

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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The Old Woman - A Poem by Caryll Houselander

The old woman, who nods by the Altar,
is plain and ill shapen
and her clothes musty.
She thinks her life useless.
She has scrubbed many floors,
And always she did it, mostly
for God's glory;
but never with the vision
that makes the work easy.

She is changed to dull copper
by the light of the candles,
lit at the feet of the saints
by the children.
She is twisted and ugly,
like an old apple tree
that long has forgotten
the sweetness of blossom,
and fruit in the sunlight.
Old black bark
of a tree that is leafless.

She knows that the priest,
with eyes averted,
thinks her a nuisance;
garrulous, tedious,
talking of rheumatics.
The middle-aged mystics pass her with pity.

She fumbles her Rosary and mumbles “Hail Marys”
with tongue that is garrulous
and mind that is drowsy.
“What shall I do?”
She thinks very dully,
“When my rheumatics keep me indoors?
never any more in the kind courts of Heaven
to sit in a corner, content to be nothing.”

And Christ, in the silence
in the silence of twilight,
with still voice of silver
unheeded answers:
“I will find my Beloved,
the whiteness of blossom,
the young boughs laden.
Sap in the branches,
The azure above her.

I will find my beloved
when all the leaves singing,
are voices of birds
In my Father’s keeping.
The sap in the branches,
the young boughs laden,
and my hand beneath her,
and my heart above her.”

Feast Days

Saturday, 11 th February	Our Lady of Lourdes
Tuesday, 14 th February	Ss. Cyril, Monk & Methodius Bp – Patrons of Europe
Friday, 17 th February	Seven Founders of the Servite Order Rel

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Meg Dixon	George Parry
Ken Riddle	Jared Howarth
Liz Murray	Francesca Camilerni
Ken Herbert	Mary Crilly
John McMahon	Bernard and Yvonne Reid

Anniversaries:

Noel Reid	Betty Larmour
John Carroll	Hannah Mary Drane
Sharon Henderson	Norman Wright



Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to the families and friends of the following parishioners:

Kieron Shaw, whose Funeral Service will take place at **St. Godric's** on **Tuesday, 14th February at 12.00 noon.**

Fiona Hunter, whose Funeral Service will take place at **St. Godric's** on **Thursday, 16th February at 11.30am**, followed by burial in South Road Cemetery, Durham.

Anne Richardson, whose Requiem Mass will take place at **St. Godric's** on **Thursday, 23rd February at 10.00am** followed by burial in South Road Cemetery at 11.30am.

Emily Gibbons, whose Funeral Service will take place on **Friday, 24th February at 11.00am** (not 12.00pm as previously noted) in **St. Joseph's** followed by cremation in Durham.

Requiescant in pace.

Baptism Programme

The Spring Baptism Programme will take place on Monday, 20th March from 6.00pm-9.00pm in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's Church. Please contact Marjorie in the first instance, and she will send you a Registration Form.



Lenten Soup Lunches, St. Joseph's

A Soup Lunch will be provided at St. Joseph's each Friday during Lent. The dates are 24th February, 3rd March, 10th March, 17th March, 24th March and 31st March.

If you or your group would like to host a lunch, please contact Marjorie or Joanna Pallister.

Drop-in Centre at St. Joseph's - All are welcome to pop in on **Wednesdays** from **2.00pm to 4.00pm** in and share some warmth and company, with refreshments provided. Access is through the small gate near the presbytery not the main church door. (Pat Conway 07943016225).



Durham Martyrs' Walking Group

Our next walk will be Shincliffe Bridge Circular Walk on **Saturday 18th February**, meeting at St. Joseph's car park and setting off at 10am.

We will walk from the church down to Old Durham and along well surfaced pathways and riverside footpaths to Shincliffe Bridge then returning via Maiden Castle along the opposite side of the river then Gilesgate bank with potential for refreshment stop at Gilesgate and back to the start. Estimated distance 5-6miles.

Justice and Peace Update

Many thanks to all who were able to attend our recent CAFOD event.

'A food system based on responsibility, justice peace and unity of the human family is paramount' Pope Francis.

We were delighted that Mark Maughan was able to come and present the workshop 'Fix The Food System' We learned some very interesting information about world food production and some of the problems growers face. Also, some of the possible solutions. We were delighted to welcome some sixth formers from St Leonard's who made useful contributions. As CAFOD intend to progress with this campaign we hope to have another event later in the Spring when we may be able to use our knowledge to help us act in the campaign.

Below is an update relating to the current very recent disaster in Turkey and Syria. Cafod already had people on the ground in Turkey and Syria. This is what they say:

CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

From the Diocese

Holy Island SVP Vinnie Camp 2023

Are you interested in your child having a holiday in 2023? Let them join us for a week on Holy Island. They'll stay in our Centre and be looked after by DBS checked and trained helpers who will ensure they have a safe, fun time. We do lots of interesting and enjoyable activities such as rock pooling, longball, football, rounders, walking, craft and art, table tennis, long ball, Quizzes and competitions and marathons as well as laser tag, silly sports, sand castle building, swimming and scavenger hunts. Girls and boys can be aged 9-12 and it is a great way for them to meet new people and make friends from all over the North-East. A week's all-inclusive holiday costs £150 and can be paid in instalments. In some circumstances children may be able to receive partial or full funding to attend. If you're interested, or know of a child who could benefit from such a holiday, please visit our website for further details at <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island> Applications open from 10th February 2023.

SVP Job Vacancy

St Vincent de Paul Society (England & Wales) are seeking a Support Centre Manager in Newcastle upon Tyne.

View full job details and apply here: <http://ow.ly/TQc150MKoOi>

Closing date for applications is Friday 17th February.

Centre for Catholic Studies

The Centre for Catholic Studies (CCS) are seeking to appoint a part-time Administrator, 21 hours per week, whose work will focus on CCS events and communications.

Full details and be accessed at [Job Description - CCS Administrator \(22001983\) \(taleo.net\)](#) The closing date for applications is midnight on Monday 20th February.

Ushaw Lecture Series: Inaugural Judeo-Christian Lecture

Tuesday 21st February, at Ushaw DH7 9RH. 6.00pm lecture, with drinks reception from 5.30pm

Prof. Daniel Langton (University of Manchester), *Darwin's Jews: Evolutionary Theory, Jewish Thought and Interfaith Relations*

All are welcome! Please register via <https://centreforcatholicstudies.eventbrite.com>

Lenten Reflections

Ash Wednesday is fast approaching and [CAFOD \(Catholic Agency for Overseas Development\)](#) would like to invite you to join us as we seek to make space and time to draw closer to God and our global family through reflection and prayer this Lent.

Each day in our emails we will share a reflection on one of the readings of the day, stories of our global family, a prayer and a suggested action you might like to take as we prepare for Easter.

Join us on this journey by signing up for our daily Lent emails.

[Sign up now.](#)

Lenten Alms – St. Cuthbert’s Care - A note from Moira Ashman, CEO

This Lent, we hope to call upon your generosity once again to help us raise funds to purchase a small vehicle across our two nursing homes. Your continued support allows us to offer the little extras that mean the world to our residents – for this I am deeply grateful. Thank you. We currently have vacancies at our two nursing homes in Newcastle and Sunderland. If you or anyone you know would like more information, please contact Gill Ennis, our registered manager, on 07779 248 185 and she will be delighted to help.

For information on the work of St. Cuthbert’s Care please visit: www.stcuthbertscare.org.uk

Minsteracres Retreat Centre Event

Estelle White – “Sing a New Song to the Lord”

You will be introduced to the timeless work of North-East based Estelle White, exploring the woman, her music and her life in the contemporary significance of her hymns. This will be led by Veronica Whitty on Saturday, 29th April from 10.00am-4.00pm

Suggested donation £35.

For information and booking visit www.minsteracres.org or call Cath Manley on 01434 673248, or email info@minsteracres.org

Mass Intentions for the Week

12th February 2023

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 11 February	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Diana Kell (Illness)
Sunday 12 February	9.00am The Young Family	11.00am Hannah Mary Drane
Monday 13 February	NO MASS	NO MASS
Tuesday 14 February	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am - Michael Grogan 12.00pm Funeral Service of Kieron Shaw	NO MASS
Wednesday 15 February	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Norman Wright
Thursday 16 February	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am In thanksgiving (DF) 11.30am Funeral Service of Fiona Hunter	NO MASS
Friday 17 February	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Michael Cullinane and Robert Peverall
Saturday 18 February	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass David Adams
Sunday 19 February	9.00am The Richardson Family	11.00am Alf Carr Anniversary

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 12	Mon 13	Tue 14	Wed 15	Thurs 16	Fri 17	Sat 18	Sun 19
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm