

*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 Bulletin - 24<sup>th</sup> March - 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018**  
**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord**

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**Note from Fr. Colm**

We now enter Holy Week. There will be many opportunities to enrich your own sense of God's Presence in your life. You can do so by joining some, if not all, of the many services in our parish.

"A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act." *Mahatma Gandhi*

These days in the parish are sadly quite busy with funerals. A stark reminder of just why we celebrate Holy Week. The Mini-Triduum next Wednesday is one of the beautiful opportunities to join the more vulnerable members of our parish, when both young and old gather to share their mutual hopes for the future. It is a lovely Service and would be made more lovely if you can ensure that those housebound get the opportunity to come to church for this Service. It is a time for all the parish to support each other. This week is THE major Parish event of the year. I think it only fair to anticipate that the Parish solidarity will be powerfully evident as we all join together as ONE Parish Community.

Worth watching: Noel Keating spoke here in Durham in 2015 on 'Exploring A Child's Experience of Meditation.' YouTube. It lasts for an hour. Quality of film OK, but content excellent.

A good listen is 'Inside Health' when the BENEFITS AND DANGERS of Yoga are highlighted. BBC Radio 4.

**Sympathy** - we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Charles Eagles, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 11.30am in St. Godric's Church, followed by burial in South Road Cemetery. *Requiescat in pace.*

### **Special Collections**

\* **Holy Places** - there will be a special collection **this weekend** for the Catholic Community in the Holy Land. This collection is eligible for Diocesan Gift Aid, so please use a Special Collection envelope from your box supplied.

\* On **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> April**, there will be a collection for **NBF** (Sick and Retired Priests) but this collection is not eligible for Diocesan Gift Aid. If you wish to donate, please look for and use any charity envelopes provided by NBF.

**Meetings** - There will be a meeting of the Bereavement Support Group on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, at 7.00pm at St Joseph's. (No evening Mass).

**Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm - Agenda items sought**  
There will be a business meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April in the Don Bosco room. If you have any items you wish to have raised on your behalf, please send them to the Parish Secretary by **Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> April**.

**Parish Office** - The parish office will close at 2.00pm on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March and re-opens on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April at 8.30am. The next parish newsletter will be over the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> April.

**Durham Churches Together Good Friday Witness** - will start at 11.45am at St. Nicholas' Church with a short prayer, followed by the Procession of Witness round the High Street at 12.00 noon  
- £30 has been donated to the Maria Coretti Orphanage Project from the sale of Easter Chicks. *Dorothy Wilson*

**Coffee Morning** - the next Coffee Morning at St. Godric's will be held after morning Mass on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> April.

**Volunteers Needed** - we are in need of welcomers at our weekend Masses across the parish. We would like to have a pool of individuals who can be called upon from time to time. If you would like to help, please contact Fr. Colm in the first instance. Thank you.

**St. Joseph's Bidding Prayer Rota** - if you would like to join the rota in choosing bidding prayers and hymns for our weekend Masses, please contact Joanna Pallister. A new rota is being prepared.

**Durham Martyrs' Friday Lunch Club** - the Friday soup lunches will re-commence on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May** on a monthly basis, and each team will support a charity of their choice. Please give this your support as the teams willingly give of their time and money in providing the lunches.

**Centre for Catholic Studies 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Public Lecture - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018:: *Catholics in Public Life: A UK Perspective* by Daniel, Lord Brennan of Bibury QC. 5pm in central Durham City. All welcome; this is a ticketed event and registration is essential. Registration deadline: 11<sup>th</sup> April. More information and registration via [www.centreforcatholicstudies.co.uk](http://www.centreforcatholicstudies.co.uk) or 0191 334 1656.**

**St. Joseph's Bidding Prayers** - if you would like to write bidding prayers and choose the hymns, please contact Joanna Pallister. A new rota is being prepared.

### **Hexham & Newcastle Diocesan Church Music Association**

Tired of singing the same Mass setting? Need some inspiration?

The Diocesan Church Music Association presents an evening music workshop introducing 4 Mass settings of contrasting styles. Led by Paul Berry - Musical Director of St. Mary's RC Church, Hexham and Alison Purvis - Musical Director of St. Cuthbert's Catholic Church, Durham.

Date: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Time: 7pm - 9pm (Tea/Coffee from 6.30pm)

Venue: St. Hilda's Resource Centre, 391 West Road,  
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE15 7PY

Admission: Free Parking: On-site

For further details email: [alisonpurvis1@hotmail.com](mailto:alisonpurvis1@hotmail.com)

*See poster.*

## ***Holy Week 2017***

<b>24<sup>th</sup> March (Saturday)</b>	<b>St. Joseph's 5.30pm Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday with Procession and Blessing of palms.</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> March - Palm Sunday</b>	<b>St. Godric's 9.00am Palm Sunday Mass and 11.00am at St. Joseph's, with Procession and Blessing of palms.</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March - Wednesday</b>	<b>Mini-Triduum for the housebound 2.00pm in St. Joseph's Church followed by refreshments.</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> March - Holy Thursday NO EXPOSITION TODAY</b>	<b>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.</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> March - Good Friday</b>	<b>10.00am Stations of the Cross St. Joseph's (Faith and Light)</b>  <b>3.00pm The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ with Veneration of the Cross, St. Leonard's School</b>
<b>31<sup>st</sup> March - Holy Saturday</b>	<b>8.00 pm Easter Vigil Mass St. Leonard's School</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> April- Easter Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am Easter Sunday Mass St. Leonard's School</b>

**Exposition at St. Godric's - Please note that Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March will be the last Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during Holy Week. It will recommence on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April at the usual time of 2.00-3.00pm.**

**No Sunrise Services in the parish after Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March- Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**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 24 March</b>		<b>10.00am</b> In thanksgiving (BT)	<b>10.00am</b> <b>Requiem Mass of John Fisher</b> <b>5.30pm - Gerald and Mary Lennon and Peter and Catherine McLoughlin</b>
<b>Sunday 25 March</b>  <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>		<b>9.00am</b> Gloria Hughes and Isabella Jose (Birthday Remembrance) <b>3.00pm</b> Exposition	<b>11.00am</b> Peggy Thompson and Joe Lane
<b>Monday 26 March</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion	<b>10.00am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion	<b>9.15am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday 27 March</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>11.00am - Requiem Mass of Joan Cornish</b>
<b>Wednesday 28 March</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Valerie Hamilton and in thanksgiving for 59 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (Ann and Bob Close)	<b>10.00am</b> <b>Requiem Mass of Rachel Gallon Smith</b>	<b>2.00pm</b> <b>Mini-Triduum for the Housebound</b>
<b>Thursday 29 March</b>  <b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>	<b>No Mass or Service</b>	<b>NO EXPOSITION TODAY</b> <b>7.00pm</b> Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose	<b>No Mass or Service</b>
<b>Friday 30 March</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>3.00pm at St. Leonard's School</b> <b>The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ with Veneration of the Cross</b>		
<b>Saturday 31 March</b>  <b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	<b>8.00pm at St. Leonard's School</b> <b>Easter Vigil Mass</b>		
<b>Sunday 1 April</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>10.00am at St. Leonard's School</b> <b>Easter Sunday Mass</b>		

**Week commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**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>Monday 2 April</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion	<b>10.00am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion	<b>9.15am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday 3 April</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion	<b>11.30am</b> <b>Requiem Mass of Charles Eagles</b>	<b>6.30pm</b> Exposition <b>7.00pm</b> Stephen Dawson
<b>Wednesday 4 April</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Brian O'Connor and Julia McElwain	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 5 April</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Exposition <b>10.00am</b> Joan Cornish	<b>9.15am</b> Arthur Vohes
<b>Friday 6 April</b>	<b>9.15am</b> John Quinn (Birthday Remembrance)	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion
<b>Saturday 7 April</b>		<b>10.00am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion	<b>10.00am</b> William Wile <b>5.00pm</b> Special Intention (M & T)
<b>Sunday 8 April</b>  <b>FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY</b>		<b>9.00am</b> Marie Crawford <b>3.00pm</b> Exposition	<b>11.00am -</b> Ellen and Ambrose Burnside, and Joe Lane

## Services at St. Cuthbert's

### St. Cuthbert's - Holy Week

Sun 25	Mon 26	Tue 27	Wed 28	Holy Thurs Thurs 29	Good Fri Fri 30	Holy Sat Sat 31	Easter Sun Sun 1 Apr
10.00am and 6.30pm	No Mass	12.15pm	7.00pm	7.00pm	3.00pm	8.30pm	10.00am NO EVENING MASS

Please check the website - [www.stcuthberts-durham.org](http://www.stcuthberts-durham.org) for other Holy Week services and Confession times etc.

### Easter Week

Mon 2 Apr	Tue 3	Wed 4	Thurs 5	Fri 6	Sat 7	Sun 8
No Mass	Service of Word & Holy Communion 12.15pm	9.15am	Service of Word & Holy Communion 12.15pm	No Mass	No Mass	10.00am and 6.30pm

No Confession or Morning Prayer from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - 7<sup>th</sup> April inclusive

