

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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Next Tuesday will be a great occasion, but a sad one. We celebrate a very special St Leonard's concert. Of course all St Leonard's concerts are special, but what makes this, and all the St Leonard's concerts so good is the man with the baton. Matthew Grehan-Bradley has been a huge presence in the musical life of the school for all his teaching career, a career which comes to an end in June. I have been very fortunate to be present for so many of these great musical evenings in the 20 years as PP, my first Mass in this parish, coincidentally, was celebrated 20 years to the day this Sunday the 30th. And so Matthew, thank you for the music. I know I'm speaking on behalf of so many young students, whose lives have been deeply touched by your guidance, care and inspiration. I know you won't mind me saying this, but there is only one other teacher who had an even greater influence on the lives of students at St Leonard's, and she will be unquestionably present in Spirit with us on Tuesday night. Bless Brigid.

The final page will soon close on a very unique teaching partnership at St Leonard's. Thank you again, Team GB!

Wearing my PP hat now, can I add a personal note:

We have been very fortunate to have you in this parish, Matthew. I realise that retirement will take you in many directions, especially towards the lives etched out by Joseph, Lucy and Jenny, but my (our) hope is that you continue to inspire us on Sunday mornings, and special occasions here in the Parish of The Durham Martyrs. Have a wonderful evening on Tuesday.

“Conducting is more difficult than playing a single instrument. You have to know the culture, to know the score, and to project what you want to hear. Some conductors are well prepared but cannot transmit their ideas to an orchestra, and others are good communicators but have nothing to transmit because they are not absorbed enough in the score.”

Pierre Boulez

Please keep in your prayers:



Kitty Trainor	Tony Twomey
Ann Hourican	Jean Smith
Mary Armstrong	Ann Close
Sheila Owens	Margaret Graham
Margaret Nancarrow	Veronica O'Reilly
Freda March	Judith McLean
Ann Childs	Christopher Godbolt
A sick baby	Izzabella Davey
Frances Openshaw	Bo Wood

Anniversaries

Laura Malarkey	Joyce Robson
Julia McElwain	



Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Maureen Harris, who sadly died on 16th March. Her Requiem Mass will take place at St. Godric’s on Thursday, 10th April, followed by burial in South Road Cemetery. *Requiescat in pace.*

Journey in Faith

The next meeting of Journey in Faith will take place at St. Joseph’s on Thursday, 3rd April at 2.30pm.

Eucharistic Service- St Bede's Chapel

Please note there will be no service in the chapel on Wednesday 2nd April



There will be a Parish Easter Coffee Morning on Monday 7th April. It will take place after the 9.15 Service of the Word and Holy Communion in St Bede's Room in St Godric's School. All proceeds are for Women In Need in India.

Everyone is very welcome.

A note from Br. John

As you know, CAFOD supports parishes to answer the call to care for our common home and stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.

We would like to get involved with the CAFOD LIVE SIMPLY programme and to invite you to a meeting in the Friary on **Monday, April 7th** at 7.30p.m. Br. John.



The clocks will go forward by an hour at 1am this Sunday (30th March). British Summer Time (BST), also called **daylight savings time**, always starts at 1am on the last Sunday in March. Your electronic devices like smartphones will automatically roll forward an hour.

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Sunrise Services – St. Joseph's

Sunrise Services will take place at St. Joseph's on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.30am throughout Lent.

Penitential Service – there will be a parish Penitential Service at St. Godric's on **Tuesday, 15th April at 7.00pm** (and not Thursday as noted last week).

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday evening throughout Lent.

Date	Church	Group
4 th April	St. Godric's	Lunch Club
11 th April	St. Joseph's	Local Community

Please note there will be a youth-led **Stations of the Cross**, on **Good Friday** in **St. Joseph's** at **10.00am** which will be young-child friendly and we hope to see lots of families there.

Charity Lenten Lunches

Date	Group
4 th April	Sanctuary 21
11 th April	Bereavement Support Group

Easter Services and Masses

Day	Date	Time	Church
Holy Thursday	17 th April	7.00pm	St. Godric's
Good Friday	18 th April	3.00pm	St. Joseph's
Holy Saturday	19 th April	7.00pm	St. Joseph's
Easter Sunday	20 th April	9.00am 10.30am	St. Godric's St. Joseph's

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 – 16th 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. More information to follow.

Lego Prayer Station – St. Joseph's Church

There is a Lego prayer station set up in the porch of St Joseph's Church. All our children and young people (and young at heart!) are invited to place a brick of Lego on the baseboard as they pray for their intention. Please do not remove other bricks as these are someone's prayers. If you wish you can write your name or your intention on the sheet next to it so others can join you in praying. Let's see what we build together as we talk to God.





St. Leonards' Spring Concert
Tuesday, 1st April
7.00pm at Elvet Methodist Church

Tickets are available from: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-leonards-catholic-school/spring-concert/2025-04-01/19:00/t-pqeoddg>

Spring Movie Night

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Our Movie Night will take place on Thursday 3rd April 6:30pm in the Jubilee Room. "One of the most entertaining and gripping films of the year" Starring Ralph Fiennes, Stanley Tucci, John Lithgow and Isabella Rossellini.

Wine and light refreshments will be served.

Don't forget your cushions !

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026

There will be an information meeting at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 9th April in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's for anyone who is interested in joining us next year.

We hope to have a draft itinerary and approximate costs.



GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Please note, for those parishioners who donate through the Gift Aid scheme using envelopes, the envelopes for the new tax year will be available at the back of Church from this weekend. It would be great if you could collect yours.

If anyone currently making Gift Aid donations via bank standing order, would like a supply of Special Collections envelopes or, if you have any queries please let me know, either by email estherrobson@ymail.com or you can call me on my mobile 07969 528874.

Many thanks, as always, for your support.

Esther Robson

Gift Aid Administrator for the Parish of the Durham Martyrs

Mass Intentions for the Week



30th March 2025

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 29 March	NO MASS	12.30pm Marriage Service of Alex Otty and Thomas Clark 5.00pm Vigil Mass Kenneth Rowlands William and Mary Hayden
Sunday 30 March	9.00am Moira Wood Birthday Remembrance, and the Michiels and Condron Family 3.00pm-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Arthur Binks Birthday Remembrance, and Bob Townsin
Monday 31 March	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 1 April	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Colin and Estelle Wild	NO MASS
Wednesday 2 April	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Rosie Francesca Braithwaite
Thursday 3 April	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Kitty Harrison	NO MASS
Friday 4 April	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Special Intention
Saturday 5 April	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Les & Norah Finlay Anniversary, and Anthony Farmer
Sunday 6 April	9.00am Sheila and Charles Vasey 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Ray Elliot Anniversary, and Birthday Remembrances of Annie Whitehead and John Quinn

Sun 30	Mon 31	Tue 01 April	Wed 2	Thurs 3	Fri 4	Sat 5	Sun 6
10.00am and 6.30pm	No Mass	9.15am	7.00pm	9.15am	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm