

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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The Fast Life (Author Unknown)

Fast from judging others; Feast on Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from fear of illness; Feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute; Feast on speech that purifies.

Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; Feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; Feast on hope.

Fast from negatives; Feast on encouragement.

Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion.

Fast from suspicion; Feast on truth.

Fast from gossip; Feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that sustains.

Fast from anxiety; Feast on faith.

Feast Days

Friday, 17 th March	St. Patrick, Apostle of Ireland
Saturday, 18 th March	St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Meg Dixon	Bernard and Yvonne Reid
Ken Riddle	Jared Howarth
Liz Murray	Francesca Camilerni
Lorraine Scullion	John McMahon
Sheila Owen	

Anniversaries:

Mary Malyan	Elizabeth Glaister
Edith Quinn	



Funeral this week

The Requiem Mass of the late Sheila Wilkinson will take place at St. Joseph's on **Thursday, 23rd March at 10.00am** followed by cremation in Durham. *Requiescat in pace.*



– we welcome into our parish community Patrick Neil Kelly, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this **Saturday, 18th March**, at 11.00am in St. Joseph's.

And also Theo Patrick Frankland who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism during the 11.00am Mass at St. Joseph's on **19th March**.

The
Season
of
Lent



Lenten Meetings at St. Francis Friary. DH1 4RD

The next of the Lenten Meetings, takes place on Monday, 20th March at 7.00pm. The theme for the series is: 'Prayer in our daily lives'. The sessions will comprise reflections and sharings on various aspects of Christian Prayer along with a friendly cup of tea. All are welcome.

Eucharistic Services during Lent – there will be a Eucharistic Service every Monday and Wednesday in **St. Bede’s Chapel in St. Godric’s School** at 9.15am until Easter, and also every Monday during Lent at 9.15am in **St. Joseph’s** .

Stations of the Cross - The Stations have been shared between our two churches – details below. They will commence at 7.00pm each Friday evening.

Date	Group	Church
17 th March	SVP	St. Joseph’s
24 th March	The Parish Council	St. Godric’s
31 st March	Justice and Peace	St. Joseph’s

Lenten Soup Lunches, St. Joseph’s – Thanks to everyone who has offered to host the Lenten Lunches.

17th March – SVP

24th March – Durham Foodbank

31st March – Homelessness/Sanctuary 21

Easter Services/Masses

Thursday, 6 th April	Mass of the Lord’s Supper	St. Godric’s, 7.00pm
Friday, 7 th April	The Passion of the Lord	St. Joseph’s, 3.00pm
Saturday, 8 th April	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	St. Joseph’s, 7.00pm
Sunday, 9 th April	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	St. Godric’s, 9.00am and St. Joseph’s, 11.00am

Please note - There will be a **Penitential Service** on Tuesday, 4th April, in **St. Godric’s Church** at 7.00pm.

Women In Need in India

Our **Easter Coffee Morning** will be held on **Monday 27th March** straight after the 9.15 Service of the Word and Holy Communion in **St. Bede’s Room in St. Godric’s School**. All proceeds are for Women in Need in India. Everyone is very welcome.

Easter Competition - Prizes will be awarded after our 11.00am Mass this **Sunday, 19th March**, and the winning posters will be displayed at the back of church.

Film Night The second of Fr. Colm’s Lenten Film Nights will take place in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph’s on **Tuesday, 21st March at 6:30pm**.

The theme is: “What it means to be a Conscientious objector as a Christian – and at what cost”

Parish Council

Just to confirm the Parish Council meeting will take place on the 29th March 2023 7pm at St Joseph's. I have received several items of the agenda, however, if you would forward items you wish to submit for the agenda please forward to me by the 24th March. Thank you for the apologies I have received to date.

Diocesan Questionnaire

The investigation commissioned by the Dicastery for Bishops has issued a survey to be completed by parishioners. This is an anonymous survey, all answers are provided in complete confidence, and you are asked to give your own individual views.



The survey will run until Monday 27th March 2023 and can be accessed by scanning the QR code using your mobile phone, or through the Diocesan website at <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/parish-survey/> Please complete the survey only once, even if you hold more than one role in the Diocese.”

Hospitality Provision - Sunday 11 am at St Josephs - Please can you help?

Providing hospitality with the chance for a chat and catch up after mass with new and existing members of our parish is a vital part of our being a “welcoming community.”

Thank you to all those to have volunteered and have helped to successfully restart the hospitality after 11o'clock mass, but we still need additional volunteers to fill gaps in our Rota.

The gaps are: 26th March, the 2nd and 23rd April.

Tea, coffee and biscuits are all provided all you have to do is bring some milk.

If you would like to help and want further information, please see Graham Donachie at the back of church after 11o'clock Mass.

Volunteer Registration Forms and References - We have been informed by the Diocesan Safeguarding Department that all NEW volunteers in the parish have to complete a Volunteer Registration Form and have references taken up, before they can start volunteering. This applies whether or not the role is such that a full DBS check will then be required. Further information from Kathleen Murray or Dennis Bradley.

Wednesday Lunch Club – If you would like to join the club for hot meal and good company, or to join the rota of helpers to serve or give lifts, then please contact Pat Conway 0794 3016225.

From the Diocese – Day of Prayer for Life

On Saturday 25th March (the Solemn Feast of the Annunciation) there will be a Day of Prayer for Life – in particular for the unborn and for pregnant women - including Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and opportunity to venerate the relics of St Gianna Molla at Saint Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle following the 10.00 am Mass until 4.00 pm organised by Catholic members of SPUC.

Lenten Reflections – Part 2

As promised a couple of weeks ago, the **Vicariate for Faith & Mission** has now produced the second booklet of Lenten reflections, ahead of the 4th Sunday of Lent. The reflections have been contributed by a mix of clergy, religious and lay people to express the richness and variety of our diocesan community.

The dedicated Lenten reflection page on the diocesan website can be found here: <https://bit.ly/DHNLent2023>

We will also be releasing further audio versions of the reflections in the next week weeks, beginning with the Annunciation of the Lord and these audio reflections will be available on the link above and on the Diocesan social media pages.

Durham Churches Together - Durham Churches Together invite you to a film on Climate Change:-

"Real Zero Emissions" at the United Reformed Church, Waddington St, Durham, on Thursday 23rd March at 7pm.

Forthcoming Concerts at Ushaw

- **Charity Gala Concert – Thursday 23rd March at 7pm**

Durham Cathedral Choristers, Ushaw Chapel Choir and Musicians from Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation will be performing a charity gala concert in the enchanting surroundings of St Cuthbert's Chapel, Ushaw. This fundraising event is in aid of St Margaret's Centre, Durham, a charity supporting people experiencing mental ill health and Ushaw Historic House, Chapels & Gardens. Tickets are £10 adult and £8 concession and are bookable online at www.ushaw.org

- A concert is to be given by **The Durham Singers** at St. Cuthbert's Chapel, Ushaw, on **Saturday 25th March, 7.30pm. Music Director: Tom Edney**

Programme:-

- Magnificat by Oliver Tarney
- Magnificat Tone VIII-plainchant
- Magnificat Quinti Toni - Praetorius
- Magnificat – Part

Tickets £15, Students £10, Under 12's free. Available from choir members and Durham Music Shop (0191) 3789144, and the link below:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/durhamsingers>



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

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

A big thank you to all for your continued generosity and support.

Missio at St. Joseph's

We are looking for a much-needed volunteer to be the contact person for the Red Boxes here at St Joseph's. Please let Fr. Colm or Marjorie know if you are able to help.

Events at Ushaw

Ushaw Library Tour, Saturday 18th and Friday 24th March, 11.00am-2.00pm

Discover part of Ushaw not normally open to the public in a special Library Tour. During the visit you'll have the chance to see the magnificent Big Library, designed by Joseph Hansom and look at some of the rare and unusual books within the library.

These include illuminated manuscripts and beautifully decorated books on botany and history as well as volumes that are the only known copy in the world.

A Conversation with the Curator, Thursday, 30th March, 2.00-3.30pm

This month, go behind the scenes and learn about St. Cuthbert's Ring, made of gold and sapphire, dating all the way back to the thirteenth century.

Prior to the talk, enjoy a micro afternoon tea filled with delicious, sweet/savoury treats and prosecco, the perfect celebratory fizz to enjoy your visit.

For both events, please book through the website: www.ushaw.org

A Lenten Day of Reflection

A Lenten Day of Reflection will be held at Ushaw on Friday, 31st March. The day will be based around prayerful reflection on scripture as part of our Lenten journey, and will include Mass and Stations of the Cross.

The Day of Reflection costs £10 (which includes car parking), and will start at 10.15am, aiming to finish at 3.15pm.

Refreshments will be provided on arrival, and participants will be able to buy lunch in Ushaw's café. To book a place go to <https://ushaw.org/whats-on-at-ushaw/> or phone (0191) 373 8500.

Mass Intentions for the Week

19th March 2023

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 18 March	NO MASS	11.00am Baptism of Patrick Kelly 5.00pm Vigil Mass Special Intention (CB) and Victoria Garnham anniversary
Sunday 19 March 4 th Sunday of Lent	9.00am John and Olive Doyle	11.00am The Oliver Family and Peggy Thompson
Monday 20 March	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 21 March	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Ena McBride Birthday Remembrance	NO MASS
Wednesday 22 March	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am World Peace
Thursday 23 March	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Priests of our Diocese	10.00am Requiem Mass of Sheila Wilkinson
Friday 24 March	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Alistair McLean
Saturday 25 March	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Mary Malayan Anniversary and In thanksgiving for the 50 th Anniversary of Fr. Tom Singleton, Keswick
Sunday 26 March	9.00am Special Intention (AT)	11.00am In thanksgiving for 64 th Wedding Anniversary (Ann and Bob Close)

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 19	Mon 20	Tue 21	Wed 22	Thurs 23	Fri 24	Sat 25	Sun 2
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	10.00am and 6.30pm