

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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19th Sunday of the Year
Parish Newsletter

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**Statement by CEO of Caritas Social Action Network on recent public disorder
6th August 2024**

At Caritas Social Action Network, we have been shocked and disturbed at the violent scenes of public disorder in many parts of the UK in recent days and the levels of racism, Islamophobia and hatred against those seeking sanctuary in our country.

We grieve with the families of the three young girls tragically killed in Southport whose lives were so brutally cut short and we remember their families in our prayers at this unimaginably difficult time.

We have often seen good coming out of the most horrific circumstances, as people find in themselves their best instincts to repair and build community and stand against the forces of division and hatred. We hope that these tragic events mark a decisive turning away from the politics of hatred and division towards a spirit of solidarity and service.

In the CSAN network, many of our members work in the most disadvantaged communities, seeking to restore human dignity and help to bring agency and hope to people on the margins of society.

In recent years, many of our members have supported people housed in hotels who are seeking asylum or awaiting more suitable accommodation. These people are often very isolated and vulnerable, many of them having fled violence and persecution in their home countries.

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We stand in solidarity with all victims of violence, especially with our brothers and sisters seeking asylum, our Muslim brothers and sisters, and indeed with anyone feeling threatened because of who they are or where they are from. May they feel the love and support of their communities, and of those who hear Christ's call to love the stranger.

Bishop Paul McAleenan, the Lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has commented, "Today, and always, we need to continue to pray, work and stand together for peace in our country. The actions of the few involved in violence stands in stark contrast to the work of charities, church groups and volunteers who tirelessly extend the hand of welcome to migrants in acts of solidarity. We hope and pray that they will re-double their efforts so that we can rebuild communities after the terrible events of the last few days. *Raymond Friel OBE*

Feast Days

Monday, 12 August	St. Jane Frances de Chantal Rel
Tuesday, 13 August	Ss. Pontian, Pp and Hippolytus P MM
Wednesday, 14 August	St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe P M
Thursday, 15 August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, 16 August	St. Stephen of Hungary

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Brian Harland	Tony Twomey
Kitty Trainor	Jared Howarth
Ann Hourican	Ian Hamilton
Mary Armstrong	Ann Close

Anniversaries

Pauline Pepper	William Birney
Mary Silcock	



Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Grace Catherine Vallance, whose Funeral Service will take place at St. Joseph's on Friday, 16th August at 11.00am, followed by cremation.

... and also to Mable Henderson and family on the loss of her son, Ian George Henderson. His Funeral Service will take place at Durham Crematorium on Thursday, 22nd August from 1.00-2.00pm.

Requiescant in pace.



Holy Day of Obligation – Thursday 15th August
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Parish Masses will be –
 St. Godric's at 10.00am and St. Joseph's at 7.00pm

St. Joseph's – Services of Word and Holy Communion

Please note that there **will not** be any Services of Word and Holy Communion on Mondays during August.



St Vincent
de Paul Society
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TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL 200 CLUB RESULTS – August 2024

1st (£50)	No. 138
Leo Potts	St. Bede's, Jarrow
Val Durkin	Tynemouth Priory – St. Cuthbert's, North Shields
2nd (£25)	No. 174
Marion Bartley	St. Mary & St. Wilfred's, Bishop Auckland
Paula Tiplady	Our Lady of Lourdes, Wallsend

With many thanks for your continued support



Durham Martyrs Walking Group – August 2024

Our next walk will be a 7.3-mile walk starting and finishing in the village of Fishburn, on **Saturday 17th August**. The walk begins on Front Street, Fishburn and follows the edge of the aerodrome and continues towards Bishop Middleham Quarry which is a nature reserve and Site of Special Scientific Interest managed by Durham Wildlife Trust. We will return via Fishburn Woods, a mixed woodland of oak, silver birch and pine.

It is suggested you bring a packed lunch although snacks and drinks can be bought from shops in Fishburn or Bishop Middleham.

There is no formal car park, but parking is available on Front Street. (Nearest postcode TS21 4AD Front Street Fishburn Grad Ref. NZ 36417 32149.) Meet outside Black Lion Inn, 1 Front Street at 10.00am.

Liturgical Formation

- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

The Programme consists of three sessions at St. Michael's, Houghton, from 9th-21st September, including a Commissioning Mass on the Saturday. Details can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents>.

Click on Liturgical Courses and details will be brought up. You will need Fr. Colm's endorsement, so please contact him or Marjorie if you wish to attend. The parish will pay the cost.

- The Liturgical Formation team will also be delivering a course in the Autumn for those who wish to become a **Liturgical Leader of Celebrations of the Word and Holy Communion**.

The course, being held at St Hilda's Resource Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY, runs over six sessions between 30th September through to 4th November, with full details available here: bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents

As above, you will need Fr. Colm's endorsement, so please contact him or Marjorie if you wish to attend. The parish will pay the cost.

For further information, help, or if you have any questions, please email adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

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

- **Parish Finance Officer**, full-time, on a two-year fixed-term contract. The role will be based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle, with travel throughout the Diocese. Closing date for applications: 13th August.
- **Cleaner**, St Charles, Gosforth – 5 hours a week. Closing date for applications: 16th August.

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

Mass Intentions for the Week



11th August 2024

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 10 August		5.00pm Vigil Mass William Birney and a Golden Wedding Anniversary (D&A)
Sunday 11 August	9.00am Helen Tumilty and Gerry Orchard 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Adam Gray (Illness)
Monday 12 August	NO MASS OR SERVICE	NO MASS OR SERVICE
Tuesday 13 August	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Deceased Priests of the Diocese	NO MASS
Wednesday 14 August	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am World Peace
Thursday 15 August	10.00am Feast of the Assumption Mass Marianne Mortimer and Anne Gibbon	7.00pm Feast of the Assumption Mass
Friday 16 August	NO MASS	9.15am – Service of Word 11.00am Funeral Service of the late Grace Catherine Vallance
Saturday 17 August	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Eileen McKay
Sunday 18 August	9.00am Bridget Grehan-Bradley and a Special Intention (MT)	10.30am Anne-Marie Melvin Birthday Remembrance

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	9.30am – Requiem Mass 7.00pm (Vigil of the Assumption)	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm