

**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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Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)  
Parish Newsletter

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Easter is behind us and we are grateful for a marvellous celebration in all our churches. Thanks to all who worked particularly hard to make it so special.

Lovely celebrating the 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Ann and Bob, and the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Margaret and Roger Charlton on Easter Sunday. Sadly, Roger has since died. Our prayers and sympathies are with you Margaret at this sad time.

We are delighted to welcome Bishop Stephen to the parish of the Durham Martyrs on the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> June. There will be further updates on the Bishop's visit.

The Parish Council met on Tuesday. Again, big thanks to the many silently working away in the background as members of the various groups. We are hoping to have one representative from each group to give an update at future meetings. Reaching out to the local community is something we might build on. Some haven't returned since Covid, but new faces have and continue to give great hope for the future.

Thanks to those who responded to my invitation to be a reader and be a Minister of Holy Communion. Very encouraging for the future.

Draconian Sunday parking laws have been implemented around the centre of Durham, and may impact on St. Godric's on Sunday morning, so please be alert. We are looking at ways of challenging these new laws as Churches Together. However, we're not too optimistic.

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Well done to the Bethapudi brothers, Ben and Rafa, on their prizes for debating. The prizes were given by the Catenians at St. Joseph's last Sunday. Their achievements are all the more remarkable considering the challenges faced by St. Leonard's. So well done to the school too.

Exposition on Sunday afternoon at St. Godric's continues to be a real strength to the parish. It's inspiring seeing the increased number of young people sharing in the extraordinary peace afforded by this hour of prayer. Thanks to Kathleen and Dorothy for ensuring its continued availability. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament comes easily.

Never feel worried if you find you have no thoughts whilst you are before the Blessed Sacrament. Never feel inadequate about being an adorer even if you have not developed a spirit of devotion, if you are numb, down and out, weakened by life. The all important factor is that you are there before the Lord. Before Him who knows you inside-out. He reads your innermost thoughts and He still loves you immensely. Imagine that!

St. John Vianney once compared adoration to spiritual sunbathing. You are taking in the warmth of the grace and love radiating from the Sacred Host.

### Feast Days

Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	St. George, Patron of England
Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> April	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen P, M/ St. Adalbert Bp, M
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> April	St. Mark, Evangelist

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Sean Casey	Tony Twomey
Brian Harland	Jared Howarth
Bridget Grehan-Bradley	Halusia Good
Kitty Trainor	Helen Tumelty
Ann Hourican	Moira Woods

## Anniversaries

Sheila Collinson	Stanley Young
Margaret Crawford	Sarah Makepeace
Clare Kenniford	Arron Grant



**Sympathy** – we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Roger Charlton, whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, at 12.00pm, followed by cremation in Durham.

....and also to the family and friends of the late Cud Hall, whose Funeral Service will take place at St. Joseph's on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April at 12.00pm followed by burial in South Road Cemetery. *Requiescat in pace.*

### Funeral this week

Joyce Robson, whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00am. *Requiescat in pace.*



There will be a coffee morning this **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**, in St. Bede's Room in St. Godric's School. It will take place 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.

**Flower Arranging Volunteer/s Needed** – we are down to one person looking after the flowers at St. Joseph's. If you would like to help, please contact Janet Nichols on 07854 507 485. Thank you.



### Northern Brethren Fund

This special collection to support the sick and retired priests of our diocese is still open. There are no donating envelopes available, but forms are available in the porch/Narthex if you wish to Gift Aid a donation or set up a Standing Order for the NBF. Open until 28<sup>th</sup> April (next Sunday).



### Red Box 2023: Thank You!

In 2023 Ss. Godric & Bede raised £4,460.00 through our Red Boxes and direct 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. Ignatius MHM working with a rural community in Uganda, 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](http://missio.org.uk) to find out more about how your support changes lives for the better.



### Parish Wednesday Lunch Club

Welcome back to all our members, as this week, we had our first Wednesday Lunch since before Easter.

It was lovely to see everyone again, and new guests are always welcome.

If you are interested in joining us each week, please contact Kathleen Murray on 07759 130 837, or Marjorie in the Parish Office – 07483 369 561.

### LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR APPEAL

There will be a retiring collection for St Joseph's Home this Sunday, **Good Shepherd Sunday**. If you wish to make a private contribution, you can do so by sending cheques made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' to St. Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Alternatively, secure online donations can be made by visiting their website at [www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/](http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/).



### Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries

#### Volunteer urgently required for St. Joseph's Church

Each parish benefits from having a dedicated volunteer to administer the mission Red Boxes to raise funds for the Pope's charity for overseas mission. More information at [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk). If you think you could carry out this ministry for St. Joseph's, then please make yourself known to Fr. Colm who will put you in touch with Missio. Missio provide training and support.

### Appeal for Prison Visitors

**Matthew 25:31-36: "...For I was...in prison and you came to see me"**

Official Prison Visitors (OPVs) befriend prisoners, at the prisoner's request, during their time in custody. There is currently a shortage of volunteers willing to be OPVs in Frankland prison. Some prisoners do not have a single visitor and would much appreciate one. At present any prisoner requesting a visitor faces a wait of 2 years due to the shortage.

Visits at Frankland take place between 2pm and 4pm most days of the week in a relaxed atmosphere in a large open hall with plenty of prison officers around the

perimeter to ensure safety. OPVs are ordinary people from all walks of life and may be male or female, indeed the majority of current visitors are female.

How frequently you visit would be up to you, but it is common for visits to take place once every 3 to 4 weeks. Being able to listen and talk in a non-judgemental way is the main requirement.

If Jesus's words above cause you to reflect, if you think you might be in a position to help and would like more information, please contact either Pat Morton (many years' experience) on 07546 566028 or John Wells (recent recruit) on 07724 714932 who will be happy to explain more about the role.

Br. Paul is a prison chaplain in Stockton and he too would be pleased to talk to any parishioner interested on 0191 3293660.

### **From the Diocese**

**Public Lecture** - The renowned historian and former President of Magdalene College, Cambridge, Professor Eamon Duffy FSA FBA KSG will visit The Church of the Holy Name, North Jesmond Avenue, Newcastle NE2 3JX on **Saturday 4 May at 11.30am** to give his lecture *Celebrity Priest: Robert Hugh Monsignor Benson and the End of the World*.

Professor Duffy will discuss Fr Benson's life and work, and that of his father who was Archbishop of Canterbury. One of Fr Benson's brothers wrote "Land of Hope and Glory", while the other wrote the Mapp and Lucia novels. All are welcome for this non-ticketed event.

### **From the Centre for Catholic Studies**

#### **Franciscan Conference – Retrieval and Innovation**

The audio recordings from the conference in March have now been made available. You can listen to the keynote speeches on the CCS Soundcloud account at this link: <https://soundcloud.com/user-594051740/sets/conference-the-franciscan-tradition-retrieval-and-innovation-2024>

1. **Mary Beth Ingham, CSJ** (Franciscan School of Theology, University of San Diego): *Reading Scotus today: Franciscan foundations for a renewed Christian humanism*.
2. **Giuseppe Buffon, OFM** (Pontifical Antonianum University): *A rule that saves? The Capuchin response to the institutional crisis*.
3. **Margaret Carney, OSF** (St Bonaventure University): *The Third Order Rule of 1982: Discovery, Disruption and Renewed Dedication*.

Please note that the volume on Sr Margaret Carney's speech fluctuates throughout the recording.

# Mass Intentions for the Week

21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 20 April		5.00pm Vigil Mass Jack Bradley (SVP) and Alan Codling (Illness)
Sunday 21 April	9.00am Fr. Francis Rice Anniversary, deceased Priests of the Parish and Valerie Hamilton. 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Brian O'Connor
Monday 22 April	NO MASS	9.15 am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 23 April	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Sheila Collinson Anniversary and a sick brother (MH)	NO MASS
Wednesday 24 April	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am In thanksgiving (AC)
Thursday 25 April	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Special Intention (MT) and Margaret Taylor Anniversary	NO MASS
Friday 26 April	NO MASS	10.00am Requiem Mass of the late Joyce Robson
Saturday 27 April	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Elizabeth Birney
Sunday 28 April	9.00am - Terry and Lucy McGahon, Sheila McGahon & the McGahon Family	10.30am Albert Lawton (SVP)

## St. Cuthbert's

Sun 21	Mon 22	Tue 23	Wed 24	Thurs 25	Fri 26	Sat 27	Sun 28
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	4.00pm	7.00pm	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS	10.00am and 6.30pm