

***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> October 2024**  
**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**

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(Please telephone Fr. Paul if you have someone in hospital)

Sadly, Deacon Peter Lavery died after a short illness. Peter will be familiar to all those who participated in pre-marriage courses organised by the Diocese.

He was also very supportive in this parish at both St. Godric's and St. Joseph's leading funeral services, baptising and marriages. A straight talker, he was challenging but fair at clergy meetings. Always available to help, he will be greatly missed. He was the model of what the Ministry of the Diaconate is. May he rest in peace.

The catecheses for the Sacrament of Confirmation are now ready to roll out. Many thanks to those who are leading here.

## Feast Days

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| Monday, 14 October    | St. Callistus 1 Pp, M   |
| Tuesday, 15 October   | St. Teresa of Ávila V, D  |
| Wednesday, 16 October | St. Hedwig Rel/St. Margaret Mary Alacoque V                                       |
| Thursday, 17 October  | St. Ignatius of Antioch Bp, M   |
| Friday, 18 October    | St. Luke, Evangelist  |
| Saturday, 19 October  | Ss. John de Brébeuf P, Isaac Jogues P & Companions MM/<br>St. Paul of the Cross P |

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



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| Brian Harland  | Tony Twomey     |
| Kitty Trainor  | Jared Howarth   |
| Ann Hourican   | Ian Hamilton    |
| Mary Armstrong | Ann Close       |
| Sheila Owens   | Margaret Graham |
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## Anniversaries:

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| George Addison-Smyth | Colin Wild    |
| Ellen Fisher         | Connie Correa |
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There will be a parish coffee morning this coming Monday **14<sup>th</sup> October**. It will take place immediately 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.



- to our wonderful SVP for organising and transporting us to the lovely Fish and Chip lunch on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October. We appreciate all you do for us. *Grateful parishioners*

**Missio** - Next Sunday the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the good news of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the MISSIO ENVELOPES, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

### Volunteer Census

The Diocese is currently carrying out a volunteer census in our parish. This is to ensure we identify all our volunteers, to offer support and appropriate training and recognition for the important part all play in the life of our parish.

A volunteer is anyone who gives their time freely and regularly to assist anywhere within the Parish, School, or Diocese. During this weekend (12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>) and next (19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>) October the census will be explained in more detail after the weekend Masses.

If you volunteer within the Parish/School/Diocese please complete one of the forms which will be available at the back of church or complete your details via the QR code.



Volunteering is a grace from God...Volunteers are the strength of the Church.



### Save the Date

**Parish Community Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, in St. Joseph's Church at 10.00am**

Preparations are now underway for our first Christmas Fayre. We are looking forward to a festive morning when we can enjoy time together and with our wider community.

Each weekend, we will be collecting donations for our stalls. Next weekend (19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>) will be 'Chocolate Sunday' and we hope everyone can bring a chocolate contribution (no matter how small) for our Chocolate Tombola Stall

Our parish and community groups will all be represented on the day and we look forward both to spending time together and to supporting some of our local charities who will also be in attendance.

To make this day a success we really need your help, not only to come along but to help with preparations and clear-up. Please sign up at the back of church if you are able to help, or contact Cynthia ([cdunn2112@sky.com](mailto:cdunn2112@sky.com)) or Erica ([e.smith47@outlook.com](mailto:e.smith47@outlook.com)).



Thank you for your support. Also, please spread the word Santa will be attending and looks forward to meeting children in the community Ho! Ho! Ho!

## Oppose Assisted Suicide

Bishops are calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide. On Wednesday, 16 October, the House of Commons will hear the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide tabled by Kim Leadbeater MP. The proposed legalisation undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. We are a praying community. Please pray that our lawmakers will act wisely and will value human life. Please contact your local MP to express your views. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this with a provided factual letter. It can be found on the Bishops' Conference website together with materials explaining the Church's grave concerns about the proposed legislation at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/> Thank you for your prayers and action. Bishop Stephen.

## **Durham Martyrs' Walking Group – October 2024**



Our next walk will take place on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October** and will be a 4 mile (6.4km) walk with 730ft (220m) of ascent in Castle Eden Dene Nature Reserve. The Dene is a magical place full of legend and folklore and is home to an extraordinary variety of birds, more than 450 species of plants and a range of mammals including roe deer and fox. There will be an opportunity for food / refreshments afterwards.

Parking is available at the Reserve Car Park, Oakerside Dene Lodge, Stanhope Chase, Peterlee SR8 1NJ where the walk will commence. It is suggested that we meet at St. Joseph's car park at 9.30 am and arrange to share transport. Please let Marjorie know if you intend to join this walk so we know who to expect.

## **Prisons Week 13<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Ecumenical Week of prayer**

Prisons Week aims to gather the Church in prayer for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working in the criminal justice system and the many people caring for those affected by crime. There are daily prayers at:

[https://www.prisonswalk.org/.../uploads/PW2024\\_English.pdf](https://www.prisonswalk.org/.../uploads/PW2024_English.pdf)

On 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October: there will be a collection at St. Cuthbert's, Old Elvet, Durham, of Craft items for HMP Low Newton for children attending Family Days run by Nepacs. This is a local charity supporting prisoners and their families. Please put items in the labelled boxes at the back of church.

### **Items requested**

Canvasses – medium sized (to do handprints of mother and child)

Assorted buttons – for button art

Sharpie Pens / Biro pens / Sellotape / Double sided Sellotape

Ready mixed paints (child friendly)

Coloured Card – A4 / Various stickers/ Tissue paper – all colours

Plastic scissors – no metal at all

Glue Sticks / glue spreaders / Colouring books / Tracing books

Blank trinket boxes – decorate their own

Plain white cheap t-shirts– age 5 – 10 years (they design their own t-shirts)

Plain White baseball caps – (they design their own)

Prisons Week 2024 Ecumenical week of prayer

Low Newton Chapel, DH1 5YA, Thursday 17th October. 17:30-18:30

Low Newton, the women's prison within our parish, are inviting representatives from local churches to gather in the prison chapel for an ecumenical prayer service, praying for our prisons, prisoners and the staff and volunteers who minister to them. If you wish to attend please contact Anth Dent, managing chaplain: [anthony.dent@justice.gov.uk](mailto:anthony.dent@justice.gov.uk)



## Applications for Reception September 2025 now open



**Nursery and Reception places available**

Scan the QR code to apply for your school place before the deadline of 15th January 2025.



**Visit our website:**  
<https://stgodricsdurham.bwcet.com>  
St. Godric's Catholic Nursery and Primary School, Carr House Drive, Framwellgate Moor, Durham, DH1 5LZ.  
To arrange a visit and tour or for more information, call: **0191 384 7452**

**Wraparound childcare available before and after school**



"Pupils display first class learning behaviours. They are engaged in their lessons and contribute confidently to learning discussions."  
Ofsted Nov 2021

"I have the deepest respect and admiration for all teachers and staff at St. Godric's. You are truly inspirational and a wonderful influence on our children."  
Parent testimonial



A big 'thank you' from CAFOD to the children of St. Godric's School for their wonderful donation of £222 received for the Family Fast Day. Very well done!

**Forthcoming Concerts at St. Godric's**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, Anglo-German Youth Orchestra**

Tickets for this concert are available to purchase at: <https://northernsecrets.co.uk/durhamconcert> Admittance is by ticket only and you will not be able to pay at the door.

**Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, St. Godric's**

The internationally renowned Cologne Girls' Choir will be in concert in St Godric's Church at 8.00pm, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024. This concert is **free**, so please come along and have an enjoyable evening.

## Save the Date

Parish Quiz Night – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm



Join us on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm for a Quiz Night in the Jubilee Room.

There will be rounds on TV and Film, Sport, Music, History and General Knowledge with a dedicated children's round for any young families attending. Not forgetting the picture round!

We have also invited the new students from Durham University to attend as a chance to get to know the parish. Come along for an enjoyable evening with light refreshments.

All welcome.

## Catholic Herald

There are a few copies of the October issue of this magazine available at both churches, priced at £5.00 per copy. This is on a trial basis until December. It would become permanent if there is enough interest.

**Vespers (Evening Prayer) at Ushaw:** On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm, please join us for Vespers in St. Cuthbert's Chapel at Ushaw. Please note that this is not a concert performance, but an opportunity to pray together the Evening Prayer of the Church for 20<sup>th</sup> October, the 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. All are welcome to join us for the service.

## Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm in St. Joseph's.

## Thank you from CAFOD

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Harvest season. Your donation in our parish collection or online and your prayers are helping young people like Daniel in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with support like training, so they can carve their way to a better future. We are standing in solidarity with those facing incredible hardships, as part of one global family. Learn more at [cafod.org.uk/harvest](http://cafod.org.uk/harvest)

## Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

We are beginning to prepare those who would like to receive this sacrament and take this next important step in their journey of faith. We will be taking steps to encourage our young people wishing to receive the sacrament to fully 'embed' themselves in the parish, answering their call to be active disciples of Jesus Christ.

Please complete the form below as an expression of interest in receiving the sacrament.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ShareFormPage.aspx?id=-OvlemCWl0mB-Fxg9M2FOck2PNpDks5LjQQtirxrT39UNVhYNDg3RjdHVTJBMUIJUKdUNU9IUzI2SS4u&sharetoken=an4RsBaQ7j7GdMjqLjLo>

In the coming months, it is expected that the young people will actively engage in the life of their parish. This is to allow our young people to put their faith into action in concrete ways, such as assisting with children's liturgy, reading, serving refreshments, taking the collection, and other meaningful activities.

I hope to recruit 'Parish Buddies' – people within each of our Parish Churches who will check in with the young people and support them on this journey. This mentorship is a vital component of the preparation, providing guidance and encouragement as they move towards receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. If there are any willing volunteers to support with being a 'Parish Buddy' please do make yourself known via the list at the back of Church.

## Mass Time Change – St. Joseph's

Please note that the Friday morning Mass at St. Joseph's  
scheduled for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October,  
has been moved to the earlier time of 9.00am

# Mass Intentions for the Week

13<sup>th</sup> October 2024

|                         | St Godric's  | St Joseph's  |
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| Saturday<br>12 October  | NO MASS  | 5.00pm Vigil Mass<br>Philip Gibson Birthday Remembrance, and<br>Kevin Royal Anniversary    |
| Sunday<br>13 October    | 9.00am – Special Intention (MT). and<br>Sarah Nurowski<br>3.00-4.00pm<br>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | 10.30am<br>Thomas Coulthard (SVP)  |
| Monday<br>14 October    | NO MASS  | 9.15am<br>Service of Word and Holy Communion   |
| Tuesday<br>15 October   | 9.30am - Exposition<br>10.00am<br>Deceased members of the SVP  | NO MASS  |
| Wednesday<br>16 October | NO MASS  | 9.30am - Exposition<br>10.00am - Ward and Dunne Families<br>and Teresa and Johnnie McBride |
| Thursday<br>17 October  | 9.30am – Exposition<br>10.00am<br>Colin Wild   | NO MASS OR SERVICE   |
| Friday<br>18 October    | NO MASS  | 9.00am<br>Lily and Luke Dodds<br>Wedding Anniversary Remembrance                           |
| Saturday<br>19 October  | NO MASS  | 5.00pm – Vigil Mass<br>Peter & Catherine McLoughlin<br>and David Middleton                 |
| Sunday<br>20 October    | 9.00am<br>The Parnell/McGorisk Family<br>3.00-4.00pm<br>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament                  | 10.30am<br>Claire Aylett Anniversary   |

## St. Cuthbert's

| Sun 13                | Mon 14  | Tue 15  | Wed 16 | Thurs 17  | Fri 18  | Sat 19  | Sun 20                |
|-----------------------|---------|---|--------|---|---------|---------|-----------------------|
| 10.00am and<br>6.30pm | NO MASS | Service of<br>Word & Holy<br>Communion<br>12.15pm | 7:00pm | Service of<br>Word & Holy<br>Communion<br>12.15pm | NO MASS | NO MASS | 10.00am and<br>6.30pm |