fr. Colm or myself know.

Informal Training sessions are in the process of being planned with the Liturgy Group for those readers who wish to take advantage of them. We are also planning a Commissioning Service in line with the one for Eucharistic Ministers. More information to follow at a later date. Thank you to all our Ministers of the Word, may we continue to familiarise ourselves with the readings for our scheduled days using either Universalis.com or the Mass books from the back of the Church. Please remember to check the Lectionary is on the right page as well and ensure we proclaim the Word loudly and clearly during Mass. If you have any questions or comments about the readers' rota for St. Joseph's please contact me, and I will pass them on to Fr. Colm. Thank you, Leanne Heseltine.

**Christmas Fair - St. Thomas More School
Friday, 30th November from 2.00-3.30pm**

Stalls include tombola, name the elf/snowman, hoop the teacher, crafts, pot plants and many more. Refreshments will be available in the library during the fair. There will also be a raffle which will be drawn on Monday 17th December. Everyone welcome.

Christmas Music - If you enjoy singing and would like to join a joint Parish choir to sing at the **Christmas Eve Carol Service and Vigil Mass** at St. Leonard's you would be most welcome to join us for rehearsals on 2nd, 9th and 16th December at 6 - 7.30pm in the Don Bosco Room.

News from the Partnership

(i) **Preparing our Young People for Confirmation**

The parishes of the Finchale Partnership have agreed that we will work together to prepare our young people for Confirmation. A training session, around the use of the diocesan programme, has been organised. This is open to those already involved in Confirmation programmes, as well as those interested in getting involved. The training will be led by Fr. Michael McCoy, beginning at 7:15pm, on **Thursday 6th December**, at **St. Cuthbert's, Old Elvet, Durham City**. Light refreshments will be available and the session should last around one hour. Preferably, email your parish office to confirm your attendance, by **Monday 3rd December**, or feel free to turn up on the evening.

(ii) **Justice and Peace invitation:** The Outreach Committee of the Finchale Partnership is seeking to meet with all Justice and Peace groups within the partnership, and anyone else who has an interest in justice and peace issues, with a view to learning from each other and investigating ways we might work more effectively together across the partnership. The meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, 6th December**, from **7:00pm** at **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Esh Winning**. Please contact Fr. Robert Riedling at **St Patrick's, Langley Moor** with any enquiries (langleymoortstpatrick@redhn.co.uk / (0191) 378 4486).

Russian Choir Concert

Many thanks to all who supported the concert on Tuesday. A full church was treated to a musical feast by the singers from St Petersburg. We sold 200 tickets which was a fabulous response; thanks to all who purchased them. Many parishioners were involved in ensuring that the evening went well. Thanks to those who cooked for the choir, who decorated the church, who provided the interval refreshments, who helped in church on the night, and who accommodated the members of the choir. Thanks to St. Leonard's and St. Godric's Schools for the production of the poster, the tickets and the programme. Finally, the choir have been booked in for a return visit in November 2019 - more details to follow.

Justice and Peace Refugee Project

Our Lady of Lourdes Deaf Centre, Newcastle

Pressure on the service will be particularly high at the beginning of December as clients receive extra food bags at that time to compensate for the closure of the service over Christmas. As usual, the December collection from the parish will be on the first Sunday of the month, which will be **next Sunday, 2nd December**.

Open Gate Appeal - as you will be aware Open Gate is a Charity supporting women leaving HMP Low Newton. There is currently a real need for warm clothing and toiletries for women being released. If you have any suitable clothing that you no longer need, particularly, **warm coats, tops, skirts and trousers in all sizes** we would be delighted to receive it and can guarantee

it will be put to good use. In addition, the women also need basic toiletries, eg, **shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant and body lotion**. There will be boxes placed at the back of both St. Joseph's and St. Godric's for your donations. Many thanks, as always, for your support. Esther Robson, Open Gate.

Events During Advent - Advent Charity Soup Lunches at St. Joseph's - dates agreed are:

SVP will be hosting on 7th December

Inclusive Church Group on 14th December

Justice and Peace Group on 21st December

Please come along and support these worthy causes.

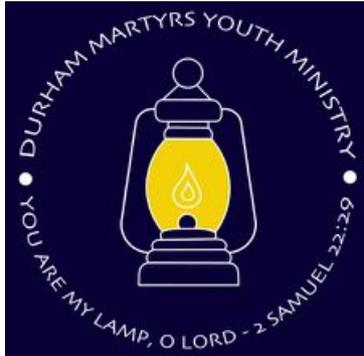
The Finchale Partnership - Advent Service: Please join us at Ushaw College for our Partnership Advent Service on **Sunday 2nd December**, at **4.00pm**. During the service we'll be lighting the first candle of the Advent wreath in the magnificent surroundings of St Cuthbert's chapel. There'll be drinks afterwards, and a treasure trail for the children. We'll be taking a collection for the college (and please be generous as you will also have the opportunity to see the Christmas tree festival while you are there). Please contact the parish secretary if you would like, or can offer, a lift.

SAVE THE DATE - Parish Christingle Celebration 16th December at 4pm -

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the first UK Christingle Service. Christingle is a celebration of Advent organised with the Children's Liturgy teams and our schools. Our Parish celebration for children of all ages and their families will be on Sunday 16th December at 4pm at St Joseph's Church, followed by the annual Christingle Party in the school. An invitation letter is available at the back of Church, please return the slip to let us know your child is attending. This helps with our planning. If you can help with the service or party, please get in touch with Marjorie.

Advent Concert, Wednesday, 19th December at 7.00pm in the sports Hall. Tickets £5 adult/£2.50 under 19, including seasonal refreshments. See *poster*.

St. Mary's, Hexham - Torchlight Procession, led by Fr. Christopher Warren on Friday, 7th December at 7.00pm, in celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. A collection will be taken in aid of the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Nurses' Fund. See *poster for further information*.



DURHAM MARTYRS' YOUTH MINISTRY

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What?	When?	Time	
Base Camp	Tuesday, 27 th Nov	4.30-6.30pm	£1.50 entry Includes a meal
Signpost	Thursday, 29 th Nov	5.00-7.00pm	
Frontier	Wednesday, 28 th Nov	7.00-9.00pm	

We had another great evening at the Event! Thanks to all the young people that came along!

The Source - Wednesday 5th December - The Source brings young people, Year 9 and above, together for an evening of inspiring talks, praise and worship and friendship. We took a group of 6 young people to the previous Source and had a wonderful time! The cost is £7.50- this includes train fare and food, there will also be refreshments after the event. Meet at St. Godric's church, no later than 5:30pm. Pick up from St. Godric's Church at 9:30pm. A consent form must be completed for each young person attending the Source for copies of this please email me or give me a call.

Residential Retreat - Youth 2000, Leeds, 15th-17th February 2019

'You make me brave' is a weekend of friendship, prayer and fun, where we come together as a community of young people to grow in our relationship with God with the support of the Church. 'You make me brave' is the theme of the weekend, and it will be a great opportunity to take some time away from our busy lives and make new friends. This weekend, we will journey together, meet with Christ, and rise up filled with a greater confidence, a stronger voice, a deeper trust, and a renewed song in our hearts! We will be taking a group from our parish and more details will follow soon!

Challenge for Advent

Why not have a reverse advent calendar this year!

Reverse advent calendars work by you filling them every day with items of food or clothing that can then be taken to a food bank or charity in order to help those less fortunate that are struggling at Christmas time. After gathering helpful items all month, you can take everything you've saved to your local help scheme on Christmas Eve and know that you've given a Christmas present to someone that really needed it. Not only is this a fun thing for the whole family to do together, from creating the advent calendar structure itself to picking the goodies to go in it, it more importantly teaches your kids the importance of helping others and seeing the bigger picture at Christmas.

Katie Flood

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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 24 November		10.00am Gloria Hughes (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance)	10.00am - Deceased members of the Wright, Ward & Moran Families 5.00pm Deceased members of the Hannigan Family
Sunday 25 November		9.00am Elizabeth Carmel Nolan 3.00pm Memorial Sunday Mass	11.00am The Oliver Family and Jim Pickering (Birthday Remembrance)
Monday 26 November	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 27 November	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am	6.30pm Exposition 7.00pm SVP Friends and Benefactors
Wednesday 28 November	9.15am Peter & Catherine McLoughlin	10.00am David Jones	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Thursday 29 November	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am James and Eleanor Murray	9.15am
Friday 30 November EPISCOPAL MEETING	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 1 December		10.00am Gerry Kirby and his family	10.00am 5.00pm Jane Burnside(Anniversary) and Austin Dobbie
Sunday 2 December		9.00am Brian O'Connor and Isabella Jose	11.00am Fr. Michael Corbett and Maeve Freely

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 25	Mon 26	Tue 27	Wed 28	Thur 29	Fri 30	Sat 1	Sun 2
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12..15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm