

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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I know why the caged bird sings – a poem by Maya Angelou

1. A free bird leaps on the back
of the wind and floats downstream
till the current ends and dips his wing
in the orange sun's rays
and dares to claim the sky.

2. But a BIRD that stalks down his narrow
cage
can seldom see through his bars of rage.
His wings are clipped and his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing.

3. The caged bird sings with a fearful trill
of things unknown but longed for still
and his tune is heard on the distant hill.
For the caged bird sings of freedom.

4. The free bird thinks of another breeze
and the trade winds soft through
the sighing trees
and the fat worms waiting on a dawn-
bright lawn and he names the sky his own.

5. But a caged BIRD stands on the grave of
dreams
his shadow shouts on a nightmare scream,
His wings re clipped and his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing.

6. The caged bird sings with a fearful trill
of things unknown but longed for still
and his tune is heard on the distant hill.
For the caged bird sings for freedom.

Feast Days

Monday, 24 th April	St. George, Patron of England (Transferred from Sunday)
Tuesday, 25 th April	St. Mark, Evangelist
Friday, 28 th April	St. Peter Chanel P, M/St. Louis Grignon de Montfort P
Saturday, 29 th April	St. Catherine of Siena V, D – Patron of Europe

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Meg Dixon	Bernard and Yvonne Reid
Joe Watson	Jared Howarth
Sheila Owen	Francesca Camilerni
Mark Farrell	Nicola Dawson

Anniversaries:

Sheila Collinson	Stanley Young
Margaret Crawford	Sarah Makepeace
Catherine Bell	Michael Oliver
Elizabeth Birney	



Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to Elaine Carey, on the sad loss of her brother, Bryn Hall, who passed away last week. *Requiescat in pace.*



Date for the Diary

Pentecost Novena – St. Joseph's
16th – 19th May and 22nd - 26th May (sessions to be held at St. Joseph's at 7.00pm)

Sunday, 28th May (Pentecost Sunday) – Benediction following Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Godric's, 3.00-4.00pm.

Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning on Monday 24th April in St. Bede's Room in St. Godric's School. It will take place immediately after the 9.15am Service of the Word and Holy Communion. All proceeds are for Women in Need in India. Everyone is very welcome.

Durham Martyrs Inclusive Church Group-Memory Café - Volunteers Required

Our Memory Café, for those effected by dementia, runs on the second Tuesday of every month (1-3pm) in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's.

The Café continues to thrive and in turn this welcome increase in our friends attending means we require more volunteers so we can provide them with the best experience possible. During the Café, as well as enjoying cake and refreshments, we do craft activities, games and have sing-a-longs and even dancing in a friendly and relaxed environment. We need volunteers to help with providing refreshments as well as assisting with craft activities and games. If you can spare a couple of hours, once a month, we would be delighted to have your support. If you have any queries or would first just like to come along and see what happens, please contact **Graham Donachie** on **07867503946**.

Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the two following vacancies:

Deputy Director of Education (Leadership) and Deputy Director of Education (Inspection). Both roles are permanent and full-time, term-time.

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301

From the Centre for Catholic Studies

- (i) The next Catholic Theology Research Seminar (CTRS) is being held on Thursday 27th April at 5.00pm in the Chaplaincy Rooms at St Cuthbert's Catholic Church on Old Elvet:

Gareth Rowe (Durham University/CAFOD): 'Climate, Covid and conflict: can Catholic social teaching show us the way through the storm?'

The seminar will be followed by a Drinks Reception.

If you wish to attend please register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/590160785797>. If you book and later find you are unable to attend, please cancel your ticket on Eventbrite or let Theresa Phillips know: theresa.phillips@durham.ac.uk

- (ii) The next **Ushaw lecture** will be given by Dr. Bonnie Lander Johnson (Cambridge University) on Tuesday 9th May 2023:

'The Forgotten Women of the Catholic Literary Revival'

The lecture will take place at Ushaw (Historic House, Chapel, and Gardens), 4 miles west of Durham City, DH7 7DW at 6.00pm in the Exhibition Hall and be preceded by a drinks reception in the Refectory from 5.30pm. All are welcome! If you wish to attend, please register at <https://centreforcatholicstudies.eventbrite.com> (See poster at the back of church)

Change of Mass Time St. Joseph's

Please note that
the Friday morning Mass at St. Joseph's
on 28th April has been moved
to the earlier time of 9.00am

Mass Intentions for the Week

23rd April 2023

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 22 April	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Sheila Collinson Anniversary and Bill Ince Anniversary
Sunday 23 April	9.00am In thanksgiving (BT) 3.00-4.00pm – Exposition	11.00am Ann Oliver
Monday 24 April	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 25 April	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Colin Wild	NO MASS
Wednesday 26 April	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Wilfred and Margaret Brennan
Thursday 27 April	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am John McMahon	NO MASS
Friday 28 April	NO MASS	9.00am Fr. Jim Keenan
Saturday 29 April	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Peter & Catherine McLoughlin and Elizabeth Birney
Sunday 30 April	9.00am Agnes McStravick	11.00am Michael Crilly and Tommy Conway

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 23	Mon 24	Tue 25	Wed 26	Thurs 27	Fri 28	Sat 29	Sun 30
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm