

***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> September 2024**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**

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(Please telephone Fr. Paul if you have someone in hospital)

**Laudate Deum prayer**

*A prayer inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation [Laudate Deum](#) released by Pope Francis on 4 October 2023.*

Laudate Deum,

O God we praise you, for the world sings of your infinite love.

Forgive us our failure to agree a way forward to protect this earth and our children's future.

For the way the powerful shelter behind their wealth,  
while the poorest people are disregarded and the earth is at breaking point.

Guide our leaders to set aside their own interests in the interest of us all  
and grant us all the courage to turn our concern into change.

Strengthen our faith and let us never lose hope  
so together we may rise up responding to the urgent call  
of your people and all creation.

Amen.

*Prayer: Catherine Gorman/CAFOD*

## Feast Days

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Monday, 16 September   | Ss. Cornelius Pp and Cyprian Bp, MM                                    |
| Tuesday, 17 September  | St. Robert Bellarmine Bp, D/St. Hildegard of Bingen V, D               |
| Thursday, 19 September | St. Theodore of Canterbury Bp, D/St. Januarius Bp, M                   |
| Friday, 20 September   | Ss. Andrew Kim, Paul Chong Hasang & Companions<br>(The Korean Martyrs) |
| Saturday, 21 September | St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist                                    |

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Brian Harland  | Tony Twomey     |
| Kitty Trainor  | Jared Howarth   |
| Ann Hourican   | Ian Hamilton    |
| Mary Armstrong | Ann Close       |
| Sheila Owens   | Margaret Graham |
|                |                 |

## Anniversaries:

|                |                        |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Carmel Nolan   | Arnold Shepherd        |
| Brian Fletcher | Anne-Margaret Hannigan |
| Peter Humble   | Billy Lee              |
| Jason Clough   |                        |
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**Sympathy** – we extend our sympathy to the families:

The family and friends of the late John Carter, whose Funeral Service will take place at St. Joseph's on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September at 12.00 noon, followed by cremation in Durham.

.... family and friends of the late Kevin Corrigan, whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am followed by burial in Belmont Cemetery.

....and also to the family and friends of the late John Wood, whose Funeral Service will take place at St. Joseph's on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October at 12.00pm, followed by cremation in Durham.

*Requiescant in pace.*

**Baptism** – we welcome into our parish community Henry George Cowell, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism after the 9.00am Mass at St. Godric's this Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September.



## Parish Baptism Programme

Our third and final programme of 2024 will take place at St. Joseph's on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October in the Jubilee Room, from 6.00-9.00pm.

All families wishing to have their child/children Baptised in the parish have to attend one of our Programmes.

If you would like to register your interest, please contact Marjorie.

## International Lunch

**This Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September**, we'll be having our next International Lunch of 2024. You are all welcome to attend it at St. Joseph's after the 10:30 am Mass. Feel free to bring some food to share and be ready to enjoy it with our lovely parish community.



## LAUDATO SI. & The Season of Creation

The next Meeting of our Laudato Si Group will take place in the Friary this Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> September at [7.00pm](#). New members will be most welcome.

Br. John

**DURHAM CLIMATE PILGRIMAGE** – Next Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 10.30pm - 1pm. This lovely event will include times of reflection, prayer and song along the river and culminate in an outdoor "Season of Creation Service" on Palace Green.

Link to join is here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/947993803987>

Everyone is welcome! (See poster)

## Fourth Option of Giving by Debit or Credit Card

The Parish is now in a position to introduce this Option and some support with the implementation of the Scheme would be helpful and appreciated

Either

- To be present at one of the three main weekend masses to check the set up and deal with queries

Or

- With some IT/Technology skills to help with the initial set up

If anyone is interested, please contact Tom Harrison - 07768 741177

**Missio APF/Mill Hill** collection for the month of September 2024 Ss. Godric and Bede - Red mission boxes for St. Bede's will be collected and emptied by sponsors in the usual way during September.

Please bring those for St. Godric's to Sunday Mass before the end of September.

A big thank you for your continued support and generosity.

St. Godric's is open for Heritage Open Days. It's one of our opportunities to invite in visitors and show ourselves as part of the larger community. If you can help, there are lists for volunteers at the back of both churches. We are open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday this week. Come and enjoy showing our lovely church to new people!



Also, a huge thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who gave (and are still giving) so generously of their time and talents through our Heritage Open Days. Those who prepared the flowers and church, those who greeted and helped our visitors, those who baked and contributed refreshments. The comments from our visitors let us know how much all your efforts were appreciated. **THANK YOU!**

### Durham Martyrs' Walking Group – September

Our next walk will take place this coming **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September**, led by Gillian Macarthur and will be a pleasant walk of approximately 4½ miles from Hawthorn Village, through the dene and along the coastal path.



The walk starts and ends at the Stapylton Arms village pub so there will be an opportunity for food / refreshments afterwards. It is suggested that as parking in the village is limited, we meet at St. Joseph's car park at 9.30am and arrange to share transport.



We are delighted to promote our first movie of the new season. Everyone is welcome to attend on 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the Jubilee Room. The film is "Perfect Days" (PG) the latest movie from the writer/director Wim Wenders. It is the story of a middle-aged man who lives a life of modesty and serenity,

spending his days balancing his job of cleaning toilets in Tokyo with his passion for music, literature and photography. As always, wine and light refreshments will be served.

Thank you for your many suggestions for future films. Our list is growing !  
The projector is now working clearly and it will be lovely to see you on 26th.  
Don't forget your cushions!



### SVP Fish and Chip Lunch



The members of the SVP would like to invite the elderly of the parish to a fish and chip lunch on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October.

If you wish to come, please put your name and contact telephone number on the sheet at the back of church, and tick the box if you require transport.

## Job Vacancies

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

**Deputy Director of Education** – Full-time, term-time. Closing date: 1<sup>st</sup> October.

**Property Surveyor** – Full-time, maternity cover. Closing date: 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

**Youth Safeguarding Adviser** – Full-time, 2-year fixed-term contract. 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

## 12km Sponsored Walk – Catholic Durham – Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September

Callum Simmons – a student at St. Leonard's School – is undertaking a sponsored walk to raise money for 'Operation Wallacea'.

This is a conservation charity and in July 2025 a number of students from St. Leonard's Sixth Form are taking part in this activity.

If you would like to sponsor the walk, you can speak to Callum who attends the Vigil Mass here at St. Joseph's, scan the QR code below, or go to his 'Just Giving' page at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/callum-simmons>



## Little Sisters of the Poor – Pie & Pea Supper

The Little Sisters of the Poor, Newcastle having a pie, pea and chip supper (vegetarians will be catered for) with bingo and raffle at St. Joseph's Home on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm in aid of the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's Home.

Tickets are £7, available from St Joseph's Home – 0191 273 1279.

## St. Joseph's Mass Time Change

Please note that the Friday Morning Mass  
scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> September  
has been moved to the earlier time of 9.00am

# Mass Intentions for the Week

15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

|                           | St Godric's   | St Joseph's  |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| Saturday<br>14 September  | NO MASS   | 5.00pm Vigil Mass<br>Ken Drane Anniversary<br>and David Adams Birthday Remembrance   |
| Sunday<br>15 September    | 9.00am<br>Special Intention (MT)<br>and Pauline Gilman 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary<br>3.00-4.00pm<br>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | 10.30am<br>Hugh Kielty   |
| Monday<br>16 September    | NO MASS   | 9.15am<br>Service of Word and holy Communion   |
| Tuesday<br>17 September   | 9.30am – Exposition<br>10.00am<br>Frank and Bernard McGoay  | NO MASS  |
| Wednesday<br>18 September | NO MASS   | 9.30am – Exposition<br>10.00am – Whole School Mass<br>Peter and Catherine McLoughlin |
| Thursday<br>19 September  | 9.30am – Exposition<br>10.00am<br>Deceased Priests of the Diocese   | 12.00pm<br>Funeral Service of the late John Carter                                   |
| Friday<br>20 September    | NO MASS   | 9.00am<br>David and Pam Neill  |
| Saturday<br>21 September  | NO MASS   | 5.00pm – Vigil Mass<br>Jack Flanagan<br>and Rita Ahmad Birthday Remembrance          |
| Sunday<br>22 September    | 9.00am<br>Helen Tumilty<br>and Nicholas Mascarenhas<br>3.00-4.00pm<br>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament                                 | 10.30am<br>Deceased members of the Binks and Thompson<br>Families                    |

## St. Cuthbert's

| Sun 15                | Mon 16  | Tue 17  | Wed 18 | Thurs 19 | Fri 20  | Sat 21 | Sun 22                |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|--------|----------|---------|--------|-----------------------|
| 10.00am and<br>6.30pm | NO MASS | 12.15pm | 7.00pm | 12.15pm  | 12.15pm | 9.15am | 10.00am and<br>6.30pm |