

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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What Will Matter

By Michael Josephson

Ready or not, some day it will all come to an end.
There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours, or days.
All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten, will pass to someone else.
Your wealth, fame, and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance.
It will not matter what you owned or what you were owed.
Your grudges, resentments, frustrations, and jealousies will finally disappear.
So, too, your hopes, ambitions, plans, and to-do lists will expire.
The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away.
It won't matter where you came from or what side of the tracks you lived on at the end.
It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant.
Even your gender and skin colour will be irrelevant.
So what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured?
What will matter is not what you bought but what you built; not what you got but what you gave.
What will matter is not your success but your significance.
What will matter is not what you learned but what you taught.
What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage, or sacrifice that enriched, empowered, or encouraged others to emulate your example.
What will matter is not your competence but your character.
What will matter is not how many people you knew but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone.
What will matter is not your memories but the memories of those who loved you.
What will matter is how long you will be remembered, by whom, and for what.
Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident.
It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice.
Choose to live a life that matters.

Feast Days

Tuesday, 27 th June	St. Cyril of Alexandria Bp, D
Wednesday, 28 th June	St. Irenaeus Bp, M
Thursday, 29 th June	Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles
Friday, 30 th June	First Martyrs of the Church of Rome
Saturday, 1 st July	St. Oliver Plunkett Bp, M

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Meg Dixon	Bernard and Yvonne Reid
Joe Watson	Jared Howarth
Sheila Owen	Francesca Camilerni
Tony Collinson	Nicola Dawson
Ken Riddle	A sick grandchild
Breda Gallagher	

Anniversaries:

Joan Humble	Shaun Magill
William Curry	Tommy Shaw
Susan Michiels	Veronica Keelin
Diana Sanderson	



Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Ken Herbert. His Funeral Service will take place at St. Joseph's on Thursday, 20th July at 12.00pm followed by a private cremation in Durham.

Funerals this week

- The late Margaret Rose Thompson. Her Requiem Mass will take place at St. Godric's on Tuesday, 27th June at 10.00am, followed by interment in Bowburn Cemetery.
- The late Phil Sanderson, whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on Wednesday, 28th June at 10.00am, followed by cremation in Durham.
- The late Mark Farrell, whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on Friday, 30th June at 10.30am. *Requiescant in pace.*

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, 29th June, is the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Parish Mass times will be 10.00am at St. Godric's and 7.00pm at St. Joseph's.



Baptism – we welcome into our parish community Noa Rae Quinn, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism after the 9.00am Mass at St. Godric's this Sunday, 25th June.

Summer Baptism Programme

We are pleased to announce that the Summer Parish Baptism Programme has been arranged for **Monday, 10th 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.

Fourth Option of Giving by Credit/Debit Card

A Fourth Option of Giving by Credit/Debit card is to be shortly introduced following requests from some Parishioners who often don't carry as much cash as they used to.

The current three methods will REMAIN as usual:

1. By Standing Order - the much-preferred method
2. By Envelope
3. By Cash on the Collection Plate

The added advantage is that people will be also able to use it for Special Collections and the Piety (papers and cards) Stall.

There will be a Credit/Debit Card terminal at both St Joseph's and St Godric's from Saturday 15th July with clear simple instructions and also how to register to Gift Aid the Giving if people wish to.

If you normally pay for your shopping with a bank card at a 'Tap and Go' terminal or get cash out at a 'Cash Point' then you will find that the system being installed is very familiar and easy to use.

To help ease the introduction there will also be support in attendance for the first two weekends to help people if needed.

Volunteer Drivers

Volunteer drivers should check their insurance to ensure they are covered should an accident occur when undertaking church-related journeys. Many motor insurance policies include such cover, or can be upgraded without cost, but some do not.

The Diocese ask volunteer drivers to sign an annual volunteer driver's form to confirm they have suitable motor insurance for church-related activities. Those who signed the form last year will be contacted again shortly and invited to renew their declaration.

However, if you are a new volunteer driver or did not sign this form last year, please contact the Parish Secretary who will arrange for a form to be provided. Alternatively, the form may be downloaded from the parish website, completed and then returned to the parish secretary. Examples of church activities include:

- those who use cars to take communion to the housebound
- driving to the bank with collection monies,
- being part of a rota to collect members of (for example) a lunch club
- an organised or semi-organised arrangement where parishioners with cars pick up other parishioners to bring them to Mass

If in doubt, you are strongly advised, for your own sake, to contact your insurance company as there can be grey areas.

From the Diocese

INVITATION TO EMMAUS YOUTH VILLAGE OPEN DAY

You are warmly invited to the Emmaus Youth Village on **Saturday 1st July** for a unique opportunity to learn about our new initiatives and redevelopment plans. The day is also a celebration, remembering Fr Dermott Donnelly's significant ministry on the first anniversary of his death.

Mass will be celebrated at 3pm by Bishop Emeritus Seamus Cunningham and young attendees will share inspiring stories about the impact of Fr. Dermott's ministry. With a barbecue, a bar and music entertainment, it's bound to be a fantastic day out! Barbecue tickets: £10 (free for children under 16). Proceeds for the day will support Fr. Dermott's charity "Significance," ensuring his work continues. Please confirm attendance for the Mass and/or barbecue tickets. Accommodation can also be booked. Contact: admin@ymt.org or 01207 592244.

Mass Intentions for the Week



25th June 2023

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 24 June		5.00pm Vigil Mass Catherine King and deceased members of the Malherbe family
Sunday 25 June	9.00am The intentions of Tom and Maureen Hoban	11.00am Fr. Colum Adamson and Nuala Russell
Monday 26 June	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 27 June	10.00am Requiem Mass of the late Margaret Rose Thompson	NO MASS
Wednesday 28 June	NO MASS	10.00am Requiem Mass of the late Phil Sanderson
Thursday 29 June	10.00am Ss. Peter and Paul Mass	7.00pm Ss. Peter and Paul Mass
Friday 30 June	NO MASS	10.30am Requiem Mass of the late Mark Farrell
Saturday 1 July	NO MAS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Martin Booth
Sunday 2 July	9.00am Susannah Michiels	11.00am Norman and Alex Wright and Bryan Moran

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 25	Mon 26	Tue 27	Wed 28	Thurs 29	Fri 30	Sat 01 July	Sun 2
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	7.00pm (Vigil Mass)	12.15pm (Ss. Peter & Paul)	12.15pm	9.15am 2.30pm - Wedding Service	10.00am and 6.30pm