

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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What a late surprise this weather has provided! Do keep an eye to the vulnerable living alone. Every second Tuesday a film is shown with a religious and especially penitential theme. These lead to the last Tuesday of Lent to a Service of Reconciliation, which will be held at St. Godric's in Holy Week. Joined with Br. John's Prayer reflections, we should be well prepared.

Our prayers and best wishes to Miss Haggart who has resigned as Head at St. Joseph's. In thanking her for her commitment to St. Joseph's, in particular to children with special needs, I wish her every success in the next phase of her career.

The regulations of Communion under both kinds are changing, so can I request Ministers of Holy Communion to let me know your availability. I will keep you updated, especially if you are uncomfortable with it. Rotas will need preparation, i.e. an hour of input. Thanks again.

An excerpt from "The Cure at Troy" **Seamus Heaney**

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

Continued over/....

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 further shore
 Is reachable from here.
 Believe in miracle
 And cures and healing wells.

Feast Days

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| Friday, 17 th March | St. Patrick, Apostle of Ireland |
| Saturday, 18 th March | St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary |

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



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| Meg Dixon | Bernard and Yvonne Reid |
| Ken Riddle | Jared Howarth |
| Liz Murray | Francesca Camilerni |
| Lorraine Scullion | John McMahon |
| Sheila Owen | |

Anniversaries:

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| Helen Avery | Nellie Stoker |
| Jane Carter | Mary Hughes |
| John Morgan | Jim Pickering |
| Nancy Howes | Victoria Garnham |



Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Sheila Marie Wilkinson, whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on **Thursday, 23rd March at 10.00am** followed by cremation in Durham. *Requiescat in pace.*



– we welcome into our parish community Sadie Mae Russell who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday, 12th March, after the 11.00am Mass at St. Joseph’s.

*The
Season
of
Lent*



Lenten Meetings at St. Francis Friary. DH1 4RD

The third of the Lenten Meetings, takes place on Monday, 13th March at 7.00pm. The theme for the series is: 'Prayer in our daily lives'. The sessions will comprise reflections and sharings on various aspects of Christian Prayer along with a friendly cup of tea. All are welcome.

Eucharistic Services during Lent – there will be a Eucharistic Service every Monday and Wednesday in **St. Bede’s Chapel in St. Godric’s School** at 9.15am until Easter, and also every Monday during Lent at 9.15am in **St. Joseph’s** .

Stations of the Cross - The Stations have been shared between our two churches – details below. They will commence at 7.00pm each Friday evening.

| Date | Group | Church |
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| 10 th March | Inclusive Group (Memory Café) | St. Godric’s |
| 17 th March | SVP | St. Joseph’s |
| 24 th March | The Parish Council | St. Godric’s |
| 31 st March | Justice and Peace | St. Joseph’s |

Lenten Soup Lunches, St. Joseph’s – Thanks to everyone who has offered to host the Lenten Lunches.

10th March – Justice and Peace

17th March – SVP

24th March – Durham Foodbank

31st March – Homelessness/Sanctuary 21

Easter Services/Masses

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| Thursday, 6 th April | Mass of the Lord's Supper | St. Godric's, 7.00pm |
| Friday, 7 th April | The Passion of the Lord | St. Joseph's, 3.00pm |
| Saturday, 8 th April | Holy Saturday Easter Vigil | St. Joseph's, 7.00pm |
| Sunday, 9 th April | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord | St. Godric's, 9.00am and St. Joseph's, 11.00am |

Please note - There will be a Penitential Service on Tuesday, 4th April, in St. Godric's Church at 7.00pm.

Planning Meeting - There will be a meeting on Thursday 16th March at 7:00 pm in the Don Bosco Room at St. Joseph's to plan the Holy Week and Easter services. There is an open invitation to all who would be able to help.

Easter Competition - Prizes will be awarded after our 11.00am Mass on Sunday, 19th March, and the winning posters will be displayed at the back of church.

Volunteer Registration Forms and References - We have been informed by the Diocesan Safeguarding Department that all NEW volunteers in the parish have to complete a Volunteer Registration Form and have references taken up, before they can start volunteering. This applies whether or not the role is such that a full DBS check will then be required. Further information from Kathleen Murray or Dennis Bradley.



St Vincent
de Paul Society
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Turning Concern into Action

TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL 200 CLUB RESULTS – March 2023

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| 1st (£50) | No. 55 |
| M. Summers | All Saints, Lanchester |
| C. Reid | Parish of the Durham Martyrs |
| 2nd (£25) | No. 111 |
| Anne Gibbons | St. Charles Gosforth |
| Wendy Clough | Parish of the Durham Martyrs |

With many thanks for your continued support

Warm Space at St. Joseph's – the warm space every Wednesday has now closed. We are looking to have a social afternoon sometime in the future. Watch this space!

Wednesday Lunch Club – If you would like to join the club for hot meal and good company, or to join the rota of helpers to serve or give lifts, then please contact Pat Conway 0794 3016225.



Durham Martyrs Walking Group – March 2023

Our next walk will be Lumley Park and Castle on Saturday 18th March meeting at St. Joseph's car park at 10am to share lifts. For anyone wishing to make their own way, the walk starts at Lumley Riverside Park (DH3 4NT) at 10.30. Parking is Pay and Display. This is an interesting walk through woods with good views of the riverside and park.

The walk is 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles long, mainly on good paths with 320ft/100m of ascent.

There are no refreshment points on the walk so you may wish to bring a snack. Please let Marjorie know if you plan to attend as arrangements may have to be changed to suit weather conditions.

Forthcoming Concerts at Ushaw

- **Charity Gala Concert – Thursday 23rd March at 7pm**

Durham Cathedral Choristers, Ushaw Chapel Choir and Musicians from Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation will be performing a charity gala concert in the enchanting surroundings of St Cuthbert's Chapel, Ushaw. This fundraising event is in aid of St Margaret's Centre, Durham, a charity supporting people experiencing mental ill health and Ushaw Historic House, Chapels & Gardens. Tickets are £10 adult and £8 concession and are bookable online at www.ushaw.org

- A concert is to be given by **The Durham Singers** at St. Cuthbert's Chapel, Ushaw, on **Saturday 25th March, 7.30pm. Music Director: Tom Edney**

Programme:-
Magnificat by Oliver Tarney
Magnificat Tone VIII-plainchant
Magnificat Quinti Toni - Praetorius
Magnificat - Part

Tickets £15, Students £10, Under 12's free. Available from choir members and Durham Music Shop (0191) 3789144, and the link below:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/durhamsingers>



Missio APF/Mill Hill collections for the month of March Ss. Godric and Bede Red mission boxes for **St. Bede's** will be collected and emptied by sponsors in the usual way during March.

Please bring those for **St. Godric's** to Sunday Mass **before the end of March**.

A big thank you to all for your continued generosity and support.

Missio at St. Joseph's

We are looking for a much-needed volunteer to be the contact person for the Red Boxes here at St Joseph's. Please let Fr. Colm or Marjorie know if you are able to help.

Spectacles

There is a new box in the porch at St. Joseph's in which you can deposit any old or unwanted spectacles.

Events at Ushaw

Ushaw Library Tour, Saturday 18th and Friday 24th March, 11.00am-2.00pm

Discover part of Ushaw not normally open to the public in a special Library Tour. During the visit you'll have the chance to see the magnificent Big Library, designed by Joseph Hansom and look at some of the rare and unusual books within the library.

These include illuminated manuscripts and beautifully decorated books on botany and history as well as volumes that are the only known copy in the world.

A Conversation with the Curator, Thursday, 30th March, 2.00-3.30pm

This month, go behind the scenes and learn about St. Cuthbert's Ring, made of gold and sapphire, dating all the way back to the thirteenth century.

Prior to the talk, enjoy a micro afternoon tea filled with delicious, sweet/savoury treats and prosecco, the perfect celebratory fizz to enjoy your visit.

For both events, please book through the website: www.ushaw.org

A Lenten Day of Reflection

A Lenten Day of Reflection will be held at Ushaw on Friday, 31st March. The day will be based around prayerful reflection on scripture as part of our Lenten journey, and will include Mass and Stations of the Cross.

The Day of Reflection costs £10 (which includes car parking), and will start at 10.15am, aiming to finish at 3.15pm.

Refreshments will be provided on arrival, and participants will be able to buy lunch in Ushaw's café.

To book a place go to <https://ushaw.org/whats-on-at-ushaw/> or phone (0191) 373 8500.

Mass Intentions for the Week

12th March 2023

| | St Godric's | St Joseph's |
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| Saturday 11 March | NO MASS | 5.00pm Vigil Mass Deceased members of the Crawford and Harland Families |
| Sunday 12 March 3 rd Sunday of Lent | 9.00am Rose Carr Birthday Remembrance | 11.00am Herbert and Sigrid Dreeskamp |
| Monday 13 March | NO MASS | 9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion |
| Tuesday 14 March | 9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Special Intention (BTDe) | NO MASS |
| Wednesday 15 March | NO MASS | 9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Jim Pickering Anniversary |
| Thursday 16 March | 9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Alistair McLean | NO MASS |
| Friday 17 March | NO MASS | 9.30am – Exposition 10.00am George Sutton |
| Saturday 18 March | NO MASS | 5.00pm Vigil Mass Special Intention (CB) and Victoria Garnham Anniversary |
| Sunday 19 March | 9.00am John and Olive Doyle | 11.00am The Oliver Family and Peggy Thompson |

St. Cuthbert's

| Sun 12 | Mon 13 | Tue 14 | Wed 15 | Thurs 16 | Fri 17 | Sat 18 | Sun 19 |
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| 10.00am and 6.30pm | NO MASS | 12.15pm | 7.00pm | 12.15pm | 12.15pm | 9.15am | 10.00am and 6.30pm |