

***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 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year  
A Day of Special Prayer for Seafarers  
Parish Newsletter

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We had a good parish meeting last Saturday. It was very productive with specific actions outlined. The notes from the meeting are included inside this newsletter.

Sadly, we lost a great pastoral priest this week with the death of Fr. Cornelius O'Connor. Affectionally known as Nelius, he hailed from Co. Kerry and life outside the Diocese revolved around his family and friends.

His connections throughout the Diocese were many. A regular telephone caller, he always loved to know how you were, and what was going on, regularly returning to his old parishes for funerals. Perhaps his unique gifts were his work as a hospital chaplain. He would literally storm a ward greeting all and sundry, irrespective of denomination. Sensitive by nature, he could be outspoken and didn't suffer fools gladly.

A keen golfer, he never lost his love of Gaelic football. May he rest in peace.

Can I remind all who are enrolling on the course for readers that the parish will cover the cost.

## Feast Days

Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> July	St. Bonaventure Bp, D
Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Saturday, 20 <sup>th</sup> July	St. Apollinaris Bp, M

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Brian Harland	Tony Twomey
Kitty Trainor	Jared Howarth
Ann Hourican	Ian Hamilton
Mary Armstrong	Ann Close

## Anniversaries

Frederick Locke	Teresa O’Sullivan
John Finn	Marie Taylor
Charles Harrison	Mary Pattison
Veronica Lewis	

### Cancellation of Eucharistic Services – St. Joseph’s

The scheduled Services of Word and Holy Communion on Mondays at St. Joseph’s will not take place during the month of August. The last one will be Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> July and will re-start on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 9.15am.

### Retiring Collection

This Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> July, is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need.

Should you wish to donate you can use one of the envelopes which will be at the back of church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting ‘SEA’ to 70460 to donate £5. Thank you.



Thank you to everybody in the parish who has supported our family during this difficult time, and especially to those who donated at the end of the funeral. In addition to those donations online, a collection of £460 has been sent to Cancer Research UK. We are all very grateful. Matthew, Joseph, Lucy and Jenny Grehan-Bradley.

## Recent I.T Problems

This past week, we have had no landline, nor parish email since Tuesday lunchtime. The landline has now been restored, but not as yet the parish email.

In the meantime, if you need to email Marjorie, please use: [durhammartyrs@outlook.com](mailto:durhammartyrs@outlook.com) Once the original email has been restored, we will let you know.



### Durham Martyrs Walking Group – July 2024

Our next walk will be a lovely six-mile scenic walk starting and finishing in the village of Osmotherly on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July**.

The walk is on well surfaced tracks and road and provides beautiful views of the surrounding countryside. There are a couple of inclines on the route, one of about 400ft and the other 150ft. The village offers a choice of pubs and cafes for food and refreshment at the end of the walk which takes approximately three hours including a refreshment / snack break.

We will leave Durham at 9.30am and it is essential to know **not later than 16<sup>th</sup> July** who plans to join this walk so that we can arrange to share transport. (Approximately 45min journey each way). Please contact Peter Thompson 07721 056 260 or leave a message on the Walking Group What's App if you plan to attend.



## TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL 200 CLUB RESULTS – July 2024

<b>1<sup>st</sup> (£50)</b>	<b>No. 109</b>
<b>Trevor Gaze</b>	<b>Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw</b>
<b>Catherine Rowe</b>	<b>Tynemouth Priory - St. Edwards, Whitley Bay</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> (£25)</b>	<b>No. 167</b>
<b>Teresa Brooks</b>	<b>St. Joseph's, Birtley</b>
<b>Anthony Crilley</b>	<b>Parish of the Durham Martyrs - St. Joseph's</b>
<b>Kathleen McKie</b>	<b>St. Charles, Gosforth</b>

*With many thanks for your continued support*



Happy Birthday and congratulations to Fred Haywood on the occasion of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this week. Fred was our parish Treasurer and had been President and also Treasurer of the SVP for many years. He retired a couple of years ago to Middlesbrough with his wife Helen.

## Sacrament of Confirmation

Young people in school year 9 and upwards are eligible to prepare in their local parish to complete their initiation as members of the Church by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Pope Francis has told young people, “You can be witnesses of the Gospel, carrying to this world a ray of God’s light”. Preparation for the Sacrament is offered to our young people by volunteer catechists in each parish.

If your son or daughter wishes to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, or if you are interested in becoming a catechist, please contact your local parish priest or Fr. Andrew Downie, the Dean of the Finchale Partnership, on [parish.priest@stcuthberts-durham.org.uk](mailto:parish.priest@stcuthberts-durham.org.uk) or (0191) 3843442.



## Liturgy Day for Readers and the New Lectionary

The Diocesan Liturgical Formation team are running a day for readers of all levels of experience to explore the new translation of the Lectionary on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November at St. Augustine, Darlington, DL3 7RG**. This day will provide an opportunity to look at the background of the new Lectionary and to be ready to proclaim the Scriptures. For more information and to book, please visit: [bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents](http://bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents). Details of other Liturgy days are also available on the Diocesan website.

You can also make your booking through Marjorie. Please let her know if you wish to attend. Alternatively, if you wish to book online, could you also let Marjorie know, so that we have a complete list of attendees.

**Please note that the parish will pay for your attendance.** If you have booked independently and have already made a payment, please let Marjorie know and she will arrange to reimburse you.

## Donation of old spectacles

Thank you to everyone who has donated their old spectacles to our recent appeals. There will be no more collections until October, but your contribution has allowed thousands of spectacles to be sent where there is most need.

## Cancellation of Mass Time – St. Joseph’s

Please note that the Friday morning Mass scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> July has been moved to the earlier time of 9.00am

## **New wine into new skins focus group discussion – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

In response to the open invitations to all parishioners, five group discussions have taken place, led by Fr. John O'Brien. These gatherings have focussed on sharing current feelings about parish life and about living in the here and now, to create the best of times. This reflection phase is now complete, and it is time to share the ideas for future action that have emerged in four overlapping themes.

### **1. Community of welcome**

- a. To move to a new level of welcome that can be felt.
- b. Foster inclusivity by acknowledging each other, making space in the pew, and warmly greeting returning parishioners, new parish members and visitors.
- c. Encourage cultural understanding and identity sharing within our current parish groups and services.
- d. Proactively identify and address barriers to inclusion and take responsibility to overcome them in the moment.
- e. Embrace opportunities to express our faith as missionary disciples during baptisms, first holy communions, confirmations, weddings, and funerals, where visitors and returning Catholics come to services.

### **2. Outreach to Youth**

- a. Develop a fresh approach to engaging your people (age 10-25).
- b. Demonstrate the relevance and personal meaning of our faith in their lives.
- c. Support them in overcoming challenges and seizing new opportunities in their journey for truth and happiness.

### **3. Social celebration as a parish community**

- a. Establish a framework of community celebrations tied to established Catholic festivals and individual or family milestones.
- b. These could be significant individual anniversaries or achievements, or world, national or cultural events.

### **4. Structure and communication**

- a. Develop clear communication channels to showcase our activities and facilitate participation.
- b. Utilise web-based platforms, posters, banners, letterbox leaflets, engagement with local schools, businesses, and other faith groups.
- c. Empower the Parish Council to adapt existing support structures and create four new groups centred around these themes.
- d. Recruit volunteers to champion each of these initiatives.

This is our challenge. The Roman Catholic Church and our diverse community stand at a crossroads. It's time for our parish to build new bridges, to share our faith and our values and allow the radiant light of the Holy Spirit to illuminate our interactions and guide us forward.

# Mass Intentions for the Week

14<sup>th</sup> July 2024

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 13 July		5.00pm Vigil Mass David Adams Anniversary, Peter Reid, and Anthony Farmer
Sunday 14 July	9.00am John Finn, a Special Intention (MT), and Veronica Lewis 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Norman and Alec Wright, and Bryan Moran
Monday 15 July	NO MASS	9.15 am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 16 July	10.00am Charles Harrison	NO MASS
Wednesday 17 July	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am A Private Intention (BH)
Thursday 18 July	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Helen Tumilty	NO MASS
Friday 19 July	NO MASS	9.00am Special Intention (IR)
Saturday 20 July	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Moira Birney, David Elliot Anniversary, and in thanksgiving for a Golden Wedding (D & A)
Sunday 21 July	9.00am Bridget Grehan-Bradley	10.30am Brian O'Connor, and Henry Allot Wedding Anniversary Remembrance

## St. Cuthbert's

Sun 14	Mon 15	Tue 16	Wed 17	Thurs 18	Fri 19	Sat 20	Sun 21
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	7.00pm	9.15am	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm