

**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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## Parish Newsletter 4<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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(Please telephone the Chaplain if you have someone in hospital who would like a visit)

For bereavement support, please contact the Parish Secretary

### Thankful for God's Plan – a poem by Catherine Pulsifer

Christmas Day we gather round  
To celebrate a blessed birth,  
When God in heaven sent his Son  
As a baby to this earth.

For this miraculous event so grand,  
Our hearts are filled with thankfulness;  
The babe Jesus' birth was seen in our land,  
Redemption sang in perfect harmony.

But a greater miracle was yet to come –  
The resurrection of Christ divine;  
In glory's light death was overcome,  
Life everlasting His favour shown.

Let us give thanks for such mighty grace –  
A Saviour brought through love divine;  
Let us honour His holy name in every place –  
Thankful for God's plan, so well designed.

## Feast Days

Saturday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Ss. Philip and James, Apostles
Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May	St. John of Beverley Bp
Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> May	St. John de Avila P, D

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Kitty Trainor	Ann Close
Veronica O'Reilly	Mary Armstrong
Sheila Owens	Margaret Nancarrow
Freda March	Ann Childs
Rita Harrison	Aella May Berry
Danny McCann	Liz Murray

## Anniversaries

Mary Morgan	Bob Wilson
Agnes Henderson	Nancy Newcombe
Jack Craggs	Veronica Crilley
Estelle Wild	

**Legion of Mary** - The Legion of Mary meetings continue in the Don Bosco Room/Jubilee Room, after the 10.30am mass in St. Joseph's Catholic Church. All are welcome.

## Charity Lenten Lunches

Thanks to all our groups/individuals who hosted our recent Lenten Charity Lunches. Thanks also to all who came and enjoyed the lovely soups and so generously supported the various charities. The amazing amount of £385 was raised.



JOIN THE  
**CLEANING  
TEAM**

## St. Godric's Church Cleaning

The next Church cleaning session will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May after 10 o'clock Mass. All are welcome for even the smallest job. Come and join the team. Thank you to all.



## JOIN US TO PRAY THE ROSARY IN MAY

Together in faith, hope, and love Let us gather and pray for peace and strength during this blessed month of Mary.

St. Joseph's Church, Gilesgate, Saturdays in May after the 5pm Mass.

### Student work experience

Do you work for an organisation that can offer work experience to young people? Or do you have your own business and would be willing to host a pupil for a few days? There are a number of students in Year 10 and Year 12 at St Leonard's aged between 14-15 years old and 16-17 years old who are looking for four-day work experience placements from 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> July.

If there are adults in our parish who can offer work placements this could be a lovely opportunity to support the future of young people in our parish community. If you think you might be able to help, please email Catherine Taylor on [catmarytaylor@gmail.com](mailto:catmarytaylor@gmail.com) with an outline of the work experience that is on offer e.g. the name of the organisation, the type of work that the young person would be doing, the location of the role and the relevant contact for us to follow up, and we can make this available to the students as part of a wider selection of roles to choose from.

If a student is interested in the role, we would follow up the relevant contact as needed. Many thanks for your consideration - any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Catherine.



### Prayers Upon the Death of Pope Francis

There are some Prayer Cards available at the back of each church, which we have received from the Liturgy Office of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

**Next Movie Night Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 6:30pm**

### **BILLY ELLIOT 15**

All are welcome to our next Film Night on our perfectly refurbished large screen in the Jubilee Room.

Billy Elliot (2001) is the heartwarming tale of an 11 year old coal miner's son (Jamie Bell) who's life is forever changed when he stumbles upon Mrs Wilkinson's (Julie Walters) ballet class during his weekly boxing lesson. Ice Cream, Wine and Juice will be served. Looking forward to seeing you there !

## **A note from the Health & Safety/Buildings Committee**

### **First Aid Boxes**

Please note - No medication should be placed in First Aid boxes. Paracetamol tablets have recently been found in one of the first aid boxes. The box contents are agreed by the Health & Safety Executive and should not be added to. Each item has an expiry date printed on it. The boxes are checked twice yearly by the Nominated First Aider or a member of the Buildings & Health & Safety Committee & re-stocked if supplies are low or date expired. Blue plasters are for use by Parishioners involved in food handling & are not for general use.

Please do not put medication of any kind into the boxes or issue medication to anyone.

Thank you.

## **From the Diocese**

### **Job Vacancies**

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

**Bookings Administrator for the Youth Ministry Trust**, based at the Emmaus Village, Consett – full-time, permanent contract. Closing date: 14<sup>th</sup> May.

**Choral Director, Newcastle for the Diocesan Schools Singing Programme** – full-time, permanent contract. Closing date: 12<sup>th</sup> May.

**Cleaner, St Augustine Parish Centre, Darlington** - part-time, permanent contract. Closing date: 13<sup>th</sup> May Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

### **Events/Courses**

- **Science and Faith: An Invitation to Conversation**

Rev. Prof. David Wilkinson and the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT) warmly invite anyone interested in the conversation between science and faith to an open meeting on **Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> May**, at the **Emmaus Youth Village, 5:30–6:45 pm**.

We want to connect with those involved in science, technology, engineering, healthcare, and education, recognising, as Rev Prof David Wilkinson explains, that: *“At ECLAS and YMT, we value the work and vocation of those who work in science, technology, and engineering; we value this as a gift from God and as an opportunity for the mission and ministry of the church. We would like to talk with those who are involved in science at whatever level in university, industry, schools, or the health service about the possibility of doing work in local churches in the diocese.”*

This is an open invitation to begin a conversation and explore how these gifts can enrich the life and mission of our parishes. All are welcome!

For more information, please contact [phillipsalkeld@ymt.org](mailto:phillipsalkeld@ymt.org) or 0120759224

- **Refresher session for existing Liturgical Leaders of Celebrations of the Word and Holy Communion -**

A refresher session for existing Liturgical Leaders of Celebrations of the Word and Holy Communion to support them in their ministry. Please note that participants must already be commissioned in this ministry to attend this session.

Please let Marjorie know if you would like to attend and she will book you in.

**Date: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025**

**Location: St. Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY**

**Time: 10.00am-2.00pm.** You will need to take a packed lunch, but refreshments will be provided.

**Cost: £15.00 per person**

- **'Hope in a Time of Darkness'**

**A Lecture by His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP**

**Monday 23rd June 2025; 7:45pm**

**Galilee Chapel, Durham Cathedral**

Durham Cathedral Institute is delighted to be hosting this year's Bishop Dunn Memorial Lecture of the Centre for Catholic Studies at Durham University, hearing from speaker **Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe** and respondent **Prof. Anna Rowlands**.

**Cardinal Radcliffe** is a distinguished Catholic priest, theologian, and church leader. Between 1992 and 2001, he served as Master of the Order of Preachers (also known as the Dominican Order). Radcliffe received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from the University of Oxford in 2003; in 2023, he was appointed preacher to the Catholic Church's Synod on Synodality, and was made cardinal by Pope Francis in December 2024.

**Anna Rowlands** (respondent) is St Hilda Professor of Catholic Social Thought and Practice at Durham University. She is a political theologian whose research interests include the ethics of migration and the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching. In 2023, Rowlands took up a two-year secondment at the Vatican, where she contributed to the global synodal process.

For more information and to book tickets, please visit <https://durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173659458>

Please send any queries to [ccs.admin@durham.ac.uk](mailto:ccs.admin@durham.ac.uk).

**St. Mary Magdalen (Belmont) Mothers' Union** is inviting you to an Ecumenical Service on **Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> May**. The speaker will be Kay Carrick from St. Cuthbert's Hospice. The Service will begin at 1.30pm and will be held in the Parish Hall. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

# Mass Intentions for the Week

4<sup>th</sup> May 2025

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 3 May	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Pauline Inglis Birthday Remembrance
Sunday 4 May	9.00am Gloria Hughes Anniversary, and Michael Ward and James Bowman	10.30am Veronica and Eric Smith, and John Lavelle
Monday 5 May	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 6 May	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Colin and Estelle Wild	NO MASS
Wednesday 7 May	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Mark Osborne (SVP)
Thursday 8 May	9.30am- Exposition 10.00am Ann McGarr	NO MASS
Friday 9 May	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am John Hannon
Saturday 10 May	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass In celebration of 25 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (P & A Cardozo)
Sunday 11 May 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	9.00am Frank and Bernard McGoay	10.30am Rita Smart, and George Laurie

## St. Cuthbert's

Sun 4	Mon 5	Tue 6	Wed 7	Thurs 8	Fri 9	Sat 10	Sun 11
10.00am and 6.30pm	No Mass	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm