

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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A Lenten Poem from Wendell Berry – Sabbaths, II from 1985

A gracious Sabbath stood here while they stood
Who gave our rest a haven.
Now fallen, they are given
To labor and distress.
These times we know much evil, little good
To steady us in faith
And comfort when our losses press
Hard on us, and we choose,
In panic or despair or both,
To keep what we will lose.
For we are fallen like the trees, our peace
Broken, and so we must
Love where we cannot trust,
Trust where we cannot know,
And must await the wayward-coming grace
That joins living and dead,
Taking us where we would not go—
Into the boundless dark.
When what was made has been unmade
The Maker comes to His work.

Feast Days

Thursday, 22 nd February	The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle
Friday, 23 rd February	St. Polycarp Bp, M

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Meg Dixon	Yvonne Reid
Sheila Owen	Jared Howarth
Ken Riddle	Francesca Camilerni
Breda Gallagher	Nicola Dawson
Sean Casey	Betty Eccles
Brian Harland	Helen Tumelty
Halusia Good	Sheila Wressell
Bill Harris	Margaret Robinson
Tony Twomey	Cud Hall
Lorraine Scullion	

Anniversaries

Catherine & Edward Shaw	Mina Buchanan
Catherine Hannigan	Billy March



Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Mary Hails, whose Funeral Service will take place at Durham Crematorium on 28th February at 2.00pm.

...and also to the family and friends of the late Wendy Clough, whose funeral will take place Durham Crematorium on Friday, 1st March at 1.00pm

Our sympathy also goes to the families and friends of Margaret Smith and Brian Bowes who passed away this week. Funeral details are not confirmed at this time.

Funeral this week

Mary Theresa Milbourne, St. Joseph's, Thursday, 22nd February at 2.30pm

Eucharistic Services – St. Bede's Chapel

Services will recommence this Monday, 19th February.



We welcome into our parish community Anna Bekarma and Ethan Jobson, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism

respectively on Saturday, 17th February at 11.00am, and Sunday 18th February, after our 10.30am Mass.

There will be a coffee morning on **Monday 26th February** in St. Bede's Room in St Godric's School. It will take place immediately after the Service of the Word and Holy Communion which starts at 9.15am. All proceeds are for Women in Need in India. Everyone welcome,



*The
Season
of
Lent*



Stations of the Cross will commence at 7.00pm and will alternate between St. Godric's and St. Joseph's.

All services will conclude with the distribution of Holy Communion.

Date	Church	Group
16 th February	St. Godric's	Ecumenical Stations (Joe & Abbey Hughes)
23 rd February	St. Joseph's	SVP
1 st March	St. Godric's	Liturgy Group
8 th March	St. Joseph's	Inclusive Church
15 th March	St. Godric's	Sanctuary 21
22 nd March	St. Joseph's	Justice and Peace

Lenten Charity Soup Lunches - 12.00-1.00pm at St. Joseph's

Grateful thanks to the groups below who will be hosting our Lenten Charity Lunches.

Date	Group
16 February	Sanctuary 21
23 February	St. Joseph's School
1 March	Justice & Peace
8 March	Durham Food Bank & Laurel Avenue Community Centre
15 March	SVP
22 March	Bereavement Support Group

Parish Film Night - Thursday 22nd February 7pm Jubilee Room

Our next screening will be 'The Old Oak', directed by Ken Loach. It is a deeply moving drama about fragility and hope set in an east Durham former mining village when Syrian refugees are placed in the community without any notice. Everyone welcome. Wine, Coffee, Tea and nibbles will be served.

Br. John's Lenten Faith Sharing Meetings for Easter at the Friary

These will take place on three Monday evenings from 7.00-8.30pm

26th February 'The Human Condition'

4th March 'Our Personal Vocation'



TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL – 200 CLUB Results – February 2024

1st (£50)	No. 17
Harold Page	Parish of the Durham Martyrs - St. Godric's
Mrs. M Crilley	Parish of the Durham Martyrs - St. Joseph's
2nd (£25)	No. 198
Pauline Percival	Our Lady of Lourdes, Wallsend
Kate Edwards	All Saints, Lanchester

Thank you for your continued support.

Durham Martyrs Walking Group – February

Our next walk will take place **next Saturday, 24th February**. The walk will be based on 'The Saints of Durham Churches Walking Trails' produced by Durham Churches Together. There is the option of doing 2.5 or 5 miles depending on whether you wish to do one or both of the trails. **Trail one** takes in St. Nicholas; St. Margaret of Antioch; St. John; St. Cuthbert and St. Godric.



Trail two takes in The Eastern Orthodox Church of St Cuthbert and St. Bede; St. Antony; St. Giles; St. Cuthbert (RC); St. Oswald; St. Mary the Less and the Cathedral.

Both trails are on good footpaths and start and end at 'The Journey' Statue in Millenium Place commencing at 10am.



Parish Spring Baptism Programme

The Spring Baptism Programme will take place on Monday, 4th March at St. Joseph's from 6-9pm. All parents wishing to have their child/children Baptised in the parish must attend one of our Programmes. If you would like to enrol, please contact Marjorie.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal - Friday 23rd February

Donating envelopes will be available at the back of each church next over this weekend, 17th/18th February, for return over the weekend of 24th/25th February.

You can also donate online by visiting www.cafod.org.uk/lent

Durham Martyrs Justice and Peace Group

Many thanks for the charitable donations for coffee at St Godric's. This has allowed £240 to be sent to Cafod to support their Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal.

Cafod is working closely with its local partners in Gaza to reach all of those affected by the conflict. Sadly, staff and volunteers in their partner organisations have already lost their lives. Cafod has joined calls for an immediate ceasefire so that civilians can be protected and allow full humanitarian access to the people of Gaza.

Cafod has already committed £100,000 to their local partner, Catholic Relief Services and 10,000 families have been provided with vouchers to purchase essentials like food, water, mattresses and bedding. In addition they have committed £50,000 to their partner in Khan Younis to support 300 people with shelter, food, cash and solar lanterns where access to power is limited. £10,000 has also been released to a local partner working in southern Israel to provide humanitarian assistance and psychological support.



Save the Date

On **Sunday 10th March** we'll be having our first **International Lunch of 2024**. You are all welcome to attend it at **St. Joseph's after the 10:30 am Mass**.

Feel free to bring some food to share and be ready to enjoy it with our lovely parish community. For more information feel free to join the WhatsApp group <https://chat.whatsapp.com/CQvZ7yZUI8N2BaSggdft7W>

Finchale Partnership Synod meetings: We're holding a series of meetings to talk about some of the issues raised in the summary document from the Synod Assembly in Rome last October. The third meeting will be on **Sunday 25th February at 2.30pm**, at St. Cuthbert's, Old Elvet, Durham, and the subject will be '**Structures and Decision Making**'. Please come along and share your ideas on the following questions:

The Synod Assembly agreed that 'synodality represents the future', and is an essential part of 'advising, discerning and decision making' in the Church. The Assembly also called for obligatory Diocesan and Parish Pastoral Councils. How should we take forward a synodal approach (including Conversations in the Spirit and listening to those on the margins) in our Diocese? And how can we best use this approach in our Partnership and our parishes?

Change of Mass Time – St. Joseph's

Please note that the time of the morning Mass
on Friday 23rd February
has been moved to the earlier time of 9.00am

Mass Intentions for the Week

18th February 2024

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 17 February		5.00pm Vigil Mass Deceased members of the Hennessy Family and Jim and Mary Bygroves
Sunday 18 February	9.00am Colin and Stella Wild 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Veronica & Eric Smith and Norman Wright Anniversary
Monday 19 February	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 20 February	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Dolly Brown (SVP)	NO MASS
Wednesday 21 February	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Peter Barry (SVP) and Clare Louise McCann
Thursday 22 February	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am The health of Helen	2.30pm Funeral Service of the late Mary Milbourne
Friday 23 February	NO MASS	9.00am Mary and Dennis Baker
Saturday 24 February	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Hannah Mary Drane Anniversary
Sunday 25 February	9.00am	10.30am Alf Carr Anniversary Austin Flynn Birthday Remembrance Anne-Marie Melvin Anniversary

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 11	Mon 12	Tue 13	Wed 14	Thurs 15	Fri 16	Sat 17	Sun 18
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm