

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 19th - 27th May 2018
Sunday 20th May - Pentecost Sunday

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Note from Fr. Colm - Can I ask for help with regard to Exposition at St. Godric's. We have a team for each day of the week ensuring presence in the church. It is always better to have a few regulars in case of commitments elsewhere on the day. However, I am worried about the numbers present on a Thursday, and particularly Saturdays. It is strange that these days also have the fewer visitors - I think. Anyhow, more names to our teams would be great.

We also need more counters. The counting takes place on Sundays after the 11.00am Mass, though some prefer to do it on a Monday. It is very important work. It generally takes around an hour and a half. There is an excellent system in place now for the counters. But we really would love to have more names. It makes life much easier for those already on the rotas too.

Last Sunday was a special day with the first May Procession in many years. It was a lovely occasion. Thanks to all for making it so special.

Sadly, Walter Patterson is no longer with us. Though not Catholic, Walter did much for the church over the years. Our sympathies to Sheila.

Food for thought: In the prevailing culture, priority is given to the outward, the immediate, the visible, the quick, the provisional and the superficial. What is real gives way to appearance. In many countries globalisation has meant a hastened deterioration of their own cultural roots and the invasion of ways of thinking and acting proper to other cultures which are economically advanced but ethically debilitated. *Pope Francis, (Evangelii Gaudium)*

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, 21 st May	St. Godric of Finchale Rel St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions
Tuesday, 22 nd May	St. Rita of Cascia Rel
Friday, 25 th May	St. Bede the Venerable P, D
Saturday, 26 th May	St. Philip Neri P

What's On

Saturday, 19 th May	Royal Wedding Party, 10.30am-3.00pm Jubilee Room
Wednesday, 23 rd May	Wednesday Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm, Jubilee Room

Sympathy - extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Jake Davison, whose Funeral Service will take place at St. Joseph's on Thursday, 24th May at 9.30am, followed by cremation in Durham.

We also extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Walter Patterson, whose Funeral Service will take place at Durham Crematorium on Friday, 25th May at 11.00am. *Requiescant in pace.*

Baptism - we welcome into our parish community Scarlett Raine Geldard and Ava Grace Perry, who will be Baptised after 11.00am Mass this Sunday, 20th May, at St. Joseph's.

Second Collection

Lay Training Fund - Pentecost Sunday, 20th May

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.

Celebration of Life Mass, Saturday 26th 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.

Sing for the Durham Martyrs

The fifth birthday of our Parish will be celebrated on **Thursday 21st June** with a special Mass at 7pm in St. Godric's Church. The Mass of the Durham Martyrs will be performed as part of the Mass.

Singers who wish to take part as a member of the choir are asked to attend rehearsals on Sunday 10th and 17th June 6pm - 7.30 at St. Godric's.

Please make any enquiries to Roger McKone. *You can see larger version of the poster at the back of each church.*

Ushaw Flower Festival: 12th - 17th June, 11.00am-5.00pm

Entry to the flower Festival is £5 per person. This will then entitle you to a free annual pass giving access to Ushaw for the next 12 months. Our parish has a display in the entrance around the statue of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom. See www.ushaw.org for full details. See poster

Thank you - Ann Close would like to thank everyone who made our May Procession in honour of Our Lady such a wonderful occasion - those who provided food, music, flowers, the children taking part and to all who came from across the parish.

New Rotas, Ministers and Readers

St. Joseph's: A new monthly rota is available covering the end May - June. Contact details for others on the rota will be circulated via email where possible. I have started drafting the rotas for July and August. If anyone knows any dates where they will not be available in advance, please can you let me or Marjorie know. Could anyone who would like to receive the rota by email also let me know. Thank you. Leanne.

St. Godric's: a new rota for all those who have not received an email is now available at the back of the church. If you know of anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Kathleen.

Age Concern Talk

Wednesday, 6th June, 1.00pm in the Jubilee room at St. Joseph's. Come along and find out if you are getting all the benefits you are entitled to. Lifts available - ring Fred.

TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL

200 CLUB

MAY 2018 Results

1st (£50)

F. Duffy

Monica Fleming

No. 140

St. Joseph's, Stanley

St. Mary's, Bishop Auckland

2nd (£25)

Jim Blakey

Conference

No. 184

Durham Martyrs (Ss. Godric/Bede)

Our Lady & St. Cuthbert, Prudhoe

COUNTERS NEEDED - the counting teams have been in operation since the amalgamation of the Parish of the Durham Martyrs with a few parishioners joining us during that time.

At the end of the current rota in August we will be losing 3 counters because of work and family commitments. Three counters constitutes a team and losing a team will have a knock on effect for the other teams who will be on duty more frequently.

The count is done at St. Joseph's on either Sunday after mass or on Monday morning and it takes a maximum of 2 hours - less if there is no second collection. The rota is very flexible and it is possible to swap your turn with another counter on the rota.

Could we invite anyone who might be interested in joining the rota to contact either Fred or Janet [so](#) we can invite you along to a count and show you what it entails, before you make any decision.

Please note that any newcomers will join an existing team. Thank you.

Dementia Awareness Week

This week is Dementia Awareness Week and on Monday it is also the launch of Dementia Friendly Durham City. This is a project being supported by Durham Police, Durham Fire and Rescue, DCC, Durham BID, Durham Cathedral and others to make Durham City a more welcoming place for people suffering with dementia and their carers. Already some city centre staff have been trained and are now "Dementia Friends". This is ongoing and it is hoped many more staff will be "Dementia Friends" trained. Look for them wearing their badges.

There are a number of events taking place this week in Durham, including a visit by the Alzheimer's Society National Promotion Bus in Durham Market Place on Monday from about 10.00 to 15.30 giving out free literature about what help is available for people suffering with dementia, and their carers, and possibly free forget-me-not seeds.

On Wednesday 23rd May at 14.00 a PCSO is having her long hair cut for charity by Toni and Guy and later at 17.15 there is a Dementia themed Evensong taking place in Durham Cathedral. Everyone is invited.

On Thursday 24th May there is a "Memory Cafe" being held in Durham's Indoor Market in the upstairs cafe from about 14.00 to 15.30. There will be a small charge but all people suffering with dementia and their carers are invited to attend.

A Presentation of Pope Francis' *Gaudete et Exsultate* - on the call to holiness in today's world - lead by Fr. Sean Hall, Thursday 24th May at 7.00pm in Pauline Books & Media at St. Mary's Cathedral. Everyone welcome! *See poster.*

Apostleship of the Sea Annual Day of Prayer and Pilgrimage

Holy Island, Saturday 2nd June, led by Rt. Rev. Paul Mason, AoS Bishop Promoter, England & Wales.

Highlights include Celtic Prayer on the Beach at 11.00am and Concelebrated Mass in St. Mary the Virgin Church at 2.00pm. For further information, contact Port Chaplains Paul Atkinson or Peter Barrigan. *See poster.*

Tyne and Wear Citizens Update

Mental Health Commission - the Durham and Sunderland public hearings of the Tyne and Wear Citizens mental health commission will take place in June. Tickets are free and available through Eventbrite now. Please go to the Eventbrite website below to book your place.

Sunderland - Tuesday 12th June, 10.00am - 1.00pm (doors open 9.30am) The Quayside Exchange, 197 High Street East, Sunderland SR1 2AX.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tyne-wear-citizens-mental-health-commission-public-hearing-Sunderland>

Durham - Friday 15th June, 10.00am - 1.00pm (doors open 9.30am) St Aidan College (The Lindisfarne Centre), Windmill Hill, Durham DH1 3LJ

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Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018

The 2018 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place between Friday 27th July and Friday 3rd August. See the diocesan website for more information. The pilgrimage coordinator is Fr. Peter Stott at, St. Robert of Newminster, Morpeth and can be contacted by tel: 01670 513410.

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 see the diocesan website - www.rcdhn.org.uk

ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS - The bishops of England and Wales will hold a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool from Friday 7 to Sunday 9 September 2018. Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. Every diocese in England and Wales will take part. If you would like to attend the Congress Day at Liverpool Echo Arena on Saturday 8 September 2018, the cost of the ticket can be covered by your partnership (if no partnership places are available or you are unable to find out, please contact us). If you wish to attend, please email us at liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk or call 0191 2433312 or 0191 2433313 for a booking form. The form can be also downloaded from our website www.rcdhn.org.uk Forms must be returned by **Friday 25 May 2018**. Your partnership may be organising transport to and from the event. Please speak to your parish priest/partnership dean for more information.

Further information on the full Adoremus event and how you can attend the Friday Symposium/Sunday Pilgrimage Mass is also available on the website. *Liturgy Department*.

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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 19 May		10.00am Frank and Bernard McGoay	10.00am - Freada Johnston 5.30pm Deceased members of the Charlton Family
Sunday 20 May		9.00am - Marian Heaphy and George Michiels (Anniversary) 3.00 - 4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Stephen, Lee, Becky, Jacqui and Jake
Monday 21 May	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 22 May	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion	6.30pm - Exposition 7.00pm Elizabeth Hegarty
Wednesday 23 May	9.15am Belle Blakey	10.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 24 May	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion	9.30am Funeral Service of Jake Davison
Friday 25 May EPISCOPAL MTG	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 26 May		10.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am - CELEBRATION OF LIFE MASS 5.30pm - Private Intention(H.D) and Edward Lennox (Birthday Remembrance)
Sunday 27 May TRINITY SUNDAY		9.00am SVP Friends and Benefactors 3.00pm-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Jack Wressel and Jake Thompson (Anniversaries)

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 20	Mon 21	Tue 22	Wed 23	Thurs 24	Fri 25	Sat 26	Sun 27
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	12.15pm (time change)	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm