

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 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes seems, by all accounts, to have been a great success. Both parishioners and clergy were full of praise. Bishop Stephen was singled out for special praise and seems to exude a friendliness and ease with people that bodes well for the future. A particular praise goes to parishioners who journeyed to Lourdes as helpers. Some exhausting preparation had to be done beforehand and demanded hours and efforts whilst there. You have returned tired but fulfilled. Well done.

“So the small things that came into their own: small acts of helping others, if one could”; small ways of making one’s own life better: acts of love, acts of tea, acts of laughter. Clever people might laugh at such simplicity, but, she asked herself, what was their own solution?” *Alexander McCall Smith, The Good Husband of Zebra Drive (No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency).*

“Help from a stranger is better than sympathy from a relative.” Matshona Dhliwayo

My sympathies to all who ventured away for much awaited holidays, only to be drenched almost daily. Please God, the slow emergence of sunshine will give some comfort, and well-earned rest. A final reflection now on the crisis of our time.

“The new migrants from the dust bowl are here to stay. They are the best American stock, intelligent, resourceful; and, if given the chance, socially responsible. To attempt to force them into a peonage of starvation and intimidated despair will be unsuccessful. They can be citizens of the highest type, or they can be an army driven by suffering to take what they need. On their future treatment will depend the course they will be forced to take.” *John Steinbeck, The Harvest Gypsies: On the Road to The Grapes of Wrath*

Feast Days

Monday, 14 th August	St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe P, M
Tuesday, 15 th August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday, 16 th August	St. Stephen of Hungary
Saturday, 19 th August	St. Oswin, King, M and St. John Eudes P

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Meg Dixon	Bernard and Yvonne Reid
Joe Watson	Jared Howarth
Sheila Owen	Francesca Camilerni
Ken Riddle	Nicola Dawson
Breda Gallagher	Ian Hamilton

Anniversaries

Mary Silcock	



Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Doris Metcalfe. Her funeral will take place at Durham Crematorium on Tuesday, 22nd August at 2.00pm. *Requiescat in pace.*

Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, 15th August – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses are as follows – St. Godric's 10.00am and St. Joseph's 7.00pm



Steve Jones and family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support following Trudie's death. Thanks also to Brother John and all who helped and celebrated Trudie's Requiem.

The collection raised over £800 for Durham Trinity School's children with profound and multiple learning difficulties.



A very big thank you for the fabulous party on 25th July. Very special thanks to Deidre, Patsy and Alan, and for all the cards and good wishes, especially for the Mass offered for my intention.

Love and prayers for all. Maureen Doyle



Durham Martyrs' Walking Group – 19th August 2023

Our walk will be a 6 mile circular walk beginning at High Pittington Village Hall at 10am. (please note that parking is not available at the Hall but there is plenty available on street parking nearby).

The walk is mainly flat but could be muddy depending on the weather, so strong shoes/boots recommended.

We will reach Elemore Coffee shop after about an hour where refreshments/cake etc are available if required. The walk then proceeds through the hamlet of Hetton on the Hill and then continues through Elemore Woods to Littleton and on through fields to Hallgarth Manor Hotel for rehydration for those who wish.

If you would like to join this walk please let Marjorie know so we know who to expect. (Walking Group members who have already responded to Whats App do not need to reply).



TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL – 200 CLUB RESULTS – August 2023

1st (£50)	No. 24
Delia Frobisher	Parish of the Durham Martyrs
Catherine McTernan	St. Charles, Gosforth
2nd (£25)	No. 51
Fr. O'Connor	All Saints, Lanchester
Anne Dunn	St. Mary's Bishop Auckland

Grateful thanks for your continued support

From the Diocese - Days of Reflection:

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Saturday 23rd September 2023 (10.30am - 3.00pm), St Joseph's, Gateshead. [View here](#) (Control and click to open the hyperlink)
- Liturgical Leaders of the Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion (Lay Leaders): Saturday 7th October 2023 (10.30am - 3.00pm), St Joseph's, Gateshead. [View here](#) (as above)

Please let Marjorie know if you wish to attend either of these events and she will make the booking for you.

BBC Songs of Praise is coming to Jesmond, Newcastle Upon Tyne and there's still time to book your place!

If you wish to join us for this recording of hymns and songs, to make it a real success. If you want to be on TV and raise the roof with heartfelt worship the place to be is....

St George's Church, St George's Close, Jesmond, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE2 2TF on Monday 21st August from 18:30 – 21:30.

All tickets to our recordings are **free of charge**. To apply for free tickets, please contact singwithus@ctvc.co.uk with your name, contact phone number and the number of tickets you'd like. Please be sure to include 'Songs of Praise Jesmond' in your subject header. Alternatively, you can call us on **07734 030 888** to book your tickets.

We don't have an automated system. Real people from the team will respond to you as soon as they can, so please bear with us. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Songs of Praise Team
(See poster in the porch)

CANCELLATION OF MASS

Please note that the Friday morning Mass
scheduled on 18th August
has been replaced with
a Service of Word and Holy Communion

Mass Intentions for the Week



13th August 2023

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 12 August		5.00pm Vigil Mass Eileen McKay and William Birney
Sunday 13 August	9.00am Lucy and Thomas Hunt	11.00am The Oliver Family and Anne Marie Melvin Birthday Remembrance
Monday 14 August	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 15 August	10.00am Feast of the Assumption Mass	7.00pm Feast of the Assumption Mass
Wednesday 16 August	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Marie Taylor
Thursday 17 August	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Holy Family (DF)	NO MASS
Friday 18 August	NO MASS	10.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 19 August	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass The intentions of Maureen Doyle and Trudie Jones RIP
Sunday 20 August	9.00am In memory of Henry Scanlon	11.00am Fr. Michael McGovern and Jadwiga McAllister

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 13	Mon 14	Tue 15	Wed 16	Thurs 17	Fri 18	Sat 19	Sun 20
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	Feast of the Assumption 12.15pm and 7.00pm	10.00am Requiem Mass of the late Peter Parkes	9.15am	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm