

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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If you chance to stroll around the garden at St. Joseph's, you will see the new Remembrance plaque in memory of those who had roses dedicated in their memories. Obviously with the passing of time, these roses – and stakes – were difficult to maintain, and so it was decided to have one memorial plaque dedicated to all these names.

It's very lovely, and special thanks must go to our Buildings Committee, and in particular Tom Hoban, for organising this marvellous permanent fixture.

Apologies to those who have struggled with the sound system at St. Joseph's. I have become aware that the volume is very inadequate, especially for those dependent on the loop system. It will be addressed. Readers please note.

Since letting you know that we hope to return to Holy Communion under both kinds soon, I have listened to opinions of caution expressed, especially from Ministers of the Eucharist. I am very grateful for your opinions and fully understand the fears. Let's therefore defer this decision until later. Thanks.

'Truth' by John Masefield

1. Man with his burning soul
Has but an hour of breath
To build a ship of truth
In which his soul may sail —
Sail on the sea of death,
For death takes toll
Of beauty, courage, youth,
Of all but truth.

2. Life's city ways are dark,
Men mutter by; the wells
Of the great waters moan.
O death! O sea! O tide!
The waters moan like bells;
No light, no mark,
The soul goes out alone
On seas unknown.

3. Stripped of all purple robes,
Stripped of all golden lies,
I will not be afraid,
Truth will preserve through death.
Perhaps the stars will rise —
The stars like globes;
The ship my striving made
May see night fade.

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



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| Meg Dixon | Bernard and Yvonne Reid |
| Ken Riddle | Jared Howarth |
| Liz Murray | Francesca Camilerni |
| Lorraine Scullion | John McMahon |
| Sheila Owen | Nicola Dawson |
| Mark Farrell | |

Anniversaries:

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| Peggy Thompson | Jim Harrison |
| Julia Ridley | Mary Lennon |
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We welcome into our parish community Patrick Quinn, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this **Saturday, 25th March**, during the Vigil Mass at 5.00pm in St. Joseph's.

And also Charlotte Cowell, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism after the 9.00am Mass at St. Godric's this **Sunday, 26th March**.

Sing for Easter!

If you would like to help with singing music for our Easter services on Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, we will be holding a rehearsal on **Sunday 2nd April, 6pm – 7.30** at **St. Joseph's**.

All are welcome.

Church Cleaning

St. Joseph's

As Lorraine continues her convalescence, we need a few volunteers to help the current team. Please contact Joanna (07970 260 306) or Marjorie if you would like to help.

St. Godric's

Easter Clean – we are planning to give the church a clean for Easter after the 10.00am Mass on Tuesday, 4th April. Any help would be much appreciated.



Daylight Saving Time Begins

Don't forget to put your clock one hour forward at 2.00am this Sunday morning!

*The
Season
of
Lent*



Eucharistic Services during Lent – Eucharistic Services during Lent – there will be a Eucharistic Service every Monday and Wednesday in **St. Bede's Chapel in St. Godric's School** at 9.15am until Easter, and also every Monday during Lent at 9.15am in **St. Joseph's**.

Stations of the Cross - The Stations have been shared between our two churches – details below. They will commence at 7.00pm each Friday evening.

| Date | Group | Church |
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| 24 th March | The Parish Council | St. Godric's |
| 31 st March | Justice and Peace | St. Joseph's |

Lenten Soup Lunches, St. Joseph's – Thanks to everyone who has offered to host the Lenten Lunches.

24th March – Durham Foodbank

31st March – Homelessness/Sanctuary 21

Easter Services/Masses

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| Thursday, 6 th April | Mass of the Lord's Supper | St. Godric's, 7.00pm |
| Friday, 7 th April | The Passion of the Lord | St. Joseph's, 3.00pm |
| Saturday, 8 th April | Holy Saturday Easter Vigil | St. Joseph's, 7.00pm |
| Sunday, 9 th April | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord | St. Godric's, 9.00am and St. Joseph's, 11.00am |

Please note - There will be a Penitential Service on Tuesday, 4th April, in St. Godric's Church at 7.00pm.

Celebration of the Mini-Triduum – a Celebration of the Mini Triduum for the sick and housebound has been organised for the **Wednesday of Holy Week (5th April)**. This will take place at 2.00pm in St. Joseph's Church, followed by a 'Celebratory Tea' in the Jubilee Room provided by the SVP.

If you could help by being a volunteer driver for someone who is housebound, please contact Kathleen Murray, or Marjorie.

Easter Competition - Ann would like to thank all who helped organise the Easter Poster competition for our primary school children. It was a great success.

Women In Need in India

Our **Easter Coffee Morning** will be held on **Monday 27th March** straight after the 9.15 Service of the Word and Holy Communion in **St. Bede's Room in St. Godric's School**. All proceeds are for Women in Need in India. Everyone is very welcome.

Diocesan Questionnaire

The investigation commissioned by the Dicastery for Bishops has issued a survey to be completed by parishioners. This is an anonymous survey, all answers are provided in complete confidence, and you are asked to give your own individual views.



The survey will run until Monday 27th March (this coming Monday) and can be accessed by scanning the QR code using your mobile phone, or through the Diocesan website at <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/parish-survey/> Please complete the survey only once, even if you hold more than one role in the Diocese.

Hospitality Provision - Sunday 11 am at St Josephs - Please can you help?

Providing hospitality with the chance for a chat and catch up after mass with new and existing members of our parish is a vital part of our being a "welcoming community."

Thank you to all those to have volunteered and have helped to successfully restart the hospitality after 11o'clock mass, but we still need additional volunteers to fill gaps in our Rota. **The gaps are: 2nd and 23rd April.** Tea, coffee and biscuits are all provided all you have to do is bring some milk. If you would like to help and want further information, please see Graham Donachie at the back of church after 11o'clock Mass.

Wednesday Lunch Club – If you would like to join the club for hot meal and good company, or to join the rota of helpers to serve or give lifts, then please contact Pat Conway 0794 3016225.

From the Diocese – Day of Prayer for Life

On Saturday 25th March (the Solemn Feast of the Annunciation) there will be a Day of Prayer for Life – in particular for the unborn and for pregnant women - including Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and opportunity to venerate the relics of St Gianna Molla at Saint Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle following the 10.00 am Mass until 4.00 pm organised by Catholic members of SPUC.

Lenten Reflections – Part 2

As promised a couple of weeks ago, the **Vicariate for Faith & Mission** has now produced the second booklet of Lenten reflections, ahead of the 4th Sunday of Lent. The reflections have been contributed by a mix of clergy, religious and lay people to express the richness and variety of our diocesan community.

The dedicated Lenten reflection page on the diocesan website can be found here: <https://bit.ly/DHNLent2023>

We will also be releasing further audio versions of the reflections in the next week weeks, beginning with the Annunciation of the Lord and these audio reflections will be available on the link above and on the Diocesan social media pages.



Missio APF/Mill Hill collections for the month of March Ss. Godric and Bede Red mission boxes for **St. Bede's** will be collected and emptied by sponsors in the usual way during March.

Please bring those for **St. Godric's** to Sunday Mass **before the end of March.**

A big thank you to all for your continued generosity and support.

Missio at St. Joseph's

We are looking for a much-needed volunteer to be the contact person for the Red Boxes here at St Joseph's. Please let Fr. Colm or Marjorie know if you are able to help.

Events at Ushaw

A Conversation with the Curator, Thursday, 30th March, 2.00-3.30pm

This month, go behind the scenes and learn about St. Cuthbert's Ring, made of gold and sapphire, dating all the way back to the thirteenth century.

Prior to the talk, enjoy a micro afternoon tea filled with delicious, sweet/savoury treats and prosecco, the perfect celebratory fizz to enjoy your visit. Please book through the website: www.ushaw.org

A Lenten Day of Reflection

A Lenten Day of Reflection will be held at Ushaw on Friday, 31st March. The day will be based around prayerful reflection on scripture as part of our Lenten journey, and will include Mass and Stations of the Cross. The Day of Reflection costs £10 (which includes car parking), and will start at 10.15am, aiming to finish at 3.15pm. Refreshments will be provided on arrival, and participants will be able to buy lunch in Ushaw's café. To book a place go to <https://ushaw.org/whats-on-at-ushaw/> or phone (0191) 373 8500.

Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear:

Isobel Vaughan-Spruce

at St. Cuthbert's Church Hall, Albion Road West, North Shields,
on Wednesday 29 March, at 7.30pm

Isobel Vaughan-Spruce, the leader of March for Life, has been arrested twice this year in Birmingham, for silently standing and praying within 50 metres of a closed abortion clinic. She was taken to the police station, asked what she was praying about, searched and charged by the police with ... a thought crime.

Mass Intentions for the Week

26th March 2023

| | St Godric's | St Joseph's |
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| Saturday 25 March | NO MASS | 5.00pm Vigil Mass Mary Malyan Anniversary and In thanksgiving for the 50 th Anniversary of Fr. Tom Singleton, Keswick |
| Sunday 26 March 5 th Sunday of Lent | 9.00am Special Intention (AT) | 11.00am In thanksgiving for 64 th Wedding Anniversary (Ann and Bob Close) |
| Monday 27 March | NO MASS | 9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion |
| Tuesday 28 March | 9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Marie Cryer | NO MASS |
| Wednesday 29 March | NO MASS | 9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Harrington, Lennon and March Families |
| Thursday 30 March | 9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Sheila Wilkinson | NO MASS |
| Friday 31 March | NO MASS | 9.30am – Exposition 10.00am James and Mary Goodwin |
| Saturday 01 April | NO MASS | 5.00pm Vigil Mass Ray Elliot Anniversary |
| Sunday 2 April PALM SUNDAY | 9.00am Brian O'Connor | 11.00am George Sutton |

St. Cuthbert's

| Sun 26 | Mon 27 | Tue 28 | Wed 29 | Thurs 30 | Fri 31 | Sat 01 April | Sun 2 PALM SUNDAY |
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| 10.00am and 6.30pm | NO MASS | 12.15pm | 7.00pm | 12.15pm | 9.15am | 9.15am | 10.00am and 6.30pm |