

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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Holy Week is here. I hope you can join us for the services. The Penitential Service at St. Godric's begins the celebrations. The Mini Triduum for the elderly and housebound is on Wednesday and then the Easter Triduum. Can I remind our readers at St. Joseph's that the sound system needs improving. The hard of hearing are particularly struggling,

Regarding Communion under both kinds, you will be asked at all Masses this weekend by a show of hands if we should restore the practice. This will not be a count but an effort to find out if and when we might restore the chalice to all.

For the Sign of Peace, please don't feel slighted or rejected by those near you who don't wish to shake hands – its nothing personal. We're all still treading cautiously post-Covid, if we are still post-Covid?

Can I now wish you all a very Happy Easter. A special wish for a restful break to all our teachers.

Parish Contact

The parish secretary can be contacted by email – secretary.stjandstg@btconnect.com and mobile on all parish matters. The number is 07483 369561. Please do not ring the parish landline.

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Sheila Owens	Liz Murray
Meg Dixon	Jared Howarth
Ken Riddle	Francesca Camilerni
Bernard and Yvonne Reid	Nicola Dawson
Mark Farrell	

Anniversaries (2nd – 14th April)

Julia McElwain	Margaret Pallister
Melinda Adey	John Haggerty
Ray Elliot	Vincent Reid
Katherine Harrington	Mary Horsman
Jenny Clough	



Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late John McMahon. His Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on Wednesday, 19th April at 10.00am followed by cremation in Durham. *Requiescat in pace.*



The parish office will be closed from Thursday 6th April at 12.30pm until Wednesday, 12th April at 8.30am. The next parish bulletin will be over the weekend of 15th/16th April.

Forthcoming Baptism

We welcome Daisy Ellen Hogarth into our parish community, as she receives the Sacrament of Baptism after the 11.00am Mass on **Sunday, 16th April**, in St Joseph's Church.



Easter Clean – St. Joseph's – Tuesday, 4th April – 10.00am

Come and help with our Easter clean - all volunteers welcome.

Easter Mass/Services

Day	Date	Time	Church
Holy Thursday	6 th April	7.00pm	St. Godric's
Good Friday	7 th April	3.00pm	St. Joseph's
Holy Saturday	8 th April	7.00pm	St. Joseph's
Easter Sunday	9 th April	9.00am 11.00am	St. Godric's St. Joseph's

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

Celebration of the Mini-Triduum – a Celebration of the Mini Triduum for the sick and housebound has been organised for the **Wednesday of Holy Week (5th April)**. This will take place at 2.00pm in St. Joseph's Church, followed by a 'Celebratory Tea' in the Jubilee Room provided by the SVP.

If you could help by being a volunteer driver for someone who is housebound, please contact Kathleen Murray, or Marjorie.

Sing for Easter!

If you would like to help with singing music for our Easter services on Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, we will be holding a rehearsal this **Sunday 2nd April, 6pm – 7.30** at St. Joseph's. **All are welcome.**

Good Friday Witness

As part of your Good Friday prayer, how about coming to the Durham Churches Together annual Good Friday Walk of Witness where we process from the Market Place around High Street with a large Cross and then meet back in the Market Place for Scripture readings and hymns. Please meet in St Nic's Church at 11.45am on Good Friday; the Procession starts at 12.00 and we should be finished by 12.45pm. For more info, please contact Matt Pallister on 0191-3866306.

Note from the Bereavement Group



Over the past year, our group has kept in contact with bereaved families by way of phone calls, Christmas Cards, prayer leaflets and once again this year, Easter cards.

On Easter Sunday, we will also light a parish candle in both churches to represent our prayers for those who have suffered any kind of grief and loss during the year since March 2022. We are now offering home visits again and plan to have our annual 'Celebration of Lives' Mass in May.

Durham Martyrs' Walking Group – April 2023

Our next walk will be the popular 'Bluebell Walk' through Houghall Woods on **Saturday 22nd April**.



The varied walk will take us through attractive woodland (hopefully filled with bluebells!), open areas and riverbank. The route is a distance of 3.1 miles, all well walked, but some of the paths in the woods are uneven with a number of steps.

The walk starts at **10.30am** at the end of Houghall Lane (small parking area or parking available amongst trees at The Pump House).

For those who would like a longer walk meet at St. Joseph's car park at 10.00 am and we will walk down to Houghall via Old Durham and Maiden Castle. (This would add approximately another 3 miles to the walk).

It would be very helpful if you could let Marjorie know if you plan to join us so that we know who to expect.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Have you ever thought about travelling on Pilgrimage to Lourdes in response to the call of Our Blessed Lady?

Every year, many people generously offer their service to those who stay in the Accueil (hospital) and need some additional care and support from volunteers like yourselves. This could include making a cup of tea, having a chat, helping in the dining room or assisting a Pilgrim in attending the various Masses and services which take place during Pilgrimage week.

We need you! In order to provide care for all of the applicants for the Accueil, **we need more registered adult helpers**. We do not have enough at present and do not want to disappoint those Pilgrims who are so looking forward to travelling with us.

The dates of travel are from Friday 28th July to Friday 4th August 2023. Financial help with the cost of travel and accommodation is available in the form of a subsidy **for this year only**.

If you would like any further information, please email: lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk or telephone: 0191 528 1992

The link to register as an adult helper is:

<https://forms.office.com/e/ZHWW4DD5ny>

Please note, registration will close on Wednesday 5th April. All forms **MUST** be received by this date. We look forward to meeting you soon.

From the Diocese Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

Administrator, Vicariate for Faith and Mission (maternity cover) – full-time. Closing date: 18th April 2023.

Senior Administrator, Dept for Education, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time. Closing date: 18th April

Parish Secretary and Cleaner (2 roles) – St Patrick's, Langley Moor, Durham – part-time. Closing dates: 12th April

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301

Coming Soon - A Day for Catechists - Are you involved with Baptismal Preparation, First Holy Communions, Confirmations, Marriage Preparation, RCIA, Children's Liturgy or other faith sharing initiatives? We are excited to host the largest gathering of Catechists the diocese has seen in recent times. This will be a special opportunity to come together and renew our approach to sacramental preparation and faith-sharing post-pandemic. Whether you are a seasoned catechist or just considering becoming one, we want you to join us. We will be sharing key principles from the New Directory of Catechesis and affirming good practices, as well as providing new ideas and inspiration. Individuals and parish groups are welcome.

To register your interest/book a place, please visit bit.ly/DHNDOC23.

From The Centre for Catholic Studies

Nurturing Christian Hope in the North East: Connecting Research & Practice

Saturday, 17th June 2023, 12:00 – 17:00, at Cornerstones, Chester-le-Street, DH3 3TF

You are invited to join a free interactive event for all those involved in churches, Christian social action and related research, to learn & work together on shared priorities and action as they engage with wider communities in the North East of England. The event is being organised by the [William Leech Research Fund](#), as it listens to regional priorities and seeks to support research on Christian social ethics and practical theology in the North East. Those interested can find out more and book a place at the event using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nurturing-christian-hope-in-the-north-east-connecting-research-practice-tickets-559629676427>

(The event booking form allows you to also request future updates about the Research Fund at the same time if desired). If you would like to discuss a possible application to the fund, or would like to receive updates about future opportunities available through the Research Fund but can't attend the event, then please get in touch directly with Dr Andrew Orton, the Director of the Fund, via director@leechresearchfund.org

Mass Intentions for the Week

2nd April 2023
Holy Week

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 1 April	10.00am NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Vigil Mass Ray Elliot Anniversary
Sunday 2 April PALM SUNDAY	9.00am Brian O'Connor	11.00am George Sutton
Monday 3 April	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 4 April	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Special Intention (RT) 7.00pm – Penitential Service	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Wednesday 5 April	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Peter and Catherine McLoughlin
Thursday 6 April HOLY THURSDAY	7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Godric's	
Friday 7 April GOOD FRIDAY	3.00pm The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ at St. Joseph's	
Saturday 8 April HOLY SATURDAY	7.00pm Easter Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's	
Sunday 9 April EASTER SUNDAY	9.00am St. Godric's	11.00am St. Joseph's

St. Cuthbert's -

Sun 2	Mon 3	Tue 4	Wed 5	Thurs 6 April Holy Thursday	Fri 7 Good Friday	Sat 8 Easter Vigil	Sun 9 Easter Sunday
10.00am and 6.30pm	No Mass	7.00pm (Please check website)	7.00pm	7.00p.m Mass of the Lord's Supper	3.00pm Commemoration of The Passion	8.30pm Easter Vigil	10.00am (No evening Mass)

Mass Intentions for the Week

10th April 2022

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Monday 10 April	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Tuesday 11 April	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Les and Nora Finlay	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Wednesday 12 April	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Dorothy and James Sweeney
Thursday 13 April	9.30am- Exposition 10.00am Special Intention (MT)	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Friday 14 April	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Ena and John McBride
Saturday 15 April	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Vigil Mass Marie and Jack Bradley
Sunday 16 April	9.00am William and Mary Hayden	11.00am Hannah Mary and Ken Drane

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 9	Mon 10	Tue 11	Wed 12	Thurs 13	Fri 14	Sat 15	Sun 16
10.00am No evening Mass	No Mass	12.15pm	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass	10.00am and 6.30pm