

**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: 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Palm Sunday and Holy Week



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(Please telephone the Chaplain if you have someone in hospital who would like a visit)

For bereavement support, please contact the Parish Secretary

### **This Day You will be with Me** **Fr. Timothy J. Draper**

At Your right side there I hung  
On Your every word.  
To Your jaws did cleave Your tongue,  
Still Your voice I heard.

Pardon for them did You seek,  
Sparing no excuse.  
And Your humble heart so meek  
Answered not abuse.

Whence I wondered: "What if I  
Pardon, too, should seek?"  
But recalling all my crimes  
Stole my breath to speak.

Arms outstretched, You welcomed me  
After all I'd done,  
Mercifully questioning:  
*"Still from Me you run?"*

*"Having suffered in your pain,  
Shouldering your cross,  
When your love I sought in vain,  
Then I grieved your loss.*

*"What you have to offer Me  
Now to make amends  
Is today's fidelity,  
And we shall be friends."*

*"Jesus, please remember me!"  
From the depths I cry.  
"This day you will be with Me  
Nevermore to die."*

## Feast Days

Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> April	St. George, Patron of England
Tuesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April	St. Catherine of Sienna V, M
Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May	St. Joseph the Worker
Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	St. Athanasius Bp, D

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Kitty Trainor	Tony Twomey	Aella May Berry
Ann Hourican	Jean Smith	Frances Openshaw
Mary Armstrong	Ann Close	Danny McCann
Sheila Owens	Margaret Graham	Izzabella Davey
Margaret Nancarrow	Veronica O'Reilly	Bo Wood
Freda March	Judith McLean	Rita Harrison
Ann Childs	Christopher Godbolt	

## Anniversaries (13<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> May)

Katherine Harrington	Arron Grant
Vincent Reid	Sheila Collinson
Jenny Clough	Stanley Young
Roger Charlton	Margaret Crawford
Cud Hall	Sarah Makepeace
Annie Thompson	Catherine Bell
Veronica Kelly	Michael Oliver
Clare Kenniford	Elizabeth Birney
John Cammiss	Roland Edgerton



The parish office will be closed from Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm until Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April at 8.30am. The next parish bulletin will be over the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> May.

## Eucharistic Services in St. Bede's Chapel

Please note there will be no service on the Mondays (April 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>) during the school Easter Holidays. Services will be held on Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Regular services will resume on Monday April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Catholic Herald** – the April issue is now on sale - £5 per copy.

**Legion of Mary** - The Legion of Mary meetings will start this Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April in the Don Bosco Room, after the 10.30am mass in St. Joseph's Catholic Church. All are welcome.



### Children's Liturgy – St. Joseph's

The Liturgy Team usually take a break during school holidays. However, they are going to hold Children's Liturgy on **Easter Sunday** as an Easter Egg Hunt has been arranged.

Please note that there **will not be** Children's Liturgy on **Palm Sunday and 27<sup>th</sup> April,**

### Easter Mass/Services

Day	Date	Time	Church
Holy Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00pm	St. Godric's
Good Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> April	3.00pm	St. Joseph's
Holy Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00pm	St. Joseph's
Easter Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am	St. Godric's
		10.30am	St. Joseph's

**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 – 16<sup>th</sup> 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 transport is required, please complete form at the back of both churches or contact Kathleen or Marjorie.

### Sunrise Services – St. Joseph's

The final Sunrise Service this Lent will take place next **Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.30am.

**Durham Churches Together Good Friday Witness** - You are invited to join this ecumenical event which starts in Millennium Place at 11.45am with a short service.

Then we will walk with a Cross being carried through Prince Bishops Shopping Centre to Market Place.

**POLLING STATION** – please note that St. Joseph's will again this year act as a Polling Station for the local elections on **1<sup>st</sup> May**. There will be no access to the church on this day.



In 2024 Ss. Godric & Bede raised £4,621 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you!

Our missionary community here at Ss. Godric & Bede is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr. Glenn MHM working with a rural community in Tompong, Cambodia, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community.

Visit [missio.org.uk](https://www.missio.org.uk) to find out more about how your support changes lives for the better.

### Note From the Bereavement Group



Over the past year, our group has kept in contact with bereaved families by way of visits, phone calls, Christmas Cards, prayer leaflets and once again this year, Easter cards.

On Easter Sunday, we will also light a parish candle in our churches to represent our prayers for those who have suffered any kind of grief and loss during the year since March 2024. Our annual 'Celebration of Lives' Mass will take place on 21st June at 10.00am in St. Joseph's. No invitation needed - all are welcome.



### Durham Martyrs Walking Group – April 2025

Our next walk will be the popular 'Bluebell Walk' through Houghall Woods on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April**. ( a week later than usual due to Easter).

The varied walk will take us through attractive woodland (hopefully filled with bluebells!), open areas and riverbank. The route is a distance of 3.1 miles, all well walked, but some of the paths in the woods are uneven with a number of steps. It can also be muddy in places.

The walk starts at **10.30 am** at the end of Houghall Lane (small parking area or parking available amongst trees at The Pump House).

For those who would like a longer walk meet at St Joseph's car park at 9.45 am and we will walk down to Houghall via Old Durham and Maiden Castle. (this would add approximately another 3 miles to the walk). It would be very helpful if you could let Marjorie know if you plan to join us so that we know who to expect and where you are joining the walk.



**BAPTISM** – we welcome into our parish community Theo George Francesco Patrascu, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism after our 10.30am Mass at St. Joseph’s on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> April.

**LUNCH CLUB** will begin again on Wednesday. April 30<sup>th</sup> at 12noon! Till then a happy Easter to all and huge thanks to all our brilliant workers.

Come and enjoy the company, the conversation and a freshly cooked meal. New guests and new workers always welcome! Hope to see you there!  
Contact : Kathleen 07759 130 837



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## TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL 200 CLUB Results – April 2025

<b>1<sup>st</sup> (£50)</b>	<b>No. 105</b>
Vincent Mackell	St. Charles, Gosforth
David White	St. Mary’s & St. Wilfred, B.A.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> (£25)</b>	<b>No. 103</b>
Elaine Hall	St. Charles, Gosforth
Abbey Hughes	Parish of the Durham Martyrs (St. G)

*With many thanks for your continued support*

### From the Diocese

#### Job Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint to the following vacancies:

- **Head of Human Resources**, based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle – full-time, permanent contract. Closing date: 27<sup>th</sup> April
- **Chief Executive Officer of the Youth Ministry Trust**, based at the Emmaus Village, Consett – full-time, permanent contract. Closing date: 25<sup>th</sup> April
- **Parish Secretary**, St Bede and Ss Peter and Paul, South Shields – 12 hours a week, permanent contract. Closing date: 21<sup>st</sup> April

Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301

# Mass Intentions for the Week

13<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
Holy Week

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 12 April	10.00am NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Vigil Mass Belle Blakey, and Steve Allison
Sunday 13 April PALM SUNDAY	9.00am Cecilia Pinkney	10.30am Roger Charlton
Monday 14 April	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 15 April	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am-Colin and Stella Wild, and Valerie Ann Hamilton Anniversary	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Wednesday 16 April	2.00pm - Mini Triduum St. Joseph's Church	
Thursday 17 April HOLY THURSDAY	7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Godric's	
Friday 18 April GOOD FRIDAY	3.00pm The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ at St. Joseph's	
Saturday 19 April HOLY SATURDAY	7.00pm Easter Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's	
Sunday 20 April EASTER SUNDAY	9.00am St. Godric's	10.30am St. Joseph's

## St. Cuthbert's

Sun 13 Palm Sunday	Mon 14	Tue 15	Wed 16	Thurs 17 Holy Thursday	Fri 18 Good Friday	Sat 19 Easter Vigil	Sun 20 Easter Sunday
10.00am and 6.30pm	No Mass	12.15pm	7.00pm	7.00p.m Mass of the Lord's Supper	3.00pm Commemoration of The Passion of The Lord	8.30pm Easter Vigil	10.00am (No evening Mass)

# Mass Intentions for the Week

21<sup>st</sup> April 2025

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Monday 21 April	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 22 April	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Bill Ince Anniversary	NO MASS
Wednesday 23 April	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Sheila Collinson Anniversary
Thursday 24 April	9.30am- Exposition 10.00am Moira Wood	NO MASS
Friday 25 April	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Vincent Larmour
Saturday 26 April	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Elizabeth Birney, and in thanksgiving for a return to good health (MF)
Sunday 27 April 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	9.00am Vincent McPartlin	10.30am Deceased members of the Binks and Thompson Families, and Hugh Clark

## St. Cuthbert's

Mon 21	Tue 22	Wed 23	Thurs 24	Fri 25	Sat 26	Sun 27
No Mass	9.15am	10.00am Requiem Mass of the late Kevin Cuthbertson	NO MASS	NO MASS	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm

# Mass Intentions for the Week



28<sup>th</sup> April 2025

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Monday 28 April	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 29 April	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Rosie Braithwaite	NO MASS
Wednesday 30 April	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Peter & Catherine McLoughlin
Thursday 1 May	9.30am- Exposition 10.00am The McDermott Family	NO MASS
Friday 2 May	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am World Peace
Saturday 3 May	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass 40 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration, and Pauline Inglis Birthday Remembrance
Sunday 4 May 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	9.00am Gloria Hughes Anniversary	10.30am John Lavelle and Veronica and Eric Smith

St. Cuthbert's – see website for current Mass times this week