

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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Sunday, 22nd October 2023 – 29th Sunday of the Year
Parish Newsletter
World Mission Sunday

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Thanks again for your continued prayers for peace in the Middle East. Our gathering was small, but powerful last Sunday at St. Godric's. Pope Francis has asked for a day of prayer, fast and abstinence next Friday, 27th, for Peace. We're not forgetting Ukraine.

“Human beings suffer.
They torture one another.
They get hurt and they get hard.
No poem or play or song
Can fully right a wrong
Inflicted and endured.

History says, don't hope
On this side of the grave,
But then, once in a lifetime
The longed-for tidal wave
Of justice can rise up
And hope and history rhyme.

So hope for a great sea-change
On the far side of revenge.
Believe that a farther shore
Is reachable from here.
Believe in miracles
And cures and healing wells.

Call miracle self-healing,
 The utter self-revealing
 Double-take of feeling.
 If there's fire on the mountain
 And lightening and storm
 And a god speaks from the sky

That means someone is hearing
 The outcry and the birth-cry
 Of new life at its term.
 It means once in a lifetime
 That justice can rise up
 And hope and history rhyme”

Seamus Heaney
 The Cure at Troy: A Version of Sophocles' Philoctetes

Feast Days

Monday, 23 rd October	St. John of Capistrano P
Tuesday, 24 th October	St. Anthony Mary Claret Bp
Thursday, 26 th October	Ss. Chad and Cedd Bps
Saturday, 28 th October	Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles

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	Brian Harland
Tom Oliver	

Anniversaries

Claire Aylett	Joseph Hadfield



Funeral this week

The Funeral Service of the late Thomas (Tucker) Coulthard will take place on Wednesday, 25th October at 12.15pm in St. Joseph's, followed by cremation in Durham.

Eucharistic Services – Half Term

Eucharistic Services will be held during the school half term in St. Bede's Chapel at 9.15am on Monday October 23rd and Wednesday October 25th.

News from Ushaw

During the centuries when it was illegal to be Catholic in this country, priests were trained at the college in Douai in France. Many of them came back to England to serve the Catholic population and were martyred for the Catholic faith. Ushaw is the successor to the college at Douai, and an annual Mass to commemorate the Douai Martyrs has always been an important event in Ushaw's calendar.

The martyrs' feast day falls on 30th October, but this year Ushaw's annual Mass to honour the Douai Martyrs will be celebrated on Friday 3rd November at 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Admission is free.



My love and thanks to everyone for prayers, cards and kind wishes I received after my fall.

God Bless,
Monica O'Connor

Recycling Old Spectacles

Thanks to everyone who donated their old spectacles during our collection earlier in the year. 1,000 pairs have been delivered to Africa and Asia over the summer.

We are now collecting again, and the collection box can be found in St. Joseph's porch, but we don't want any spectacle cases! Thank you.

World Mission Sunday is celebrated today, Sunday, 22nd October

World Mission Sunday is one of only three Papal collections and has been specially chosen by the Holy Father to support the mission of the church in the world via Missio,

There will be a retiring collection and Missio Freepost envelopes are available at the back of church but if you prefer, you can also donate through Missio's secure website – www.mission.org.uk/wmsdonate

October is the month of the Holy Rosary, and as this is World Mission Sunday, you are all invited to pray the Rosary together at St Joseph's Church. We'll be praying the Glorious Mysteries for peace in the world **after the 11 am Mass**. We hope to see you there.



Durham Martyrs Walking Group – 28th October 2023

Our next walk will be a short route through Shincliffe Woods. The walk has one short incline and is approximately 3 miles in total with the option of a longer route of approximately 6 miles by beginning at St Joseph's car park and walking down Bent House Lane to Shincliffe.

For the longer route meet at St Joseph's Car Park at 10am. For the shorter route meet outside the Rose Tree Pub at 10.30am. (Car Parking is available close by on Farm Road DH1 3PJ next to Amaani Restaurant).

If you would like to join this walk, please let Marjorie know so we know who to expect and at which point you will be joining. (Walking Group members who have already responded to Whats App do not need to reply)



International Lunch

On Sunday 29th October we'll be having our second International Lunch of 2023. You are all welcome to attend it at St. Joseph's after the 11 am Mass.

Feel free to bring some food to share and be ready to enjoy it with our lovely parish community. For more information feel free to join the WhatsApp group <https://chat.whatsapp.com/CQvZ7yZUI8N2BaSgdf7W>

Save the Date – St. Leonard's School Advent Concert – 'O Radiant Dawn'
Thursday 21st December, 7.00pm
St. Joseph's Church, Gilesgate
See poster at the back of each church.

From the Centre for Catholic Studies

- Below are details about our upcoming Catholic Theology Research Seminar (CTRS) on the 9th November.

This will be held **online from 5pm**, with Cathleen Kaveny, the Darald and Juliet Libby Professor at Boston College, giving a paper entitled 'East of Eden - A Case against Nostalgia'. Please **use the link below to register**, and you will be emailed a link to join via Zoom.

<https://durhamuniversity.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJErcO-hrzguG908RCmvVCsVyzBa-MWlcabF>

- The next Ars Vivendi Arts online panel conversation is set to take place on Tuesday, October 24th from 12pm-1:30pm ET: [The Work of the Hands: The Ordinary & Divine in Contemporary Art](#).

It will feature four artists, working across four different mediums: Kara Patrowicz, Daniel Mitsui, Matilde Olivera, and Caleb Kortokrax. We'll explore the relationship, particularly in these traditional mediums, and historically religious forms, of the tactile, ordinariness of these materials, but the ways in which in the hands of an artist they are transformed into things of beauty and may even help us commune with the divine.

We will also engage the relationship between nature and beauty through these very earthly materials—wool, clay, stone, pigment, paper, vellum—and the ways that the embeddedness in the natural world speaks to a kind of sacramental imaginary, both in explicitly religious, but also less explicitly religious works. And our hope is to engage other artists like Gaudi, Warhol etc.

- **Two new podcasts from Christopher Lamb**

There are two new podcasts in The Church's Radical Reform by Christopher Lamb, which are available to listen to on Soundcloud:

[The Synod and Christian Unity](#)

The synod process has the potential to bring about greater unity among Christians, the incoming leader of Taizé has said ahead of ecumenical prayer vigil ahead of the synod meeting in Rome. Brother Matthew (Andrew Thorpe) is the first Anglican to be appointed Prior of the Ecumenical Christian monastic fraternity in France.

[How does the new Synod Process work?](#)

The October 2023 synod assembly in the Vatican is adopting a very different process to the one used by previous gatherings, which is demonstrated by the arrangement of round tables in the Pope Paul VI audience hall.

The sight of bishops and cardinals seated around tables with lay delegates is deliberate and designed to foster what Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich, the synod co-ordinator, described as "genuine sharing and authentic discernment".

Mass Intentions for the Week



22nd October 2023

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 21 October		5.00pm Vigil Mass Hannah Mary and Ken Drane and Belle Blakey
Sunday 22 October	9.00am The sick of the parish 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Claire Aylett Anniversary
Monday 23 October	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 24 October	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am In thanksgiving for Ashnel Oliver Vas' 1 st birthday celebration	NO MASS
Wednesday 25 October	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am - Peace in the Middle East 12.15pm Funeral Service of the late Thomas Coulthard
Thursday 26 October	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Teresa McBride Anniversary	NO MASS
Friday 27 October	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Peter and Catherine McLoughlin
Saturday 28 October	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Martin Ince RIP and Bill Ince Birthday Remembrance
Sunday 29 October	9.00am Susan Michiels Birthday Remembrance	11.00am The Baird Family and Austin Dobbie

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 22	Mon 23	Tue 24	Wed 25	Thurs 26	Fri 27	Sat 28	Sun 29
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	NO MASS	7.00pm	12.15pm	12,15pm	12.15pm	10.00am and 6.30pm