

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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Our recent Parish Council Meeting was a constructive and lively discussion on many aspects of parish life. From making all as welcome as possible to reception of Holy Communion under both kinds. The need for more volunteers is a constant. The very insightful point was made by one member that we can't return to pre-Covid days,

It simply will not happen. It was added that this didn't just apply to Church, but to every walk of life. "How Covid changed Religious Experience" by Dr. Joshua Edelman is worth Googling.

Alexander from Mexico, joined us for his first meeting as a new member. It was indeed good to have a representative of the growing international community present. We all agreed that greater regard needs to be given to important national religious celebrations of the various countries now attending our Masses. A bidding prayer on Sunday could be one way of recognising this. It was added how marvellous it always is to have intercessions in different languages, at Easter especially.

The replacement of Katie Flood as Youth Worker again came up.

We need to revisit an approach to how we welcome people to Mass. There is already in place a marvellous welcoming atmosphere in both our churches. Getting a balance and being sensitive to the small acts of kindness, building friendship with, bridging cultural and language differences, and ... knowing when to respect the need for privacy.

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A possible change of Mass time to our Sunday morning Mass at St. Joseph's was discussed. Is 11.00am too late? Children's Liturgy: we are delighted with how it's developing again. Thanks to our volunteers.

We had a good turnout for our Baptism Programme on Monday evening. Thanks again to our Baptism Team.



Prayer for Peace: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday, between 3 and 4pm, will be for peace in the Middle East. Do pop in, if only briefly, to join us in prayer and reflection.

There will also be a special Mass at 10.00am in St. Joseph's tomorrow morning, Saturday, 14th October.

Feast Days

Monday, 16 th October	St. Hedwig Rel/St Margaret Mary Alacoque V
Tuesday, 17 th October	St. Ignatius of Antioch Bp, M
Wednesday, 18 th October	St. Luke, Evangelist
Thursday, 19 th October	Ss. John de Brébeuf P, Isaac Jogues P & Companions MM, and St. Paul of the Cross P

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	Monica O'Connor

Anniversaries

Colin Wild	Ellen Fisher
Audrey Loughlin	Claire Aylett



Sympathy - we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the following recently deceased:

The late Henry Allott. His Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, 19th October at 10.15am in St. Joseph's Church, followed by cremation in Durham.

..to Cynthia Dunn and family on the sad loss of her father, Thomas (Tucker) Coulthard. His Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday, 25th October at 12.15pm in St. Joseph's, followed by cremation in Durham.

.. to the family and friends of Pearl McGrath on the loss of her mother, Kathleen Garbutt.

..also, to Dave Edwards (ex-Chair of Governors at St. Joseph's School), on the loss of his brother Paul.

..and to the family and friends of Sarah Nurowski, who passed away during the week.

Requiescant in Pace



Holy Baptism

We welcome into our Parish community Arthur Isaac Henderson, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism after the 9.00am Mass at St. Godric's Church this Sunday, 15th October.



Message from St. Joseph's Mini Vinnies Last year, one of the ways we 'turned our concern into action' was to support the work of Sanctuary 21 in Durham. Sanctuary 21 supports those who are vulnerable and homeless around the city, and we were really pleased to be able to visit them at the end of term with a donation that would fund lots of hot meals for people using the service.

This term we have decided to collect donations of men's and women's toiletries, warm socks and gloves. Donations can be handed into school at the main office. As always, we are grateful for your help.

Many thanks Elodie, Ava, Isabelle, Emily, Tiarna, Huey and Ashton on behalf of St. Joseph's Mini Vinnies.



There will be a coffee morning on **Monday 16th October** which will take place immediately after the 9.15am Service of the Word and Holy Communion in St. Bede's Room in St. Godric's School. All proceeds are for Women in Need in India. Everyone is very welcome.

Volunteers wanted for Durham StreetLights - Durham StreetLights is a group of volunteers, from many different churches, who go out into the city to show the love of Jesus by caring for people and helping them have a safe night out. Without discrimination, we offer practical support in any way we can. Our presence can take some pressure off the door staff and emergency services, who we work closely with, and refer on to when needed. We seek to make our city a safer place through being a visible presence on the streets. We do this because everyone has worth and value as we are all loved by Jesus. We go out in God's strength and surrounded by prayer.

Durham StreetLights started in 2010, and since then StreetLights volunteers have given a helping hand to hundreds of people out in Durham city centre, handed out dozens of flip flops and moved thousands of glass bottles out of harm's way. Nothing we have done could have happened without the commitment of volunteers, willingly giving up their warm beds to make their city a safer and happier place. To find out more information about supporting or volunteering, please contact Br. John Cavanagh on jfcavcap42@gmail.com

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.

World Mission Sunday is celebrated next Sunday, 22nd October
It is hoped to organise a Rosary following our 11.00am Mass.

There will also be a retiring collection and if you prefer, you can also donate through Missio's secure website. Details next week.

International Lunch

Following the success of the previous lunch, there will be another International Lunch at St. Joseph's on Sunday, 29th October, to be held in the Jubilee Room. Please contact Violeta on mivilado@hotmail.com for further information,

Calling all parish musicians - a workshop with Will Todd to learn his Mass setting, *Gaudete*. A free event open to all within the diocese - registration necessary.

Sunday 12th November, St Joseph's Catholic Academy (Main Hall), Mill Lane, Hebburn, NE31 2ET, 2:30-4.30pm.

Please see the poster at the back of church for details of this event to which everyone is very welcome to attend. *Gaudete* is a new Mass setting commissioned by the Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust and is being made available for use in all parishes across our diocese. *Gaudete* will appeal to schools and parishes alike; it is tuneful and accessible and comes with a range of musical resources - including backing tracks for those parishes without many incumbent musicians. At the same time, it comes with both a melody and 3-part choir arrangement for the more musically ambitious parishes.

The afternoon workshop will be led by the composer Will Todd, and it will consist of a learning session followed by a chance to meet/socialise with musicians from other parishes across the diocese. There will be an opportunity to learn the choral parts, or just sing along with the melody.

Find out more about the composer at <https://willtodd.co.uk/>. You may have already attended one of Will's very popular workshops and singing days, or community events such as 'The Great Northeast Passion' in South Shields. Either way this promises to be a fun and rewarding afternoon.

Entry is free - with a retiring collection - but this event is likely to be popular and registration is vital. To register places please follow this [link](#) or scan the QR code on the poster. If you have any questions about the event please contact the Diocesan Church Music Association at dcma@diocesehn.org.uk. We look forward to seeing you there!

From the Centre for Catholic Studies

Book Launch - Prof Mathew Guest's 'Neoliberal Religion'

Tickets are still available for the CCS's upcoming online book launch for Prof Mathew Guest's 'Neoliberal Religion'.

At this celebratory launch event, Prof John Barclay (Lightfoot Professor of Divinity, Durham University), Prof Linda Woodhead (King's College, London) and Dr Tricia Bruce (University of Notre Dame) will be in conversation with the author Prof. Mathew Guest (Professor in the Sociology of Religion, Durham University).

The event takes place at **5.30pm on Monday 16th October via Zoom**. You will receive a link to join once you have registered at the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/neoliberal-religion-ccs-book-launch-series-tickets-719627454087>

Change of Mass Time – St. Joseph's

Please note that the 10.00am Friday morning Mass at St. Joseph's
scheduled for 20th October.
has now been moved to the earlier time of 9.00am

Mass Intentions for the Week

15th October 2023

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 14 October		10.00am Peace in the Middle East 5.00pm Vigil Mass Philip Gibson Birthday Remembrance
Sunday 15 October	9.00am Victims of war and persecution 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Deceased priests of the Diocese
Monday 16 October	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 17 October	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Rita Stephenson and Colin Wild Anniversary	6.00pm St. Leonards Yr. 6 Mass of Welcome
Wednesday 18 October	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am World Peace
Thursday 19 October	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Tony Grant	10.15am Funeral Service of the late Henry Allott
Friday 20 October	NO MASS	9.00am Vocations to the Priesthood
Saturday 21 October	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Hannah Mary and Ken Drane and Belle Blakey
Sunday 22 October	9.00am The sick of the Parish	11.00am Claire Aylett Anniversary

St. Cuthbert's

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

