

***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 – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year

**Parish Secretary:** Mrs. M, D. Towers  
Office hours: Tuesday-Friday, 8.30am-4.00pm  
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(Please telephone Fr. Paul if you have someone in hospital)

I hope Christmas and New Year went well. Thank you for all the gifts and cards.

St. Leonard's Masses went well. A special thanks to all for helping to make our two Masses so special and meaningful.

We move into a new year with a spirit of hope.

“Hope is an embrace of the unknowable, an alternative to the certainty of both optimists and pessimists. Optimists think it will be fine without our involvement; pessimists take the opposite position, both excuse themselves from acting.”

*R. Solnit*

Sadly, we lost Lily Parry and Margaret Madden, two kind and gentle parishioners. May they rest in peace.

## Feast Days

Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Anthony, Ab
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Wulstan Bp
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Fabian P, M and St. Sebastian M
Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup> January	St. Agnes V, M

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Meg Dixon	George Parry
Ken Riddle	Jared Howarth
Liz Murray	Francesca Cannilerni
Lynn Hammill	Mary Crilley
John McMahon	

## Anniversaries:

Peter Barry	John Doyle
Colin Armstrong	Mary Murphy
Teresa Harrison	Bede Murray
Arthur Binks	Alan MacNamee



**Sympathy** – we extend our sympathy to the families and friends of the following lately deceased:

Dominic Griggs who lived in Edge Court, Gilesgate, and recently moved to Maidenhead to be with his family.

George Armatage, whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on **Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February** at 10.00am.

Lily Parry, whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on **Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February** at 10.00am, followed by cremation at Durham Crematorium.

Forthcoming funerals:

The late John Boyes, whose Funeral Service will take place at St. Joseph's on **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January** at 12.00 noon, followed by cremation at Durham Crematorium.

The late Margaret Madden, whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> January** at 10.00am, followed by burial in Belmont Cemetery.

*Requiescant in pace.*

## Parish Mobile – Change of Number

Please note that the parish mobile number is now **07483 369 561**.

**Coffee Morning** - There will be a **coffee morning** in St. Bede's Room in St Godric's School following the Eucharistic Service which starts at 9.15 am on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January**. All proceeds are for Women in Need in India. Everyone is very welcome.

## Support Fund

The Parish Support Fund still continues to operate. Applications are welcome even if you have applied in the past. The procedure remains the same - applications to be sent to the Parish Secretary at [secretary.stjandstg@btconnect.com](mailto:secretary.stjandstg@btconnect.com) or addressed to her at the Parish Office, and you can contact her on the parish mobile **07391 529 827**. If any refugees from Ukraine come to live in our parish applications would be welcome from them.

**Warm Space at St. Joseph's** - We are very pleased to join the Gilesgate Warm Places list and will be opening the Jubilee Room at Joseph's Church on **Wednesdays** from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. All are welcome to pop in and share some warmth and company, with refreshments provided. Access is through the small gate near the presbytery not the main church door. (Pat Conway 07943016225).

Copies of the 'Gilesgate Warm Spaces Calendar of Events' for January can be found at the back of church.

**Prayer Cards** - upon the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI we have received a small number of prayer cards from the office of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales. These are available at the back of each church.



## Durham Martyrs Walking Group – January 2023

Our next walk will be a 4 to 5 mile stretch of the Lanchester Railway Path next **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>**, meeting at St. Joseph's car park at 10am to share transport.

A relatively short and gentle walk on flat well surfaced footpaths to get us started off in the New Year! Refreshment facilities available at end of walk. Gillian Macarthur has kindly agreed to lead this walk. Thank you, Gillian.

## Hospitality Provision - Sunday 11 am at St. Joseph's

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".

However, to provide hospitality after 11.00am Mass, we still need additional volunteers. Tea, coffee, biscuits etc. are provided and all you have to do is provide milk for the drinks.

Rather than run a rota, which we did previously, we are trialling a system where if you can help, you just put your names against the date on the flip chart which is in the porch. I am pleased to say that after announcing this last Sunday at Mass, we have already had some of the Sundays filled but there a still quite a few spaces left. Please can others volunteer for at least one Sunday over the forthcoming weeks.

It would be great to also see you for a cup of tea, coffee or hot chocolate after mass and there will also be juice for the children.



## TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL 200 CLUB

### Results – January 2023 Draw

<b>1<sup>st</sup> (£50)</b>	<b>No. 46</b>
Mrs. Sally Lynch	Sacred Heart & St. Cuthbert, Amble
Phil Sanderson	Parish of the Durham Martyrs
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> (£25)</b>	<b>No. 79</b>
Stephen Dunn	St. Mary's Bishop Auckland
Kath Kenny	St. Cuthbert's, North Shields

Thank you for your continued support.

#### Peace Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023

With war and conflict always in the news, it may seem to us that we are moving backwards in our efforts to bring peace and justice to our world. But in his message for the World Day of Peace Pope Francis urges us to keep going, to keep striving for peace and justice, to always say no to war and to the trade in weapons that fuel war. Let us pray today in the words of the Holy Father:

#### God, our Creator and Redeemer,

May we see the sorrow of war in the eyes of those who suffer and have known only violence in their lives.

Give us a voice for those who have no voice and are not heard; those who know that there is no tomorrow in war; and that the violence of weapons destroys both the beauty of creation and the joy of life.

That way, with your help, will we become true instruments of your peace. **Amen**

*[For further links and information go to [www.paxchristi.org.uk](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk)]*

From the Diocese

**Holocaust Memorial Evening - Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm**

St. Leonard's Catholic School, Durham, DH1 4NG

Booking essential: [https://bit.ly/DHN\\_HMD23](https://bit.ly/DHN_HMD23) or email:

[Interreligious.relations@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:Interreligious.relations@diocesehn.org.uk) Telephone: 0191 243 3316

See poster at the back of church.

### **Note from the Centre for Catholic Studies**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Catholic Theology Research Seminar (CTRS)**

**Dr Tia Noelle Pratt** (Villanova University), *Doing THE WORK: Anti-racism and the Catholic Church* joint seminar with St Cuthbert's Catholic Chaplaincy

5pm GMT, online

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January – CCS Book Launch, 5.30pm GMT, online**

An online celebration of the publication of: *Receptive Ecumenism as Transformative Ecclesial Learning: Walking the Way to a Church Re-formed*, edited by Paul D. Murray, Gregory Ryan, and Paul Lakeland. Paul and Greg will be joined by Linda Hogan (Trinity College Dublin) and Gabrielle Thomas (Candler School of Theology) to discuss the work. All are welcome to both of these online events. Please register for your free place on Eventbrite via <https://centreforcatholicstudies.eventbrite.com>

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following permanent vacancies:

**Cleaner, St Peter, Low Fell - 8 hours per week**

Closing date: 19 January

**Caretaker/Cleaner, Whitley Bay and North Shields – 11 hours per week**

Closing date: 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 330

Mass Intentions  for the Week

15<sup>th</sup> January 2023

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 14 January	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Ambrose Burnside Senior - Anniversary
Sunday 15 January	9.00am John Doyle Anniversary	11.00am In thanksgiving for all who care for the sick
Monday 16 January	NO MASS	NO MASS
Tuesday 17 January	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Chris Pownall	NO MASS
Wednesday 18 January	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Private Intention (M and T)
Thursday 19 January	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Bede Murray Anniversary	NO MASS
Friday 20 January	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Arthur Binks
Saturday 21 January	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Gareth McKenna
Sunday 22 January	9.00am David Elliot Birthday Remembrance	11.00am Bob Collinson Birthday Remembrance

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 15	Mon 16	Tue 17	Wed 18	Thurs 19	Fri 20	Sat 21	Sun 22
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm (Fr. Trevor)	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm (Fr. Trevor)	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm