

***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 - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025** **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (Sea Sunday)**

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A really lovely time was had by all who attended last Sunday's Parish Picnic, despite many being scared away by the weather forecast, which almost to the hour the skys opened. Wonderful Irish dancing by such talented young parishioners. There was even a fusion of Irish and rock briefly to the sound of 'Beat It', which we all duly did beat it to the school hall, where we enjoyed a competitive game of bingo followed by a group of Mexican dancers who travelled all the way from Manchester to be with us. Thanks to all for organising. "Life is always about striking the right balance..."

A regular mantra of a very wise parishioner to me this week regarding Baptisms, teas and coffees. It seems that right balance wasn't struck in my recent bulletin piece regarding baptisms during teas and coffees after Masses on Sunday. Mea Culpa. We will strike that right balance. Teas and coffees are very important in both churches.

While on the subject of Sunday baptism, it's an opportunity to thank Audrey and Stephen for ensuring that Sunday baptisms are prepared at St Joseph's, with Kathleen and Philip doing likewise at St. Godric's. Not forgetting Christine and Team for the important catechesis before baptisms. Team efforts all round.

The other issue I mentioned recently regarding Baptism was Baptism during Mass. While it's a joy welcoming a baptised child into the our midst, especially if it's the child of parents who worship at one of our churches. However, other challenges arose recently indirectly related to baptism but as base as parking.

As you may know, the local council have imposed parking restrictions on Sunday mornings in the city centre and the traffic wardens implement these restrictions at times with draconian zeal. I have had many failed attempts trying to negotiate some kind of concession from them, but to no avail. This adds pressure on me for making a swift exit from St Godric's to get back to St Joseph's. More people now use the church car park on Sunday making it more difficulty for the parish priest to return to St Joseph's. My driving skills are sorely tested trying to exit. Unfortunately, these skills have not avoided the scrapes from the narrow church gates.

So please, spare a thought. Please do not congest the St. Godric's car park on Sunday mornings. Thanks!

I hope you like the new sound system at St. Joseph's. More Security cameras have been added at St Joseph's as a consequence of a recent meeting concerning the increased number loitering and syringes being left, particularly near the school entrance.

Our new windows will be installed soon at St. Josephs. This will cause major disruption to our church services. Watch this space. Donations towards the new windows gratefully received.

The car park at St Bede's is now moving into a new and positive stage of development. Our ongoing problems with the Lichgate near Red Hills cemetery nearly ended when a tree was blown down very close to it last week. An ominous sign?

Exciting challenges ahead. Thanks again to so many of you for keeping it all ticking over.

Can I ask your prayers for Kanute (Ken) Lewis, who was accepted by Bishop Stephen to begin his formation for the Diaconate in the parish of The Durham Martyrs.

## Feast Days

Monday, 14 July	St. Camillus de Lellis P
Tuesday, 15 July	St. Bonaventure Bp, D
Wednesday, 16 July	Our Lady of Mount Carmel

**Prayers** – please keep in your prayers:



Kitty Trainor	Ann Close
Veronica O'Reilly	Mary Armstrong
Sheila Owens	Margaret Nancarrow
Freda March	Ann Childs
Danny McCann	Liz Murray
Syd Inglis	Marek Earnshaw

## Anniversaries

Ann Jackson	Frederick Locke
Teresa O'Sullivan	Veronica Lewis
John Finn	Marie Taylor
Charles Harrison	



**Sympathy** – we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Jennifer Morgan who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St. Cuthbert's at 10am on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

And to the following families:

- the family and friends of Gregory Obakpolor who passed away recently.
- the family and friends of the late Lawrie Heslop. Funeral arrangements are not known at this time. *Requiescant in pace.*
- the family and friends of the late Vera Finn. Funeral arrangements are not known at this time.

## Forthcoming Funerals

**Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July** – The Funeral Service of the late Geoffrey Taylor will take place at Durham Crematorium at 2.30pm

**Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> July** – The Funeral Service of the late Fred Leonard will take place at 1.30pm in St. Godric's Church, followed by cremation in Durham at 2.30pm.

## Eucharistic Services – St. Joseph's

Please note that there **will not be any** Eucharistic Services at St. Joseph's throughout the **month of August**.

**Parish Newsletter** – next weekend's newsletter (**19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> July**) will be a double one as Marjorie will be in Lourdes **from 24<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> July**, and not back in the office until **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August**. If you have an item for inclusion, please send it to Marjorie **by Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup>**.

## Sea Sunday – 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> July

There will be a special Collection **this weekend** for Seafarers (Stell Maris).

Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea) is a frontline service for the care of seafarers and fishers. It is the largest-ship visiting network in the world. We provide practical and pastoral care to all seafarers and fishers.. Stella Maris relies wholly on voluntary contributions. We are only able to continue our work through grants, corporate sponsorship and the generous donations of our supporters and volunteers.

Alternatively, to make a donation online, please click this [link](#) . Thank you for your support.

#### **Fourth Option of Giving by Debit or Credit Card**

Occasionally it may happen that a donation is incorrectly made - eg that too high a donation is made - and it is not realised until sometime afterwards.

If you find you have made an error with your donation please contact Fr Colm in confidence and we will correct it.



There will be a parish coffee morning this **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July**. It will take place in St. Bede's Room in Godric's School straight after the 9.15 Service of the Word and Holy Communion. All proceeds are for Women in Need in India. Everyone is very welcome.

**The next Laudato Si Meeting** takes place in the Friary at 7.30p.m, **Monday July 14<sup>th</sup>** . Welcome new members.

#### **School News from our Primary Schools**

##### **St. Joseph's**

The **end of year Mass** will be happening on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July** at 10am. All are welcome to attend.

**St. Joseph's Summer Fayre**, will be happening on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July** at 2.45pm. All are welcome to attend.

**Year 6 Leavers assembly** will be happening at **9am on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July** in the school hall. All are welcome to attend. We will also say farewell to our Year 6 children at **3pm in the school yard**.

#### **Durham Martyrs Walking Group – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

Our next walk will be a six mile circular walk starting and finishing at Broompark Picnic Site, commencing at 10.30am. (Postcode Ref . DH7 7RJ).

The walk will take in Langley Old Hall, Brandon Village and Scriptor Gill, returning to the picnic ground on the old railway track. The route involves a couple of quite steep ascents and descents but is not difficult. It will take around 3 hours and there are no lunch facilities so you may wish to bring a snack and drink. Thanks to Kathleen and Peter Gilliland for offering to lead this walk. Please either post a message on the Whats App Group or let Marjorie know if you intend to join this walk so Kathleen knows who to expect.





# PARISH PILGRIMAGE

## Lindisfarne

Saturday 13 September 2025

### Itinerary

**8.40am** Leave St Joseph's Church, Gilesgate  
(Option to make your own way to the island)

**10.45am** Arrive Beal

Pilgrimage walk across the causeway- 3 miles, on wet sand (Optional)

**1pm** Picnic lunch in the shadow of Lindisfarne Castle (Optional)

Opportunity to explore the island across the afternoon

**3pm** Mass at St Aidan's Church (Optional)

**4pm** Coach leaves island

**4.40pm** Arrive at Seahouses (Option to purchase fish and chips/tea)

**6pm** Leave Seahouses

**7.30pm** Coach arrives at St Joseph's Church, Gilesgate

**Coach cost: £10 per adult, £5 per child**

**To book a place on the bus, please put cash in an envelope, clearly marked with your name and required number of seats, and post through the parish office door, St Joseph's Presbytery. All payments must be made by Friday 29 August.**

Save the Date – Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> September



# Pilgrims of hope

A fundraising candlelit concert

St Godric's Choir

Saturday 6th September

7pm

St Godric's Church

Durham

DH1 4RD



Tickets £10, U19 £5, both including wine, available via the QR code

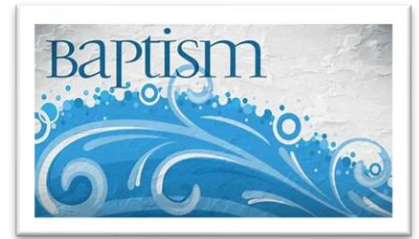


Please note that there has been a problem with the QR code on the above poster. Hopefully this has now been fixed. You can also use the following link:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/durham-martyrs/concert/2025-09-06/19:00/t-vvylgza>

### **Autumn Parish Baptism Programme - change of date**

The Autumn Baptism Programme will be offered on **Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September.**



Anyone wishing to join the programme please contact Marjorie, Parish Secretary who will ensure they complete the necessary form prior to participating.

**Vespers (Evening Prayer) at Ushaw:** On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm, please join us for Sung Vespers in **St. Cuthbert's Chapel at Ushaw.** This is an opportunity to pray together the Evening Prayer of the Church. All are very welcome to join us for the service.

### **A monthly tip for sustainable living**

Warm your home without warming the planet! Switching to green energy is one of the easiest and quickest ways to reduce your carbon footprint and help create a healthier, safer, cleaner, more sustainable world. Your current supplier most likely offers a green tariff. But you may find it helpful to compare suppliers by going, for example, to

<https://www.which.co.uk/reviews/energy-companies/article/differences-between-green-energy-suppliers-aN19WOB8B2Mc>

(The Friary has been on green gas for over a year now, first with 100Green and now with ENGIE.)”

### **Lunch Club – Appeal for Volunteers**

We have a lovely group of people – guests and helpers – who are involved in the Wednesday Lunch Club for senior citizens and those needing some friendly company. On average there are approximately 16 guests and lunch is held in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's, lunches being provided by St. Joseph's Primary School. Helpers provide transport where needed, serve the food, sometimes with added treats, and tidying away.

The group of helpers varies – usually about 8-10 people. 4/5 drivers and 3/5 in the kitchen. We could do with a little extra help and if you (male or female) could spare half an hour, an hour, or two at the most, it would be greatly appreciated.

You would need to have a Safeguarding DBS check and certificate. This is organised by the parish.

If you would like to be involved, please contact Marjorie initially and she will put you in touch with one of the following: Kathleen Murray, Pat Conway, Joanna Pallister, Maria Quinn.

# Mass Intentions for the Week

13<sup>th</sup> July 2025

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 12 July		5.00pm Vigil Mass David Adams Anniversary, and Chris Kennedy
Sunday 13 July	9.00am Marie McGinley, and Cara Armstrong McKay Birthday Remembrance 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Brian O'Connor, and John Finn
Monday 14 July	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 15 July	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Colin and Estelle Wild	NO MASS
Wednesday 16 July	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am St. Joseph's Whole School end of term Mass
Thursday 17 July	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am – Eleanor, James and Brigid Murray 1.30pm – Funeral Service of the late Fred Leonard	NO MASS
Friday 18 July	NO MASS	9.30 – Exposition 10.00am Jill Bateson
Saturday 19 July	NO MASS	1.00pm Marriage Service of Alicia Burrows and Owen Hall  5.00pm Vigil Mass David Elliot Anniversary, Moira Birney, and Charles Harrison
Sunday 20 July	9.00am Deceased Priests of the Diocese 3.00-4.00pm – Exposition	10.30am Mary Murphy

## St. Cuthbert's

Sun 13	Mon 14	Tue 15	Wed 16	Thurs 17	Fri 18	Sat 19	Sun 10
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	6.30pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	9.15am	9.15am	10.00am And 6.30pm