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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32nd Sunday of the Year
Remembrance Sunday

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The poem below was written by one of our parishioners – James Gilman – and has been used in services at Durham Cathedral and elsewhere. It has also been accepted by the British Army and the Royal Navy for use in military bases around the world and has been added to the Royal British Legion's list for possible use in future National Remembrance Services. A wonderful achievement.

THE POPPIES PRAYER

The poppies fall.
Their crimson tears
Like shrapnel, piercing every heart
Of those who mourn the dying blood
Enshrouding friend and foe alike
On Flanders Field.

So scour our conscience
With your flood
Till we ensure that never more
Shall nations let Death's bloody dance
Seduce the souls of friend and foe.

Like Flanders Field

Feast Days

Monday, 9th November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Tuesday, 10th November	St. Leo the Great Pp D
Wednesday, 11th November	St. Martin of Tours Bp
Thursday, 12th November	St. Josaphat Bp, M

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Sheila Wressel	Rose Simpson	Sigrid Peyerimhoff
Nigel Anthony Cunningham	Frank Firth	Rita Harrison
Tom Kimmit	Shirley Harrison	Amanda Hyland
Mary Crilley	Tom Smith	Matt Pallister

Anniversaries:

Mary Agnes Graver	Anne Bell
Patricia Adams	Craig Mackerness
Dennis Dunlop	Sharon Oliver
Vincent Crawford	Bernadette Brown
Mark Shaw	



Forthcoming Funeral - **Yvonne Reid** - her Requiem Mass will be held at **St. Joseph's** on **Friday, 13th November, at 10.00am**. *Requiescat in pace*

The next parish coffee morning will take place this **Monday 9th November**. It will be held in **St. Bede's Room in St. Godric's** School immediately after the 9.15 Service of the Word and Holy Communion. All proceeds are for Women in Need in Nagpur, India. Everyone is very welcome.



St. Godrics church clean. Please note church cleaning this month is on **17th November and NOT THE 10th**. Everyone who can spare even a short time is very welcome. Thank you.

Reminder from the Youth Group – the next meeting will take place on **Saturday, 21st November.**

Parish Community Christmas Fayre - 10:30 - 12:30 Saturday 28th November.



Preparations are now underway for our Christmas Fayre and once again we need you ! Please let Cynthia, Erica or Marjorie know if you have any fresh ideas and if you are able to help.

We hope you will donate goods for our Tombola Stalls on the following dates:

Weekend of 7th November	Chocolate
Weekend of 14th November	Fancy Goods

Please place donations in the boxes at the back of both Churches



The Children's Magician is booked and Santa assures us that he will do everything in his power to attend !

This is a very special event for our Community and Parish so please spread the word and pop the dates into your diaries. Thank you ALL in advance for your support.

CONCERTS

Saturday 21st November 7.30pm Durham University Chamber Choir
Wednesday 9th December 7.30pm Dunelm Consort Concert
Please note that on both dates setting up and rehearsals will be taking place from 9.30am onwards.
Tickets can be purchased on the door for both concerts.



If you are able to help with stewarding or require further information please contact Joe Hughes. joe.hughes2017@hotmail.com



Reminder 17th November

'Raised on Songs and Stories' is a community care outreach project which brings together older Irish people or those of Irish Heritage and their friends. We travel across the North East, up to Northumberland and down to Teesside.

We sing songs, play tunes and encourage anyone to get up and perform bringing together old friends and new.

Every month ROSS is on the road to a local venue where there is lunch, live Irish music and entertainment. Sponsored by the Irish Government's Emigrant Support Programme and The National Lottery Community Fund, we welcome as many new faces as possible and would be delighted to see you there!



Br. John's recent collection - we have sent a cheque in the sum of £1178.97 to the British Red Crosss Disaster Fund, at the request of Br. John. This donation will help not only the Nepal Flood Disaster, but other recent disasters also. They have acknowledged receipt and are incredibly grateful.

Br. John sends his heartfelt thanks to the parish and is amazed at your generosity.

St Vincent de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL 200 CLUB

Results – November 2026

1st (£50)	No. 84
Barbara Brown	Parish of the Durham Martyrs (St. Godric's)
Mrs. T. Dickson	Our Lady of Lourdes, Wallsend
2nd (£25)	No. 86
Catherine Hudson Storey	Tynemouth Priory, St. Edwards WB
Carol Brien	Parish of the Durham Martyrs (St. Godric's)

Thank you for your continued support

Durham Martyrs Inclusive Church Group-Memory Café - Volunteers Required
Our Memory Café, for those effected by dementia, runs on the second Tuesday of every month (1-3pm) in the Jubilee Room at St Joseph's.

During the Café as well as enjoying cake and refreshments, we do craft activities, games and have sing -a-longs and even dancing in a friendly and relaxed environment.

We need more volunteers to help with providing refreshments as well as assisting with craft activities and games. If you can spare a couple of hours, once a month, we would be delighted to have your support.

If you have any queries or would first just like to come along and see what happens, please contact **Graham Donachie 07867503946**

Ushaw Remembrance Service with Sung Vespers - To mark Remembrance Sunday, a special Remembrance Service with Sung Vespers will be held in **St. Cuthbert's Chapel thIs Sunday 8th November at 4pm**. Everyone is invited to attend, as with prayer and music we pay our respects to those who lost their lives in the two World Wars of the 20th century, and in all conflicts since.

We gather to lay wreaths at Ushaw's War Memorial Chapel, before processing through to St. Cuthbert's Chapel for Vespers. We will be joined for the service by the Hexham & Newcastle Diocesan choir. All are welcome.

Concert at Little Sisters of the Poor Home

The City of Newcastle Male Voice Choir and Gibside Singers will be performing a Christmas Concert in the Chapel at The Little Sisters of the Poor, St Joseph's Home on **Saturday 5th December at 7.00pm**.

The concert is in aid of the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Tickets are £8 (interval drink included), available from St Joseph's Home 0191 273127.

Parish School News

St Godric's Catholic Primary School
https://stgodricsdurham.bwcet.com/

Our Stay and Pray sessions got off to a fantastic start this week with Year 1. It was lovely to welcome parents and family members into school to celebrate alongside the children.

Thank you to everyone who joined us, and we look forward to welcoming our Year 2 families next week.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
https://stjosephsgilesgate.bwcet.com/

- Monday 9th November, the School Council will host an assembly in school to start Anti Bullying Week.
- Wednesday 11th November, Year 5 and 6 will be attending Mass in church at 10am. All families and friends are welcome to attend.

  Also on Wednesday 11th November, the children in Year 5 and 6 will be hosting a Remembrance Celebration of the Word in the school hall at 2.45pm. All families and friends are welcome to attend.

- Friday 13th November, the children can come to school wearing odd socks for Odd Socks Day. This day celebrates our differences and reminds us that it is ok to be unique.

Mass Intentions for the Week

8th November

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 7 November	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass In thanksgiving (SF/AF) and Michael Brennan RIP
Sunday 8 November	9.00am Vince McPartlin Birthday Remembrance, and the McGinley Family 3.00-4.00pm – Exposition	10.30am Annie Whitehead Anniversary, the Deceased Binks and Thompson Families, and Julie Miller Illness
Monday 9 November	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 10 November	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Jim Neary	NO MASS
Wednesday 11 November	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Norman Hall Senior and Norman Hall Junior (St. Joseph's Years 5 & 6 attending)
Thursday 12 November	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Peter and Catherine McLoughlin	NO MASS
Friday 13 November	NO MASS	10.00am Requiem Mass of the late Yvonne Reid
Saturday 14 November	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Belle Blakey and Paddy and Kitty Farrell
Sunday 15 November	9.00am Margaret McBride, and the Moran Family 3.00-4.00pm – Exposition	10.30am Maureen and Thomas Coulthard, and John Quinn 10th Anniversary

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 8	Mon 9	Tue 10	Wed 11	Thurs 12	Fri 13	Sat 14	Sun 15
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am Mass for the Bereaved	10.00am and 6.30pm