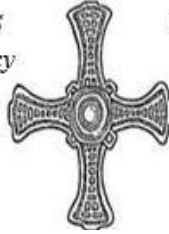


**The Parish of the Durham Martyrs**  
*Incorporating the Churches of Our Lady of Mercy  
& St. Godric, St. Joseph and St. Bede*

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## Parish Newsletter 17<sup>th</sup> September – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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### Forgive

A Poem by Lillian E. Curtis

Forgive! nor number the times two, nor yet eleven.  
Forgive! forgive even seventy times seven;  
Too much! Oh, too much, do I hear you say,  
As in prayer you bow the reverent head?

Then every harsh thought, oh, cast away,  
“Seventy times seven” the Saviour said.  
And mildly he looked down from Heaven,  
And sayeth forgive, nor malice nor envy keep,

Forgive as you hope to be forgiven.  
And how sweet will be your sleep!  
We owe a debt which increases as long as we live,  
As we would be forgiven, so let us forgive.

## Feast Days

Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> September	St. Theodore of Canterbury Bp, D/ St. Januarius Bp, M
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Ss. Andrew Kim, Paul Chong Hasang & Companions (The Korean Martyrs)
Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Ss. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) P
Tuesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Ss. Cosmos and Damien MM
Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> September	St. Vincent de Paul
Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> September	St. Wenceslaus M/St. Laurence Ruiz & Companions, MM
Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Saturday, 30 <sup>th</sup> September	St. Jerome P, D
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	The Holy Guardian Angels
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> October	St. Francis of Assisi Rel
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> October	St. Maria Faustina Kowalska V
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> October	St. Bruno P
Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Our Lady of the Rosary

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Meg Dixon	Bernard and Yvonne Reid
Joe Watson	Jared Howarth
Sheila Owens	Francesca Cannilerni
Ken Riddle	Nicola Dawson
Breda Gallagher	A sick grandchild
Ian Hamilton	Marjorie Carey
Ann Oliver	

Anniversaries: 17<sup>th</sup> September – 7<sup>th</sup> October

Arnold Shepherd	Brian Fletcher
Anne-Margaret Hannigan	Peter Humble
Billy Lee	Frank McGoay
Joanna Hopper	Anthony Shaw
Peter Mahan	Eileen Blake
Walter Dolan	Betty McGurk
Diane Soulsby	Jason Clough
David Miller	Eddie McKeown
Kathleen Morris	Norah Bond
Luke Dodds	Jim Mason
Margaret Galloway	

Retiring Collection – will be taken today for what was Home Mission Sunday (now known as Evangelii Gaudium Sunday).



**Sympathy** – we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Anne Reed, whose Funeral Service will take place at St. Joseph’s on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm, followed by cremation in Durham at 2.30pm.

**Forthcoming Funeral**

The Requiem Mass of the late Mary Williams will take place at St. Joseph’s on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am followed by cremation in Durham at 12.00noon. *Requiescant in pace.*



**Holy Baptism**

We welcome into our parish community Rowan Clibbens, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday after the 9.00am at St. Godric’s.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

The Parish office will close at 4.00pm on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September and re-open at 8.30am on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

**PARISH MEETING** - Earlier this summer I reflected that, as part of our efforts to continue to build a strong parish community, we would hold 'Parish Development Day 2' on 14<sup>th</sup> October at St, Leonard's School. As you are aware, St. Leonard's building is currently inaccessible therefore the decision has been made to postpone the development day. It is very important that we continue to explore ways to create 'the best of times' and therefore we hope that an alternative date will be planned soon. Fr Colm



St Vincent de Paul Society  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action

**TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL – 200 CLUB  
SEPTEMBER 2023 RESULTS**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> (£50)</b>	<b>No. 84</b>
<b>J. Dickson</b>	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes, Wallsend</b>
<b>Barbara Brown</b>	<b>Parish of the Durham Martyrs</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> (£25)</b>	<b>No. 93</b>
<b>J. Marsh</b>	<b>St. Bede’s, Jarrow</b>
<b>Enid Fenton</b>	<b>St. Joseph’s, Birtley</b>

*Thank you for your continued support*

**CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> October**

Donating envelopes will be available in church on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October, for return the following week. You can also donate online via [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

**Fix The Food System – Seeds For All** - Many thanks to the 271 parishioners who signed the CAFOD petition to the World Bank President ahead of the World Bank’s Annual Meeting. This was a great response from our parish and our petition has now been forwarded to CAFOD. Just as a reminder, the petition urged the World Bank to:

Protect the fundamental rights of small farmers to save, use, exchange and sell their own varieties of seed and put an end to all policies that limit small farmers' choice over which seeds they can access.



A huge thank you to all those who helped in any way with the Heritage Open Days over the past two weeks - those who cleaned the church, arranged the flowers, helped to set up our displays, baked wonderful cakes and gave up their time so generously to welcome and chat to our visitors. The lovely comments in our guest book show how much your efforts were appreciated!

It's lovely to be able to present St. Godric's as a welcoming, active part of our local community. THANK YOU all!

### News from our Schools

**St. Joseph's Primary School** - is holding a coffee morning and book sale on the 29<sup>th</sup> September in the school hall from 9.00am in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. All welcome.

**St. Thomas More Primary School**, Belmont, is holding an Open Morning on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October from 9.30am-10.30am.

### New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Course

The help provided by these ministers in distributing Communion in Church and taking the Blessed Sacrament to the Sick is of great importance in the life our parishes. For this ministry Diocesan Safeguarding procedures may be applicable. **Cost:** £15 per participant

### The programme consists of three sessions:

**Venue:** St Joseph's, St Paul's Road, Hartlepool, TS26 9EY

**Session 1:** Tuesday 3 October (Evening session) 7.00 - 9.00pm

**Session 2:** Tuesday 10 October (Evening session) 7.00 - 9.00pm

**Session 3:** Saturday 28 October (Day session) 10.30am – 4.00pm (arrivals and registration from 10.00am). Participants to bring their own packed lunch for the day event - tea and coffee provided

NB: The Saturday session ends with a Mass of Commissioning at 3.00pm

If you would like to come along, please contact your parish priest to discuss with him and then he (or the parish secretary) can complete a registration form on your behalf.

**Booking deadline Tuesday 26 September.** As the parish office will be closed at this time, please contact [adminfaith.mission@diocesahn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesahn.org.uk) to make your own booking.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word Autumn Programme for those serving and those who are interested in serving in this ministry.

The Church makes especial provision for helping children at Mass. On Sunday if sufficient numbers of children are present they can share in a form of the Liturgy of the Word shaped to their needs and understanding. It is a wonderful way of helping the young grow in their knowledge of the Gospel and the message of Jesus Christ. Lay people lead these young Christians in listening and responding to the Word of God and help to discover what the Lord is saying to us.

The Church provides principles and guidelines to help adults in this great work. In our diocese we are offering an opportunity for those who are new to this ministry (and anyone who would like a refresher). There will be two sessions looking at principles, practicalities and resources for Children's Liturgy of the Word. The programme ends with a Blessing and participants will receive a Certificate recognising their training.

**The programme consists of two sessions:**

Session 1 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 7.00 – 9.00pm

Session 2 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 7.00 – 9.00pm

**Venue:** Saint Hilda's Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 7PY

**Cost:** £10.00 per participant (invoiced via your parish following the event).

**Booking Deadline: Monday 23 October 2023**

If you would like to come along, please contact your parish priest to discuss with him and then he (or the parish secretary) can complete a registration form on your behalf. *See poster at the back of church,*

**Discernment Evening**

The next Discernment evening for those thinking about Priesthood will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 6.00pm at the Cloister Cathedral, St Mary's Cathedral. The evening will consist of a time of prayer, a talk and will end with a meal together. If you would like to attend, please contact Father Shaun Purdy by Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Email: [vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk), Telephone 01207 299 012

**Webinar on Catholic Social Teaching and Community Organising**

On 27<sup>th</sup> September, there will be an online Webinar, called 'Discipleship, Politics and Anger: Catholic Social Teaching and Community Organising'. This webinar will explore how principles of Catholic Social Teaching can be applied to current political and social Issues. We will hear from members of the diocese who are involved with a variety of campaigns, as well as Catholic Social activists from across the country including Sir John Battle. Please see poster for more details. To sign up please go to: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/discipleship-politics-and-anger-catholic-social-teaching-and-community-organising/>

**Re: First Steps – Exploring the Catholic Faith online -** The Vicariate for Faith and Mission is pleased to be able to offer First Steps this Autumn. What is First Steps? In previous years, some people have attended First Steps as a pre-requisite to joining their local RCIA programme. First Steps online begins on Wednesday 11 October at 7 pm for 7 weeks and will be delivered via Zoom. Further information and the registration link can be found [here](#).

*First Steps is aimed at people who are thinking about their faith or their relationship with God. Perhaps you were baptised a Catholic, but didn't make First Communion, or receive Confirmation, or were baptised as a member of another Christian Church, or have never been baptised at all. If you are currently wondering whether joining the Catholic Church is the next step for you this may be the way forward. For further information, or to register, please visit <https://bit.ly/3sHgZOF>.*

**Change of Mass times at St. Joseph's**

The Friday morning Masses on 22<sup>nd</sup> September and 6<sup>th</sup> October have been moved to the earlier time of 9.00am

*Mass Intentions*  *for the Week* 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 16 September	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass George Kell (Illness) and Ella Mai Inett (Illness)
Sunday 17 September	9.00am The McPartlin Family	11.00am Kelly Nicola Dunne
Monday 18 September	NO MASS	10.00am Memorial Mass for the late Anthony Farmer
Tuesday 19 September	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Bernard Reid and Margaret Murray	NO MASS
Wednesday 20 September	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am St. Joseph's Whole School Mass
Thursday 21 September	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Peter and Catherine McLoughlin and Trudie Jones	NO MASS
Friday 22 September	NO MASS	9.00am Bernard Reid
Saturday 23 September	NO MASS	5.00pm – Vigil Mass Bernard Reid
Sunday 24 September	9.00am World Peace	11.00am Joan Oliver

**St. Cuthbert's**

Sun 17	Mon 18	Tue 19	Wed 20	Thurs 21	Fri 22	Sat 23	Sun 24
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	9.15am	12.15pm	10.00am and 6.30pm

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



24<sup>th</sup> September 2023

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 23 September	NO MASS	5.00pm Bernard Reid
Sunday 24 September	9.00am World Peace	11.00am Joan Oliver
Monday 25 September	NO MASS	9.15am Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 26 September	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Special Intention (BT, R) and Margaret Murray	NO MASS
Wednesday 27 September	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am The intentions of Norman & Catherine Imms
Thursday 28 September	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Special Intention (BT, M)	1.30pm Funeral Service of the late Anne Reed
Friday 29 September	NO MASS	10.30am Requiem Mass of the late Mary Williams
Saturday 30 September	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Pamela Hannigan
Sunday 1 October	9.00am Vocations to the Priesthood	11.00am Anthony Farmer

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 24	Mon 25	Tue 26	Wed 27	Thurs 28	Fri 29	Sat 30	Sun 01 Oct
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.30pm	12.15pm	9.15pm	10.00am and 6.30pm

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



*Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
to  
Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October*

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Monday 2 October	NO MASS	9.15am Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 3 October	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Frank and Bernard McGoay	NO MASS
Wednesday 4 October	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Deceased Priests of the Diocese
Thursday 5 October	9.30am Exposition 10.00am Peace in Ukraine	NO MASS
Friday 6 October	NO MASS	9.00am The sick of the Parish
Saturday 7 October	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Bob Collinson Anniversary
Sunday 8 October	9.00am Rose Carr Anniversary	11.00 Joe Lane Anniversary

*St. Cuthbert's – please check St. Cuthbert's website  
for Mass times this week*