

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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Good news this week with the appointment of Bishop Stephen Wright as our new Bishop. We offer him our prayers and support. There is a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Malcolm being read out at all Masses this weekend, explaining more on the appointment of Bishop Stephen.

Congratulations to Fr. Tony King, who celebrated his 60th Anniversary this weekend. Fr. Tony was such a great guide during our Pilgrimage to the West of Ireland a few years back.

Well done and congratulations to all our First Communicants from our three primary schools. Thanks to all who assisted in bringing the children to this day. Weren't we lucky with the weather too!!

Next Saturday morning, 24th June, at 10.00am in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's there will be a gentle presentation and discussion on Priesthood and Church. The title of the main presentation will be 'Presiding in the Midst of the Baptised' by Prof. Tom O'Loughlin. Its simply an historical perspective on the role of the Priest, and its changing role in the life of the Church and Parish. Tom will be joined by myself and John O'Brien, Spiritan, who worked as a Missionary in Pakistan for over 30 years. It will not be an academic exercise, but an effort to take a practical look at the evolving role of priesthood from 40 years in the vineyard.

Tom and I were ordained together on 12th June 1983.

And whilst on the subject of my 40th Anniversary of Ordination, can I thank you for the many gifts and cards I received to celebrate the occasion.

Feast Days

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| Monday, 19 th June | St. Romuald Ab |
| Tuesday, 20 th June | St. Alban, First Martyr of England |
| Wednesday, 21 st June | St. Aloysius Gonzaga Rel |
| Thursday, 22 nd June | Ss John Fisher and Thomas More MM |
| Friday, 23 rd June | St. Etheldreda, Abbess |
| Saturday, 24 th June | The Nativity of John the Baptist |

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



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| Meg Dixon | Bernard and Yvonne Reid |
| Joe Watson | Jared Howarth |
| Sheila Owen | Francesca Camilerni |
| Tony Collinson | Nicola Dawson |
| Ken Riddle | Ken Herbert |
| Breda Gallagher | A sick grandchild |

Anniversaries:

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| Amanda Pickles | Michael Crawford |
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Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the following deceased parishioners:

- The late Margaret Rose Thompson. Her Requiem Mass will take place at St. Godric's on Tuesday, 27th June at 10.00am, followed by interment in Bowburn Cemetery.
- The late Phil Sanderson, whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on Wednesday, 28th June at 10.00am, followed by cremation in Durham.
- The late Mark Farrell, whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on Friday, 30th June at 10.30am. *Requiescant in pace.*

Funeral this week:

The Funeral Service of the late Theresa Wilson will take place at Durham Crematorium this Wednesday 21st June, at 12.00pm.

Parish Handbook and Information Leaflet – both have now been updated and can be viewed on our website. There are also a few copies of the leaflet at the back of our churches.

40th Anniversary Celebration

Tuesday, 12th June was the 40th anniversary of our Fr. Colm's ordination. To celebrate, there will be a simple parish social evening following the 5pm Mass **next Saturday 24th June**, in St. Joseph's school hall. There will be drinks, wine and cheese and cakes. If you would like to bring a bottle, crisps or a cake to share please do (though no cream cakes please). Any queries or volunteers to help, please contact Maria 07941 699388.

Summer Baptism Programme

We are pleased to announce that the Summer Parish Baptism Programme has been arranged for **Monday, 10th July**, from 6.00-9.00pm in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's.

If you are hoping to have your child/children Baptised in the parish and haven't attended one of our programmes before, please contact Marjorie, the Parish Secretary, and she will send you a Registration Form.

Fourth Option of Giving by Credit/Debit Card

A Fourth Option of Giving by Credit/Debit card is to be shortly introduced following requests from some Parishioners who often don't carry as much cash as they used to.

The current three methods will REMAIN as usual:

1. By Standing Order - the much-preferred method
2. By Envelope
3. By Cash on the Collection Plate

The added advantage is that people will be also able to use it for Special Collections and the Piety (papers and cards) Stall.

There will be a Credit/Debit Card terminal at both St Joseph's and St Godric's from Saturday 15th July with clear simple instructions and also how to register to Gift Aid the Giving if people wish to.

If you normally pay for your shopping with a bank card at a 'Tap and Go' terminal or get cash out at a 'Cash Point' then you will find that the system being installed is very familiar and easy to use.

To help ease the introduction there will also be support in attendance for the first two weekends to help people if needed.

Vacancy

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancy: Senior Administrator, Dept for Safeguarding, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time. Closing date: 26 June. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301

Volunteer Drivers

Volunteer drivers should check their insurance to ensure they are covered should an accident occur when undertaking church-related journeys. Many motor insurance policies include such cover, or can be upgraded without cost, but some do not. The Diocese ask volunteer drivers to sign an annual volunteer driver's form to confirm they have suitable motor insurance for church-related activities. Those who signed the form last year will be contacted again shortly and invited to renew their declaration.

However, if you are a new volunteer driver or did not sign this form last year, please contact the Parish Secretary who will arrange for a form to be provided. Alternatively, the form may be downloaded from the parish website, completed and then returned to the parish secretary. Examples of church activities include:

- those who use cars to take communion to the housebound
- driving to the bank with collection monies,
- being part of a rota to collect members of (for example) a lunch club
- an organised or semi-organised arrangement where parishioners with cars pick up other parishioners to bring them to Mass

If in doubt, you are strongly advised, for your own sake, to contact your insurance company as there can be grey areas.

Update from Justice & Peace Refugee Project

Refugee Week is taking place from Monday 19th to Sunday 25th June and the theme this year is Compassion. Compassionate support for asylum seekers recognises that every person has equal value and dignity and that we all have a responsibility to care for one another and to work for a fair society.

Pope Francis has repeatedly called for the protection and support of refugees and asylum seekers.

During Refugee Week this year, please consider donating food, toiletries and finance which are all very much needed. It may interest you to know that in April this year, the project supported 468 individuals and families, with 22 new clients registering, largely from Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, El Salvador and Albania.

The project distributed 925 bags of food, valued at £5,500. 172 home deliveries were made. Also, 44 vouchers were given to clients at a value of £1,760. The project could not provide all this support without your generous donations.

From the Diocese

Vocations Discernment Evening planned for Tuesday 18th July **is cancelled.**

Little Sisters of the Poor Summer Fayre

There will be a Summer Fayre at St Joseph's Home (Little Sisters of the Poor), Westmorland Road, Newcastle on Saturday 1st July from 1pm-4pm. All are welcome.

Christian and Muslim Women's Prayer Event will be held on Saturday 24th June at 2.30pm. Please see poster at the back of church for further details.

Service of Word and Holy Communion - St. Joseph's

Please note that the Wednesday and Friday morning Masses on 21st and 23rd June have been replaced with Services of Word and Holy Communion.

They will take place at 10.00am

Mass Intentions for the Week



18th June 2023

| | St Godric's | St Joseph's |
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| Saturday 17 June | FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION | 5.00pm Vigil Mass The intentions of Fr. Colm |
| Sunday 18 June | 9.00am Deceased members of the Hoban and Orchard Families | 11.00am Norman Wilson Birthday Remembrance and deceased members of the Malherbe family |
| Monday 19 June | NO MASS | 9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion |
| Tuesday 20 June | 9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Deceased benefactors of the SVP | NO MASS |
| Wednesday 21 June | NO MASS | 10.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion |
| Thursday 22 June | 9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Frank and Bernard McGoay | NO MASS |
| Friday 23 June | NO MASS | 10.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion |
| Saturday 24 June | NO MASS | 5.00pm Vigil Mass Catherine King |
| Sunday 25 June | 9.00am The intentions of Tom and Maureen Hoban | 11.00am Fr. Colum Adamson and Nuala Russell |

St. Cuthbert's

| Sun 18 | Mon 19 | Tue 20 | Wed 21 | Thurs 22 | Fri 23 | Sat 24 | Sun 25 |
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| 10.00am and 6.30pm | 12.15pm | 12.00 noon (Pilgrim Group Mass) 6.00pm CCS Mass of Thanksgiving | 12.15pm | 7.00am | 7.00am | 12.15pm | 10.00am and 6.30pm |

