

**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, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – The Most Holy Trinity Parish Newsletter

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‘Succession’ is a hugely popular television series and in the news of late with the departure from the series of Logan Roy, played by the great Scottish actor, Brian Cox. However, succession at parish level is impacting in a different way. Succession means being replaced with a plan. The dictionary tells us the literal meaning of the word – “a number of similar events or people that happen, exist etc., after each other.”

This implies a natural course of events. Sadly, Covid, and changing times generally, tell us that it is not quite as easy as that. Numerous activities in the parish such as the Wednesday Lunch Club, Memory Café, Children’s Liturgy, all struggle with succession – ie. there isn’t a natural replacement for roles of volunteers able to commit.

I am appealing again for volunteers in every sector of parish life. I am also hoping that we can soon return to Communion under both kinds, and this will need the return of more Ministers and new volunteers. Leaders of Communion Services will also need more volunteers to ensure that we don’t lose sight of roles firmly embedded in our parish life before Covid. I would appeal to present volunteers to assist with Succession. Thanks again.

We had a warm and joyous celebration of the lives of those deceased relatives and friends last Saturday. Stories shared amidst laughter and tears over tea and cake afterwards was a joy. All facilitated by our Bereavement Group, who regularly offer support to those who are grieving. A special thank you to them.

## To be of Use by Marge Piercy

The people I love the best  
jump into work head first  
without dallying in the shallows  
and swim off with sure strokes almost out of sight.  
They seem to become natives of that element,  
the black sleek heads of seals  
bouncing like half-submerged balls.

I love people who harness themselves, an ox to a heavy cart,  
who pull like water buffalo, with massive patience,  
who strain in the mud and the muck to move things forward,  
who do what has to be done, again and again.

I want to be with people who submerge  
in the task, who go into the fields to harvest  
and work in a row and pass the bags along,  
who are not parlor generals and field deserters  
but move in a common rhythm  
when the food must come in or the fire be put out.

The work of the world is common as mud.  
Botched, it smears the hands, crumbles to dust.  
But the thing worth doing well done  
has a shape that satisfies, clean and evident.  
Greek amphoras for wine or oil,  
Hopi vases that held corn, are put in museums  
but you know they were made to be used.  
The pitcher cries for water to carry  
and a person for work that is real.

*Marge Piercy, "To be of Use" from Circles on the Water*

## Feast Days

Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June	St. Boniface Bp, M
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> June	St. Norbert
Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June	St. Robert of Newminster Ab
Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> June	St. William of York
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> June	St. Columba Ab/St. Ephrem, Deacon

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Meg Dixon	Bernard and Yvonne Reid
Joe Watson	Jared Howarth
Sheila Owen	Francesca Camilerni
Mark Farrell	Nicola Dawson
Tony Collinson	Ken Herbert

Anniversaries:

Michael Carter	Billy Malyan
Raymond Balmer	Anne Hearne
Violet and Jack Dooner	Robert Burn



**Sympathy** – we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Theresa Wilson. Her Funeral Service will take place at Durham Crematorium on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 12.00pm. *Requiescat in pace.*

### Forthcoming Funeral

The Funeral Service of the late Mary Margaret Hollingsworth will take place at St. Joseph's **this Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, at 11.15am** followed by cremation at 12.00pm.

### Eucharistic Services

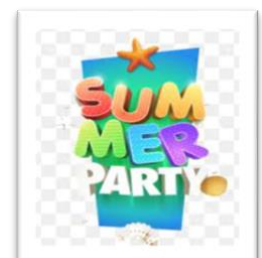
Eucharistic Services in St. Bede's resume on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.



**Coffee Morning** - There will be a coffee morning on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June** immediately following the 9.15 Service of the Word and Holy Communion in St. Bede's Room in St. Godric's School. All proceeds will go to the charity **Women in Need in India**. Everyone is very welcome.

**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> June at 2.00pm – St. Joseph's SVP Summer Party for the elderly of the parish.**

If you have not already done so, could anyone wishing to go to the party please put their name on the list at the back of church, indicating if transport to the venue is required.



## International Lunch – Next Sunday - 11<sup>th</sup> June after the 11.00am Mass

Let's get together and have fun!

Bring some food to share and be ready to have a good time.

All are welcome. See poster at the back of each church.



## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

On 12<sup>th</sup> June it will be the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Fr. Colm's ordination. We wish him congratulations and heartfelt thankyou for his generous service as a priest both to our church and our parish.

To celebrate, there will be a simple parish social evening following the 5pm Mass on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June** in St. Joseph's school hall. There will be drinks, wine and cheese and cakes. If you would like to bring a bottle, crisps or a cake to share please do (though no cream cakes please).

Any queries or volunteers to help, please contact Maria 07941 699388.

## Summer Baptism Programme

We are pleased to announce that the Summer Parish Baptism Programme has been arranged for **Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> July**, from 6.00-9.00pm in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's.

If you are hoping to have your child/children Baptised in the parish and haven't attended one of our programmes before, please contact Marjorie, the Parish Secretary, and she will send you a Registration Form.

## Vacancies

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

**St Augustine, Darlington** – Administrator, 26 hours a week.

**St Paul, Cramlington** – Finance Assistant, 5 hours per week.

The closing date for applications is 18<sup>th</sup> June. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301

### **Vacancy - SVP Membership Support Officer (MSO)**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to recruit an MSO for the Tyne Central Council which covers the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. This is a part time salaried role (22.5 hours per week – 3 days equivalent) working as part of the SVP Membership Team to support the Central Council in member recruitment and development and provide general support for members.

The role is home based but requires the ability to travel around the Diocese to make recruitment appeals, work with existing groups, attend meetings and meet with interested parties where appropriate. Having your own transport is essential. Travel expenses are paid.

For further information and details how to apply contact Lance Philpott, Head of Membership at [lancep@svp.org.uk](mailto:lancep@svp.org.uk)

Closing date for applications is Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

### **The Ushaw Specialist Plant & Garden Fair takes place on Saturday!**

Get ready to immerse yourself in the vibrant world of gardening at Ushaw tomorrow, Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June from 10.00am-3.00pm.

Presented with Plant Heritage North East there will be an incredible selection of plants from plant nurseries across Northern England.

There is also a medley of garden sculpture and furniture, plus a selection of top-notch gardening accessories and machinery.

Entry is free with an Annual Ushaw Pass, Day Pass or Plant Heritage membership. Please go to the website for more information: [www.ushaw.org](http://www.ushaw.org)

### **Change of Mass Time - St. Joseph's**

Please note that the Wednesday morning Mass on  
Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June,  
has been moved to the earlier time of 9.00am

# Mass Intentions for the Week



4<sup>th</sup> June 2023

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 3 June	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Elizabeth Flanagan
Sunday 4 June	9.00am Brian O'Connor	11.00am Christopher and Veronica Kelly
Monday 5 June	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 6 June	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Frank and Bernard McGoay	NO MASS
Wednesday 7 June	NO MASS	9.00am Phil Sanderson  11.15am – Funeral Service of Mary Hollingsworth
Thursday 8 June	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Paul Purdon	NO MASS
Friday 9 June	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am William Hayden
Saturday 10 June	NO MASS	10.00am – First Holy Communion Celebration  5.00pm Vigil Mass – Mary Hollingsworth
Sunday 11 June	9.00am Sam Donnelly	11.00am Fr. John Condon

## St. Cuthbert's

Sun 4	Mon 5	Tue 6	Wed 7	Thurs 8	Fri 89	Sat 10	Sun 11
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm

