

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 **Sunday 25th May – 6th Sunday of Easter**

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(Please telephone the Chaplain if you have someone in hospital who would like a visit)

For bereavement support, please contact the Parish Secretary

Last Monday's concert at St Godric's was a great success. Music and stories. Our thanks to Paul Martin and Team for giving their time and talents, and raising over £450 for the Durham Food Bank.

Memories of that unique occasion when, as parish and School, we celebrated Mass at Finchale Abbey, came flooding back.

Events coming soon are the Anniversary Mass at the St. Mary's Cathedral to celebrate 10 years of Laudato Si, and the annual procession of the Blessed Sacrament at Ushaw College. (Times and dates in bulletin). A prayer commemorating Laudato Si is in this bulletin also.

"Rainforest destruction, primarily through deforestation, is a serious issue with far-reaching consequences. In the last 50 years, roughly one-third of tropical rainforests have been lost, with an estimated 6 million hectares deforested annually.

The primary drivers include logging, agriculture, cattle ranching, mining, and infrastructure development. These activities not only result in habitat loss for countless species but also contribute to climate change, impacting ecosystems and global temperatures. "

Feast Days

Monday, 26 th May	St. Philip Neri P
Tuesday, 27 th May	St. Augustine of Canterbury Bp
Thursday, 29 th May	The Ascension of The Lord
Saturday, 31 st May	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Kitty Trainor	Ann Close
Veronica O'Reilly	Mary Armstrong
Sheila Owens	Margaret Nancarrow
Freda March	Ann Childs
Rita Harrison	Michael Stoker
Danny McCann	Liz Murray
Syd Inglis	

Anniversaries

Christina Taylor	Jack Wressell
Jake Thompson	Theresa Pallister
Matt Pallister Senior	



Forthcoming Funerals

28th May – Requiem Mass of the late Christopher Godbolt, St. Joseph's Church at 11.30am

30th May – Requiem Mass of the late Frances Openshaw, St. Godric's Church at 12.00noon.



We welcome into our Parish Community Albie Paul Anthony Watson, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism after the 10.30am Mass at St. Joseph's this Sunday, 25th May.

Eucharistic Services Cancelled

Please note that during half term week next week, there **will not be** any Eucharistic Services held in St. Godric's School.

Holy Day of Obligation - The Ascension of The Lord, Thursday, 29th May
Parish Masses are – 10.00am at St. Godric's and 7.00pm at St. Joseph's

School News from our Primary Schools

St. Thomas More, St. Joseph's and St. Godric's:

As we continue to prepare our year 4 children to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist, we would like to invite parishioners to be a Parish Prayer Sponsor - supporting us on our journey of faith. Find our displays at the back of St. Godric's Church and St. Joseph's Church.

St. Thomas More Primary School

We would like to invite all our families, and parishioners, to join us in celebrating St. Thomas More's Feast Day on Sunday 22nd June. Our children will help lead this Mass, please come along if you can.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection **next weekend 31st May/1st June** for World Communications Day.



Summer Parish Baptism Programme

Please note the date and time of the Summer Programme:
Monday 30th June, 6pm - 9pm, Jubilee Room, St Joseph's Church.

If you would like to attend prior to having your child/children baptised in the parish, please contact Marjorie in the first instance for a Registration Form.

Laudato Si' Week – 24th -31st May

Laudato Si' Mass

Bishop Stephen will celebrate Mass at 10.00am at St Mary's Cathedral tomorrow, Saturday 24th May to celebrate 10 years since the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical – Laudato Si'.

All are welcome to attend this Mass which marks the start of Laudato Si' week. More information on the Diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/laudato-si-week-2025-mass/>

See over for Pope Francis' Prayer

Pope Francis: A prayer for our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
For justice, love and peace.

Save the Date

(1) Brass Band Concert

Durham University Brass Band will be holding their Summer Concert in St. Godric's Church on **Saturday afternoon 21st June**. Further details to follow but tickets can be purchased at the door on the afternoon.

(2) Saturday, 6th September at 7.30pm – a candle-lit fundraising concert at St. Godric's, given by the St. Godric's Choir and soloists, in aid of the new Mass Books. More details and tickets will be available soon.

Corpus Christi: Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Ushaw

On Sunday 22nd June, Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Bishop Stephen Wright, and starting at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Chapel.

Weather permitting, the procession will go through Ushaw's gardens, returning to the Chapel for Benediction.

Teas and coffees will be available after the service. You do not need a ticket for this event, but please sign up on the sheet available at the back of church, to help Ushaw to estimate numbers. Please indicate if you are bringing a car: this will help Ushaw to manage car parking requirements.

From the Diocese

National Churches Trust

The National Churches Trust (NCT) have launched a survey to better understand the challenges that churches face, and to highlight the vital work our churches do. This survey has the support of denominations, faith, and heritage groups across the country and we encourage you to take part.

The survey is live from 6 May – 30 June.

Your response will provide essential evidence to build a clearer picture – to tell a stronger, more informed story about your church, and others like it, so that together some of the biggest challenges facing churches can be addressed and help ensure their future. The survey can be found here: www.nationalchurchestrust.org/survey

Durham Churches Together

This year's AGM will be held on **Thursday, 12th June** from 7.00pm-8.30pm at Waddington Street United Reformed Church.

Refreshments will be served and all are welcome to attend.

Mass Intentions for the Week

25th May 2025

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 24 May	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Maureen Price
Sunday 25 May	9.00am Bridget Grehan-Bradley First Anniversary 3.00-4.00pm - Exposition	10.30am Brian O'Connor, Hugh Clark and Richard Harrison
Monday 26 May	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 27 May	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Teresa McBride, and Timothy Caulfield	
Wednesday 28 May	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 11.30am – Requiem Mass of the late Christopher Godbolt
Thursday 29 May ASCENSION OF THE LORD	9.30am- Exposition 10.00am Ascension Mass	7.00pm Ascension Mass
Friday 30 May	12.00pm Requiem Mass of the late Frances Openshaw	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am World Peace
Saturday 31 May	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Belle Blakey and Pio Mangion
Sunday 1 June 7 th Sunday of Easter	9.00am Margaret Robinson	10.30am Rev. Colum Adamson, and Marie Barnes

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 25	Mon 26	Tue 27	Wed 21	Thurs 22	Fri 23	Sat 24	Sun 25
10.00am and 6.30pm	No Mass	6.30pm	7.00pm (Vigil of the Ascension)	12.15pm (Feast of the Ascension)	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm