

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
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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“A Ritual to Each Other” by William Stafford
from The Way It Is: New and Selected Poems © Graywolf Press

If you don't know the kind of person I am
and I don't know the kind of person you are
a pattern that others made may prevail in the world
and following the wrong god home we may miss our star.

For there is many a small betrayal in the mind,
a shrug that lets the fragile sequence break
sending with shouts the horrible errors of childhood
storming out to play through the broken dyke.

And as elephants parade holding each elephant's tail,
but if one wanders the circus won't find the park,
I call it cruel and maybe the root of all cruelty
to know what occurs but not recognize the fact.

And so I appeal to a voice, to something shadowy,
 a remote important region in all who talk:
 though we could fool each other, we should consider—
 lest the parade of our mutual life get lost in the dark.

For it is important that awake people be awake,
 or a breaking line may discourage them back to sleep;
 the signals we give – yes or no, or maybe—
 should be clear: the darkness around us is deep.

Feast Days

Monday, 1 st May	St. Joseph the Worker
Tuesday, 2 nd May	St. Athanasius bp, D
Wednesday, 3 rd May	Ss. Philip and James, Apostle
Thursday, 4 th May	The English Martyrs

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:

John Cammiss	Roland Edgerton
Mary Morgan	Bob Wilson
Agnes Henderson	Nancy Newcombe



We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Michael Ward. *Requiescat in pace.*

Baptism – we welcome into our parish community Ashnel Oliver Vas, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism during the 9.00am Mass at St. Godric's this Sunday, 30th April.





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.

Eucharistic Services - There will be no Eucharistic Service in St. Bede's Chapel on Monday 1st May and 8th May. Wednesday services are as normal. There **will be** Eucharistic Services on both 1st and 8th May at 9.15am at St. Joseph's.

Prayer Cards – The Coronation of King Charles III

We have received a supply of Prayer Cards from the Event Office of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales. These can be found at the back of each church if you would like to take one.

Retiring Collection

This weekend there will be a retiring collection for the Little Sisters of the Poor, and we have been asked to include the following note in our newsletter, which includes two other options for those who would like to make a donation.

Message from the Little Sisters of the Poor

The Little Sisters of the Poor at St. Joseph's Home in Newcastle are finding these difficult economic times, which everyone is facing, increasingly more challenging. It is certainly a worrying and anxious time for us all. The current economic climate is having a significant impact on our fundraising activities and the charitable donations we rely on to meet the ever-increasing daily running costs of the Home.

We are working hard to raise vital funds to help with the cost of replacing the three lifts in the Home. They have served us well over the years and with us relying heavily on them, they are in constant need of expensive repairs. As you can appreciate, the lifts play an integral role in helping to maintain the safety of our residents at all times, helping to increase their level of mobility and allowing them to maintain their independence for longer. For this reason, we are appealing for urgent donations to assist us in our efforts to make critical upgrades to our lifts, which in turn will help the Sisters and Staff deliver essential person centred care at all times.

Cheques made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' can be sent to: St. Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Alternatively, secure, online donations can be made by visiting: www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/ Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We are extremely grateful to you for the kindness shown to us.

Celebration of Life Mass



On Saturday 27th May, the Bereavement Support Group will hold the Celebration of the Lives of Loved Ones Mass at 10.00am in St. Joseph's. We hope that you will be able to join us to remember our loved ones and lay a flower in their memory. We will be serving refreshments afterwards in the Jubilee room and would love to see you all.

Update on Katie Flood – Congratulations to Katie Flood who will be taking up a role in Leeds Diocese upon her return from America. We wish her the very best and great success in her new job. More information to follow in next week's bulletin.

Hospitality Provision - Sunday 11 am at St. Joseph's Please can you help during the month of May 2023?

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 for the month of May.** 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.

From the Centre for Catholic Studies

Karen Kilby has written two new articles following her recent visit to East Africa, about the ongoing drought and famine in that part of the world. The first, “The Complexities of Compassion”, was printed in The Tablet on the 1st April. You can access 'The Tablet@ here:

[Overseas aid and the complexities of compassion \(thetablet.co.uk\)](https://www.thetablet.co.uk) but you will need to Register to read the full article.

The second, “Famine and the Living God”, is from the Commonweal Magazine and can be found at the link below:

[Famine and the Living God | Commonweal Magazine](#)

If you would like to make a donation to the Catholic Relief Services operating in the Horn of Africa, there is a link to their website at the bottom of the Commonweal article.

Change of Mass Time – St. Joseph's

Please note that
the Friday morning Mass at St. Joseph's
on 5th May has been moved
to the earlier time of 9.00am

Mass Intentions for the Week

30th April 2023

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 29 April	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Peter & Catherine McLoughlin and Elizabeth Birney
Sunday 30 April	9.00am Agnes McStravick 3.00-4.00pm – Exposition	11.00am Michael Crilly and Tommy Conway
Monday 1 May	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 2 May	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Stella Wild	NO MASS
Wednesday 3 May	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Special Intention (B & I.R.)
Thursday 4 May	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Patricia Smith	NO MASS
Friday 5 May	NO MASS	9.00am Fr. John Reid
Saturday 6 May	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Pauline Inglis Birthday Remembrance
Sunday 7 May	9.00am Brian O'Connor and Gloria Hughes Anniversary	11.00am Margaret and William Oliver

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 30	Mon 01	Tue 2	Wed 3	Thurs 4	Fri 5	Sat 6	Sun 7
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	9.15am	9.15am and 11.00am (Old Rite Mass)	10.00am and 6.30pm