

**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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## Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

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(Please telephone Fr. Paul if you have someone in hospital)

### The Silent Singer - A Poem by Len Roberts

The girls sang better than the boys,  
their voices reaching *All the way to God*,  
Sister Ann Zita insisted during those  
practice sessions  
when I was told to mouth *do, re, mi*,  
but to go no higher,  
when I was told to stand in back  
and form a perfect *O*  
with my lips  
although no word was ever to come out,  
the silent singer in that third-grade  
class  
during the Christmas Pageant and Easter  
Week, the birth and death  
of Christ lip-synched  
but unsung  
while my relatives, friends and parents  
praised my baritone,  
how low my voice was,  
*Balancing those higher, more childlike tones*,  
my father said,  
*Adding depth*, my mother said.

Continued over/....

*Thank God they had my huskiness to bring all  
that tinniness to earth,  
my great-aunt whispered,  
so I believed for many years in miracles  
myself,  
the words I'd never sung reaching their ears  
in the perfect pitch, the perfect tone,  
while the others stuttered in their all-too-human  
voices to praise the Lord.*

### Feast Days

Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> April	St. Martin 1 Pp, M
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> April	St. Anselm Bp, D

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Meg Dixon	Bernard and Yvonne Reid
Joe Watson	Jared Howarth
Sheila Owen	Francesca Camilerni
Mark Farrell	Nicola Dawson

### Anniversaries:

Annie Thompson	Clare Kenniford



### Funeral this week

The Requiem Mass of the late John McMahon will take place at St. Joseph's on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00am followed by cremation in Durham. *Requiescat in pace*

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



### Eucharistic Services

Eucharistic services resume during the school summer term on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April in St. Bede's Chapel in St. Godric's School, and at 9.15am on Mondays at St. Joseph's, commencing Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

## Lenten Soup Lunches

Thank you to all who made soup, baked or brought bread, washed up or helped in any way and especially to all who came to partake of the lovely soups each Friday during Lent and gave so generously. The amazing total of £379.96 has been donated to the various named charities.

## Thank you from Sanctuary 21(Salvation Army)

A big thank you to all who attended the Lenten Soup Lunch on 31<sup>st</sup> March which raised £83.50. This will make a big difference in supporting the ongoing work of Sanctuary 21.



The Friars at Tenter Terrace wish to share their Easter Greetings with you all, whilst also expressing their sincere thanks and appreciation for your Easter messages and kind gifts and indeed for much kindness received throughout the year.

## Durham Martyrs Inclusive Church Group-Memory Café - Volunteers Required

Our Memory Café, for those effected by dementia, runs on the second Tuesday of every month (1-3pm) in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's.

The Café continues to thrive and in turn this welcome increase in our friends attending means we require more volunteers so we can provide them with the best experience possible. During the Café as well as enjoying cake and refreshments, we do craft activities, games and have sing-a-longs and even dancing in a friendly and relaxed environment. We need volunteers to help with providing refreshments as well as assisting with craft activities and games. If you can spare a couple of hours, once a month, we would be delighted to have your support. If you have any queries or would first just like to come along and see what happens, please contact **Graham Donachie** on **07867503946**.



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de Paul Society  
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## TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL – 200 CLUB Results – April 2023

<b>1<sup>st</sup> (£50)</b>	<b>No. 199</b>
<b>J. Sharp</b>	<b>St. Bernadette, Wallsend</b>
<b>SVP Conference</b>	<b>St. James Hebburn</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> (£25)</b>	<b>No. 77</b>
<b>Anne McKeown</b>	<b>St. Charles, Gosforth</b>
<b>Janet Nichols</b>	<b>Parish of the Durham Martyrs</b>

*Grateful thanks for your continued support*

## Retiring Collection

This weekend there will be a retiring collection for the NBF (Sick and Retired Priests).

## Durham Martyrs' Walking Group – April 2023

Our next walk will be the popular 'Bluebell Walk' through Houghall Woods this coming **Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Date for the Diary

**Pentecost Novena – St. Joseph's**  
**16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May and 22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> May**

More information to follow.



In 2022 Ss. Godric & Bede raised **£5,132.00** through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. **Thank you!**

Our missionary community here at Ss. Godric & Bede is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of projects such as the Fundong Mission station in Cameroon has enabled Fr. Leon, a Mill Hill Missionary, to help children learn in a safe environment and instil values that empower them to turn away from conflict and towards faith in God. Visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) to find out more about how your support changes lives for the better.

## Health and Safety

### Medical Emergency/Nearest Defibrillator Location

If you come across someone who is unconscious and not breathing normally, the advice from the North East Ambulance Service is that you must first call 999 to arrange for help. If required, as well as guiding you through CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) the call operator will be able to advise you if there is a defibrillator located close by. They will ask you to stay with the casualty to

continue CPR and ask someone else to go and fetch the defibrillator. They will give you a Code to unlock the box, housing the defibrillator.

A Safety Sign Indicating the nearest Automatic Defibrillator (AED) Location is now situated on the notice board at the rear of St Godric's and St Joseph's churches.

The location closest to St. Godric's is inside Tesco Express in North Road and at St. Joseph's is on the external wall outside the main entrance to the Working Mens club in Mill Lane, across the road from the Church.

The Defibrillator gives the person using them clear audio instructions. You cannot hurt someone with a defibrillator as it will not work unless the person is in cardiac arrest.

If anyone would like any further information, please contact a member of the Buildings Committee.

### **Note from the Northern Cross**

You are cordially invited to attend our AGM which is to take place at **11.00 a.m. on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April**. This will take place online by Zoom, so if you'd like to attend, please register your confirmation with a brief email. Subject to the numbers which the system allows, you'll then be sent a link from which you can enter the meeting. You're welcome to take part or just listen to the proceedings, whichever you prefer. We look forward to seeing you.

Kind regards from the team at *Northern Cross*.

### **Note from Ushaw**

**Conversation with our Curator - Thursday 27 April, 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm**  
This month, receive a private tour of our brand new exhibition, *The Power of Image - Versailles & the Sun King*, led by exhibition curator Andrew Heard. 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. Following the tour, get an exclusive viewing of some of the Cabinet du Roi volumes that are not included in the exhibition.

### **Ushaw Library Tours - Friday 21 April, 11am-12pm**

This month, we'll be hosting a special themed talk on **Friday 21 April**, View some of our material which illustrates this tradition including early works by Charles Darwin, Isaac Newton and Galileo, and beautifully illustrated works on the natural world. To book either event, go to: <https://ushaw.org>

### **Change of Mass Time**

Please note that  
the Friday morning Mass at St. Joseph's  
on 21<sup>st</sup> April has been moved  
to the earlier time of 9.00am

# Mass Intentions for the Week

16<sup>th</sup> April 2023

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 15 April	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Marie and Jack Bradley
Sunday 16 April	9.00am William and Mary Hayden  3.00-4.00pm – Exposition	11.00am Hannah Mary and Ken Drane
Monday 17 April	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 18 April	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Colin and Estelle Wild and Valerie Hamilton	NO MASS
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	NO MASS	10.00am Requiem Mass of the late John McMahon
Thursday 20 April	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am John McMahon	NO MASS
Friday 21 April	NO MASS	9.00am Fr. Francis Rice Anniversary
Saturday 22 April	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Sheila Collinson Anniversary and Bill Ince Anniversary
Sunday 23 April	9.00am In thanksgiving (BT)	11.00am Ann Oliver

## St. Cuthbert's

Sun 16	Mon 17	Tue 18	Wed 19	Thurs 20	Fri 21	Sat 22	Sun 23
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	7.00pm	7.00pm	9.15am	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm