

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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6th -14th January 2018
Sunday 7th January - Epiphany of the Lord

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Note from Fr. Colm

With the new rotas for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers coming into circulation shortly, can we have clarity on commitment. Ministers from St. Bede's have kindly offered to go on the rotas for St. Godric's and St. Joseph's.

Both Kathleen and Leanne struggle to get commitment for some ministers. It simply can't be left to them to be regularly chasing around before Mass.

It would be helpful if readers were present at least 10 minutes before Mass to double-check readings, and that Eucharistic Ministers are on time so that we are certain that they are present. If they can't be present, then a phone call to either Kathleen or Leanne, or Marjorie, to confirm this. If you know beforehand that you won't be present, it is your responsibility to find a replacement reader/Eucharistic Minister, and to let Kathleen or Leanne know to save them chasing around.

Thanks again for all your help.

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

Monday, 8 th January	The Baptism of the Lord
Thursday, 11 th January	St. Aelred of Rievaulx Ab
Friday, 12 th January	St. Benet Biscop Ab
Saturday, 13 th January	St. Hilary Bp, D

What's On

Sunday, 7 th January	Justice & Peace Mtg., St. Godric's, 10.00am
Tuesday, 9 th January *	Memobility Cafe, Jubilee Room, 1.00 - 3.00pm
Wednesday, 10 th January *	Wednesday Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm, Jubilee Room, Buildings/H&S Committee, Don Bosco Room, 7-9.00pm
Thursday, 11 th January	Journey in Faith, 7.30-9.00pm., both rooms
Saturday, 13 th January *	2.30-4.00pm Faith & Light
	* 4.00pm - Confirmation session and party

Memory Cafe - The Inclusive Group is delighted to announce that following its launch in December we will continue running these on a monthly basis, on the second Tuesday. This Memory café is for those affected by dementia and their carers. Come and chat to people affected by dementia in a friendly and relaxed social environment. The date for the next café is **Tuesday 9th January 2018**, at **St Josephs, 1 -3 pm**.

Journey in Faith -The next meeting of the Journey in Faith group will be held in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's Church commencing at 7.30pm on **Thursday, 11th January**. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Advent Charity Soup Lunches

15th December - £108 was raised at the Soup Lunch hosted by the SVP Thank you to all who gave so generously.

22nd December - £80 was raised by the Soup Lunch hosted by Rachel Kelly on behalf of the Colombia Group. Thank you for your support.

Final Confirmation Programme Session and Presentation of Certificates.

The final session of the Confirmation programme will be held on Saturday 13th January starting at 4.15pm. The focus is on 'What next?' and during the 5.30 pm Mass following the session candidates will receive their official certificate of Confirmation. Candidates are asked to bring along a photo from Confirmation day.

Fr. Colm away - Fr. Colm will be away on retreat from **5th - 12th January**.

We welcome Fr. Mark Carroll who will be covering our weekend Masses.

Asylum seekers - our usual parish collection will take place over this weekend, 6th/7th January.

Thank you to those of our community of St. Bede's, who offered me so much practical support and prayers, after my recent pre-Christmas accident. Thank you all - you are brilliant. In appreciation I wish to have a Mass offered for you all at some time in the future. *Maureen Doyle.*

Church Cleaners, St. Joseph's

If anyone does not have a copy of the new rota, spares are on the notice-board in the porch. Thank you, *Joanna.*

Prayer Group - a new fortnightly Prayer Group begins at St. Godric's in the St. John Boste Room on Thursday, 18th January from 6.45-8.00pm.

This will include praise and thanksgiving, scripture reading and intercessions. All welcome.

SVP 200 Club - Subscription for 2018 - Just to remind all 200 Club members that your annual subscription for 2018 is due in January. The annual amount is £12 and this should be placed in an envelope addressed to either Fred Haywood (St Joseph's) or Janet Nichols (Ss. Godric & Bede) and handed to the SVP member at the back of church. If paying by cheque, please make this payable to 'St Vincent de Paul Society - 200 Club'.

On behalf of the President of Tyne Central Council can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of the SVP food bank at the Blackfriars Care Centre, Newcastle. *Janet Nichols.*

**TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL
200 CLUB
December 2017 Results**

1st (£100)

Rita Harrison
M. Finnigan
J. Taylor

No. 151

Durham Martyrs (St. Joseph's)
St. Bernadette's, Wallsend
All Saints, Lanchester

2nd (£50)

Lorna Mulholland
B. Parker

No. 42

St. Peter's, Low Fell
St. Bernadette's, Wallsend

Congratulations to students, staff, parents and governors of St. Leonard's Catholic School who were inspected on 22/23rd November 2017 by the Hexham and Newcastle Diocesan Inspectors. The Inspectors' assessment of the Catholic Life of the School was outstanding, '*...students are involved in a range of ministries and are eager to contribute*'. In Collective Worship the assessment was again outstanding, '*Students and staff are involved in the preparation, planning and leading of prayer and liturgies*' and '*...students value the prayer life of the school and enjoy the range of opportunities to pray each day*'. In Religious Education the assessment was also outstanding with '*Results at GCSE and A-level ... high and above the national average*' and '*Pupils enjoy their learning and achievement is strong*'. This resulted in an overall 'outstanding' assessment. Once again many congratulations to all concerned. The full Section 48 report is available on the school website: www.st-leonards.durham.sch.uk

A message from John Dowling, Project Manager, H & N Diocesan Justice and Peace Refugee Project

Jesus was a refugee. Our project helps over 400 asylum seekers by giving them a bag of essential food items every week. Clothes and shoes are also made available. Asylum seekers who have been refused leave to stay are also given £25 per month. This is necessary because, once leave to stay has been refused, they lose their homes and also all Government funding. They are effectively made destitute. We have now been running for almost 16 years. From the outset our aim has been to welcome and care for people from all over the world who arrive on our doorstep seeking asylum. Your parish has helped and supported us for many years. We would like to thank you and wish you all a very Happy New Year. You are the people who have helped us to carry on feeding those who are hungry, whether by food donations or cash donations. It is really wonderful that, even at a time when increasing deprivation has seen a huge rise in the number of food banks, your collections have continued to sustain us.

It is a constant struggle to keep up with the continuing demand for services as the number of asylum seekers continues to rise. In 2017, the increase was over 20%. So, once again, we are appealing to you to make every effort to maintain, or even increase, your parish's monthly collection. You have never let us down. We look on these collections as our monthly miracle. God bless you all.

Pilgrimage to Rome: St. Cuthbert's, Durham are organising a trip to Rome, just after Easter 2018. The pilgrimage will be led by Fr. Andrew Downie and we would like to invite anyone from across the Finchale Partnership to join us. We will be travelling on Monday 2nd April (Easter Monday) and staying in Rome for a week. The cost is £956.00 per person (based on 2 sharing), on a half board basis. 2 half day tours around Rome are included in the price and we will have Mass every day, plenty of time to relax, and the opportunity to get to know each other. We are also planning a day trip to Assisi. Please contact Margaret Doyle at St Cuthbert's for more information or a booking form.

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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 6 January		10.00am	10.00am - No Mass or Service 5.00pm - David Adams and Pauline Inglis
Sunday 7 January		9.00am - Bryan Petch 3.00 - 4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Frank Howe
Monday 8 January	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 9 January	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am	6.30pm - Exposition 7.00pm - Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 10 January	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 11 January	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	9.30-10.00am - Exposition 10.00am	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Friday 12 January	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 13 January		10.00am	10.00am - No Mass or Service 5.00pm - John Quinn and Ambrose Burnside Senior
Sunday 14 January		9.00am - Brian O'Connor 3.00pm-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Jean Claude Joye

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 7	Mon 8	Tue 9	Wed 10	Thurs 11	Fri 12	Sat 13	Sun 14
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	No Mass	No Mass	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm