

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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Welcome back schools' staff and pupils. I hope you all had a good rest over the summer break. Always a challenge starting up again, but good to have you back. "Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall"

F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Next Sunday, 15th September, is the re-arranged date for the International Meal.

I'm afraid I'm hitting a brick wall (excuse the pun) getting any satisfactory responses on the protracted road closure linking Mill Lane and Sherburn Road. Building Regulations appear to support private enterprise, regardless of safety, and not to mention huge inconvenience.

Please be careful if you have to drive via Frank Street, as there are quite a few young families there, whose children will be unfamiliar with an increased volume of traffic. Please be careful also with the restricted public path use on both Mill Lane and Sherburn Road.

And a final word of apology to the families of children attending St. Joseph's School. Sadly, this intrusion is our lot for at least a year.

Feast Days

Monday, 9 September	St. Peter Claver P
Thursday, 12 September	The Most Holy Name of Mary
Friday, 13 September	St. John Chrysostom Bp, D
Saturday, 14 September	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



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

Anniversaries:

John Atkinson	Mary Williams
Margaret Crawford	Anne Reed
Lily Dodds	Ellie Wilson
Mary Bowes	Helen Rebello
Louis Rebello	Euginea Rebello



Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late David Neill (Senior), whose Funeral Service will take place at Durham Crematorium on Wednesday, 11th September at 1.00pm.

Requiescat in pace.

International Lunch – Change of Date

Next Sunday, 15th September, we'll be having our next 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>

Eucharistic Services – St. Bede's Chapel

Eucharistic Services will resume in St. Bede's Chapel, in St. Godric's School on Monday September 9th and Wednesday 11th at 9:15am.

LAUDATO SI. & The Season of Creation

The next Meeting of our Laudato Si Group will take place in the Friary on Monday 16th September at [7.00pm](#). New members will be most welcome.

Br. John

DURHAM CLIMATE PILGRIMAGE. Saturday 21st September from 10.30pm -1pm. This lovely event will include times of reflection, prayer and song along the river and culminate in an outdoor "Season of Creation Service" on Palace Green. Link to join is here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/947993803987>
Everyone is welcome! (See poster)



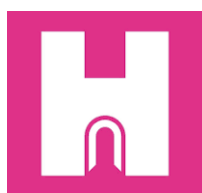
There will be a coffee Morning this coming **Monday, 9th September** in St. Bede's Room in St. Godric's School. It will take place immediately after the 9.15 Service of the Word and Holy Communion. All proceeds are for Women in Need in India. Everyone is very welcome.

Missio APF/Mill Hill collection for the month of September 2024 St. Godric and Bede - Red mission boxes for St. Bede's will be collected and emptied by sponsors in the usual way during September.

Please bring those for St. Godric's to Sunday Mass before the end of September.

A big thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Lunch Club is back! Come and enjoy a warm welcome, lovely food and good company. Wednesday, 12.00-1.00pm in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's.



St. Godric's is open for Heritage Open Days. It's one of our opportunities to invite in visitors and show ourselves as part of the larger community. If you can help, there are lists for volunteers at the back of both churches. We are open on Friday and Saturday this week, and Thursday, Friday, and Saturday next week. Come and enjoy showing our lovely church to new people!

Durham Martyrs' Walking Group – September

Our next walk will take place on **Saturday 21st September**, led by Gillian Macarthur and will be a pleasant walk of approximately 4½ miles from Hawthorn Village, through the dene and along the coastal path.



The walk starts and ends at the Stapylton Arms village pub so there will be an opportunity for food / refreshments afterwards. It is suggested that as parking in the village is limited, we meet at St. Joseph's car park at 9.30am and arrange to share transport.



TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL – 200 CLUB RESULTS – September 2024

1st (£50)	No. 156
Dorothy Wilson	Parish of the Durham Martyrs, St. Godric's
Pauline Kell	St. Joseph's Birtley
2nd (£25)	No. 173
Tony Smare	Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw
Bill Squires	Parish of the Durham Martyrs, St. Joseph's

With many thanks for your continued support



SVP Fish and Chip Lunch

The members of the SVP would like to invite the elderly of the parish to a fish and chip lunch on Tuesday, 1st October.

If you wish to come, please put your name and contact telephone number on the sheet at the back of church, and tick the box if you require transport.

Job Vacancy

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

Cleaner, St Cuthbert, Old Elvet, Durham – 10 hours a week. Closing date: 9 September. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details or contact us on 07789 885 118.

External Events

Two Retreats at the IBVM Spirituality Centre in Llandudno

Space to Grieve, 15th – 17th November

A weekend for those who are grieving for someone who has died. There will be opportunities to share our stories, reflect and pray together, and plenty of space for yourselves. Individual accompaniment will be available. Please ensure that at least six months have elapsed since the death of your loved one before coming on this retreat.

A Leap of Divine Joy, 2nd – 6th December

Advent Scripture Reflections with Art, Poetry and Music

Led by: Tom McGuinness and Magdalen Lawler SND

Tom has written many songs for prayer, some of which will be used in these Advent days.

For more information or if you wish to book, please go to <https://loretocentre.org.uk> -- search Retreats and Courses 2024 – Themed Retreats, or call 01492 878031. A non-refundable deposit will be required for each booking.

Mass Intentions for the Week

8th September 2024

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 7 September	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Belle Blakey and Annie Thompson Birthday Remembrance
Sunday 8 September	9.00am Special Intention (MT) and In thanksgiving (K & M Lewis) 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Special Intention (MC)
Monday 9 September	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and holy Communion
Tuesday 10 September	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am People of the Holy Land	NO MASS
Wednesday 11 September	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am People of Ukraine
Thursday 12 September	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Marie Cryer	NO MASS
Friday 13 September	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am The sick of the Parish
Saturday 14 September	NO MASS	5.00pm – Vigil Mass Ken Drane Anniversary
Sunday 15 September	9.00am Special Intention (MT) and Pauline Gilman 10 th Anniversary 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Hugh Kielty

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	12.15pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm

