

*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
12th -20th January 2019
Sunday 13th January - The Baptism of the Lord

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Note from Fr. Colm

I hope you are settled back to normality after the Christmas break. Again, can I take this opportunity to thank all who gave me gifts and sent cards. I am deeply appreciative.

Sadly, we lost John Villis this week. John will be such a miss from St. Godric's on a Sunday morning. His academic brilliance - without a semblance of superiority. His humour. His kindness. His conversation. All a part of the unique character that he was. No, he didn't use designer aftershave, nor did he keep the barber shops in Durham in business, but his vulnerability and integrity were something he never lost. Thank God. Our sympathies are with his family and friends.

I would like to welcome Jonathan Bowes to the parish. Jonathan will be ordained Deacon this summer for our Diocese. He will be assisting in the Parish until the end of January.

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

Saturday, 12 th January	St. Benet Biscop, Ab
Sunday, 13 th January	The Baptism of the Lord
Thursday, 17 th January	St. Anthony, Ab
Saturday, 19 th January	St. Wulstan

What's On

Sunday, 13 th January	Justice & Peace Meeting after 9.00am Mass, St. Godric
Tuesday, 15 th Jan *	Base Camp, Jubilee Room, 4.30-6.30pm
Wednesday, 16 th January	Wednesday Lunch Club, Jubilee Room, 12.00-1.00pm
Thursday, 17 th January *	Food Handling Training, Jubilee Room, 10.30am-4.30pm
	* Signpost Group, Jubilee Room, 5.00-7.00pm
	* PDG, Don Bosco Room, 7-9.00pm



Cemetery.

Sympathy - we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late John Villis whose Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday, 22nd January in St. Godric's Church at 11.00am followed by burial in South Road

... our sympathy also goes to Steven Dunn, who lost his Mum, Carol Ann, last weekend. *Requiescant in pace.*

Baptism - We welcome into our parish community Brandon James Casey, who will be Baptised after Mass at St. Joseph's this Sunday, 13th January.



Monthly Soup Lunches

The first of our monthly soup lunches will take place on **Friday, 1st February** in the Don Bosco Room at St. Joseph's from 12.00-1.00pm. All are welcome.

SVP 200 Club - Subscription for 2019 - 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.*

Parish Council Meeting Agenda items-there will be a business meeting of the **Parish Council at 7.30 pm Tuesday 22nd January** in the Don Bosco Room. Please forward any items you wish to have raised on your behalf to the Parish Secretary by **Tuesday 15 January**.



Missio Red Boxes - St. Joseph's. Please bring your box for emptying to any weekend Mass throughout January. If you can't get to church, ring Alison or John Balmer on 3665372 and they may be able to collect it from you.



Durham Martyrs Walking Group

January walk - Durham Riverbanks Circular Walk(approx. 5 miles) starting near Durham Railway Station.

The next parish walk will take place on **Saturday 19th January 2019** meeting at St. Joseph's immediately after 10.00 Mass to walk down to the start of the walk. It is possible to meet in Durham, but please notify Marjorie if you plan to do this.

Thank You

(i) Thank you to everyone who sponsored a poinsettia this year. The profit left over was used to decorate St. Leonard's and St. Joseph's for the Christmas period, and we also donated to St. Joseph's uniform appeal and sponsored two Darfur babies.

(ii) Thank you also from Ann Close for all the cards, flowers, gifts and kindness shown during her recent illness. It's very much appreciated. Ann would also like to thank Gabrielle for organising the Altar Servers' Party.

(iii) Christmas Liturgical Celebrations at St. Leonard's School

The Liturgy Group met this week to review the Advent and Christmas liturgical arrangements. Our thanks go to all of you who attended and made our Christmas Carol Concert and Masses such joyous occasions. We are grateful to all those who volunteered to serve during the celebration of Mass and afterwards with provision of hospitality. We especially thank those of you who gave up your time on Christmas Day to clear the hall and return items to our churches. Sincere thanks and best wishes to you all. *Fr. Colm and the Liturgy Group*

(iv) SVP Christmas Party - heartfelt thanks to members of the SVP from grateful parishioners who attended the wonderful party on 5th January - for all the hard work, food, entertainment etc., and the kindness and care shown was amazing.

St. Joseph's Hymns - the Bidding Prayers for weekend Masses are now being organised across both churches, so we need people to volunteer to join a rota to choose the hymns for the 5.00pm Mass and 11.00am Mass when the music group are not playing. If you would like to help, please give your name to Marjorie.

Reader Training - Saturday 26th January and Saturday 9th February 2019 - Jubilee Room, St. Joseph's Church. At Fr. Colm's request and because of the importance of the ministry of reader, Dominica Moran will be delivering informal training sessions

on each of the above dates. It is essential to attend both sessions which will run between 11am and 1pm in the Jubilee Room at St Joseph's Church.

The sessions will offer practical guidance and support to new readers and to those who wish to develop their existing skills in the delivery of this very important ministry. A short commissioning service will be held in each church during the weekend Masses on 9th and 10th February.

If you are an existing reader and do not plan to attend the training sessions please let Marjorie Towers, Parish Secretary know.



St Vincent
de Paul Society
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TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL
200 CLUB
January 2019 Results

1st (£50)

M. A. Williams
A. Gallagher

No. 11

St. Mary Magdalene, Seaham
St. Bernadette's, Wallsend

2nd (£25)

M. Scott
Jim Arthur

No. 49

St. Bernadette's, Wallsend
St. Mary's, Bishop Auckland

Grateful thanks for your continued support

The first **Catholic Theology Research Seminar** of 2019 will be held next week:
Thursday 17th January 2019 - Dr Simon Francis Gaine OP
(Blackfriars Hall, University of Oxford)

Is Christ's Beatific Vision Defensible Today?

Pemberton Lecture Room PG20, Palace Green, Durham

5pm: Paper and discussion, 6.30pm: Post-seminar drinks

All are most welcome. If you would like to attend, please register online.

Ushaw Lecture - Tuesday 22nd January 2019

Julian Coman (*The Guardian*):

Home is Where We Start From: The Politics of Place

Globalisation, the economic crash of 2008 and a migration crisis have triggered a crisis in western European societies. From Brexiting Britain to an Italy where nationalism is resurgent, the far right is mobilising a romantic politics of place and identity, which is hostile to the outsider. How can progressive thought fight back?

Ushaw College

5.30pm: Drinks reception in the Refectory

6pm: Lecture in the Exhibition Hall

All are most welcome. If you would like to attend, please [register online](#). There will be a minibus transporting people to Ushaw from Durham City, for those who don't have their own transport. To book a place on the minibus, please [register](#) by 10am on Thursday 17th January, selecting the 'with transport' option.

Central Durham Churches Together events during Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity - Friday 18th to Friday 25th January:

Prayer Breakfast at St Cuthbert's CE Church, North Road, 8.00 to 9.00am., Wednesday, 23rd January.

Discussion on Climate Change and Poverty- led by Fr Chris Hughes, chairman of RC Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission - To be held in Committee Room 1B, County Hall, 8.30 to 9.30am. Wednesday, 23rd January.

Diocesan Events - Holocaust Memorial Evening 'Torn from Home'

This year the Holocaust Memorial Evening is being held twice.

The first evening is being held on Tuesday 29th January at 7.00pm at St. Mary's Catholic School, Benton Park Road, Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne NE7 7PE.

The second evening is being held on Thursday 31st January from 7.00pm at St. Michael's Catholic Academy, Beamish Road, Billingham TS23 3DX.

Booking essential: www.interreligioushn.eventbrite.com or Telephone 265 5290. See each of the posters for full details.

Diocesan Vacancy - The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancy: Finance Assistant, Dept. for Finance, based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle - full-time, 3 year fixed term contract. Closing date: 21st January.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us ☎0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

Saint
Bede

Saint
Joseph



DURHAM MARTYRS YOUTH MINISTRY

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What?	When?	Time	
Base Camp	Tuesday, 15 th January	4.30-6.30pm	£1.50 entry Includes a meal
Signpost	Thursday, 17 th January	5.00-7.00pm	
Frontier	Wednesday, 16 th Jan	NO GROUP	

Welcome back to all our Young People after the Christmas holidays. Our Youth groups will start back this week and the timetable for this term will be distributed through schools. We look forward to welcoming our Young People back and ask that you keep us in your prayers throughout the next term.

Youth 2000 Retreat - 'You Make Me Brave' - The retreat is open to young people in year 9 and above and all parishioners. It will be a weekend of friendship, prayer and fun, where we come together as a community of young people to grow in our relationship with God. 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!

The retreat will be held at **Leeds Trinity University** and accommodation will be provided in the adjoining student halls. The retreat takes place from **Friday 15th to Sunday 17th February**. We will be travelling by train from **Durham Station**.

The **cost of the weekend is £40** (including £10 deposit) this includes all meals and accommodation. We are planning for the young people to organise a bake sale after 11am Mass at St Joseph's to raise money for the travel costs. (For any adults who want to come along any contributions towards their travel would be much appreciated.) If you are interested in joining us on the retreat please let me know before Sunday 20th January. ***There will be a meeting for all who are going on the retreat on Wednesday 23rd January in the Jubilee Room, St Joseph's at 7pm.***

The Source - The next source will be on Wednesday 6th February. In a change from our previous visits we will be leaving St. Godric's church at 4:15pm and eating in Newcastle before the Source. We will return to St. Godric's for 9:30pm. As we will be eating a meal in the city the cost of the trip will be £10. If there are any issues do not hesitate to contact me. More information to follow.

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 12 January		10.00am	10.00am Madeline May 5.00pm Ambrose Burnside Senior
Sunday 13 January		9.00am - Vocations to the Priesthood 3.00 - 4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am John Doyle
Monday 14 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 15 January	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am	6.30pm Exposition 7.00pm Richard Timoney
Wednesday 16 January	9.15am Deceased members of the Hennessy Family and Jim and Mary Bygroves	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 17 January	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	9.30-10.00am - Exposition 10.00am	9.15am Paul Smith
Friday 18 January	9.15am Brian O'Connor	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 19 January		10.00am	10.00am Vocations to the Priesthood 5.00pm - David Elliot (Birthday Remembrance) and Ambrose Burnside (Anniversary)
Sunday 20 January		9.00am - Arthur Binks 3.00pm-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Bob and Sheila Collinson (Birthday Remembrances)

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 13	Mon 14	Tue 15	Wed 16	Thurs 17	Fri 18	Sat 19	Sun 20
10.00am and 6.30pm	No Mass	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm