

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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Sadly, Bernard Reid passed away last Monday morning after a long and brave struggle against illness. Bernard was a teacher by profession, but he was also a very committed parishioner. He was also an organist and was always more than happy to assist at Saturday evening Mass in particular if Mary Hammill or Paul Crilley, the regular organists, were unable to play. However, it was his overall obliging and friendly personality that we will all miss. He is now at peace with his brother, Fr. John, who died not so long ago. Our prayers are with Bernard's wife Yvonne and family.

We continue to emerge from the trauma of Covid and the devastating effects it has had on so many. Our confidence is still 60% that we're back to the way we were. Much needs to be done by way of rebuilding. Yes, variants of the virus may still be with us, and may always be, but life goes on and we need to continue rebuilding. New roles, new responsibilities are now part of that rebuilding. Altar servers, readers, Eucharistic Ministers are all needed again. Children's Liturgy in both churches need more volunteers too. We need more involvement from our growing international community. This last group is one of the very positive dimensions to our parish and contributes greatly to our growing congregations at weekends.

When we gather in October to review and plan, let's hope and pray that we will then do some real soul searching on how we as a vibrant parish can become even more so.

Feast Days

Monday, 28 th August	St. Augustine of Hippo Bp, D
Tuesday, 29 th August	The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Wednesday, 30 th August	St. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line MM and Margaret Ward, Virgin, M
Thursday, 31 st August	St. Aidan Bp, and the Saints of Lindisfarne

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Meg Dixon	Yvonne Reid
Joe Watson	Jared Howarth
Sheila Owen	Francesca Camilerni
Ken Riddle	Nicola Dawson
Breda Gallagher	Ian Hamilton
Marjorie Carey	Mary Williams
Monica O'Connor	

Anniversaries

Frank Turner	Mary Hammill



We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Bernard Reid who passed away this week. His Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on Thursday, 7th September at 1.30pm. *Requiescat in pace.*

Congratulations to Emily Tweddle and Anthony Kay, as they celebrate their marriage at St. Godric's Church on Saturday, 2nd September at 11.30am.



The family of the late Ken Herbert would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, flowers and kind messages of condolence received during their recent bereavement.

Thanks also to all who made a donation at the funeral. £250 has been sent to the RNIB in accordance with Ken's wishes.



Heritage Open Days at St. Godric's

This year, we are planning to open our lovely church to visitors from 11.00am until 2.00pm on five days:

Friday 8th September, Saturday 9th, Thursday 14th, Friday 15th and Saturday 16th.

We will offer all who call a warm welcome and the opportunity to learn about our history with the help of live guides, information sheets, quiz sheets for young and old and of course, refreshments!

None of this will be possible without your help which has been so generously provided on past occasions and for which we are appealing yet again! Can you spare even half an hour, can you provide refreshments, or serve them? No offers refused!

If you can help at all, please sign up on the sheets at the back of church or contact Kathleen on 07759130 837. THANK YOU in advance for any help you can provide!

Ushaw Viking Takeover weekend

BRAND NEW FOR 2023, join us during August Bank Holiday Weekend (**26, 27 & 28 August**) for Ushaw Viking Takeover! This weekend, the clarion call of the Ushaw Viking Takeover sounds! Will you heed it? Step into the sturdy leather boots of the legendary Norse warriors and shield-maidens.

Our Bounds Field will be home to a living history Viking village, with 120 Viking structures. Meet Vikings, get hands on and try out some heritage crafts including Blacksmithing, Bread making & immerse yourself in a key part of Viking culture by making your own mead. Taking place from **10am – 4pm** each day. Check the website to see the full programme of events under “What’s On” – www.ushaw.org Please be aware, we are operating a cashless system at Ushaw. We can accept cash if it is the correct amount – however, we are unable to handle change.

From the Centre for Catholic Studies

Please find below a link to register for an upcoming webinar hosted by Christopher Lamb from The Tablet, in which he invites four members of the Peter and Paul Seminar to speak about the findings of their project "Accountability in a Synodal Church" on September 13, 2023, at 5pm. In order to participate you *must* register, but be aware that there is **NO FEE**: the webinar is **free of charge**:
<https://www.thetablet.co.uk/events/214/tablet-event-a-synodal-church-needs-accountability>

Mass Intentions for the Week

27th August 2023

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 26 August		5.00pm Vigil Mass Ray Elliot Birthday Remembrance
Sunday 27 August	9.00am Joan and Bill Hamilton	11.00am Veronica and Eric Smith and Theresa and Charles Burnside
Monday 28 August	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 29 August	9.30am Exposition 10.00am Special Intention (BT, D)	NO MASS
Wednesday 30 August	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Betty Hannah
Thursday 31 August	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Margaret Rose Thompson	NO MASS
Friday 01 September	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Jerry O'Sullivan
Saturday 2 September	11.30am Wedding Service of Emily Tweddle and Anthony Kay	5.00pm Vigil Mass Ken Drane and Lily Parry Birthday Remembrance
Sunday 3 September	9.00am Special Intention (BT, A)	11.00am Fr. Colum Adamson

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 27	Mon 28	Tue 29	Wed 30	Thurs 31	Fri 01 September	Sat 2	Sun 3
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm