

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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29th Sunday of the Year- World Mission Sunday

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Those fortunate enough to be at either concert at St. Godric's last Saturday and Tuesday, will have appreciated the combined talents of the young men and women who shared their extraordinary talents. The music was uplifting on both evenings. Saturday's attendance was almost capacity, whilst Tuesday's could have been so much better attended.

Nonetheless, the concert organiser was at pains to say that the girls were happy to sing, irrespective of numbers. And did they sing!!! A complete concert of religious music. Highlights probably being the song that came out of refugees hiding in the basement of Cologne Cathedral in WW2. It is a song of such extraordinary hope in the darkness of life (full details on the parish website and a link inside this bulletin). A word of thanks to our hardworking Parish team, who co-ordinated the two events. A special thank you to Joe Hughes, Kathleen Murray and Dorothy Wilson. For someone in their 90s to be the last to leave the building on Saturday night deserves all the accolades gets. Thanks Dorothy.

We begin a new Journey in Faith programme. All are welcome. Programmes for Confirmation and First Holy Communion also beginning (see bulletin).

"What's going on there?", is the question an incredulous Cleric asked me recently before the meeting began in the Jubilee Room. He wasn't referring to the new structure, but the road totally closed off at the bottom of our street. When I tried to explain, I could tell by his sceptical smile that he was not impressed.

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It is, however, a question that I am being asked increasingly. But such surprise tends to come more from visitors to this area, indicating the unprecedented nature of this road closure.

Intrusion onto the very footpath access is now obvious from the muddy path that is now emerging on the side of the building. No, the anger does not recede. A microcosm of society?

Feast Days

Tuesday, 22 October	St. John Paul II Pp
Wednesday, 23 October	St. John of Capistrano P
Thursday, 24 October	St. Anthony Mary Claret P
Saturday, 26 October	Ss. Chad and Cedd Bps

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Brian Harland	Tony Twomey
Kitty Trainor	Jared Howarth
Ann Hourican	Ian Hamilton
Mary Armstrong	Ann Close
Sheila Owens	Margaret Graham

Anniversaries:

Audrey Loughlin	Claire Aylett
Joseph Hadfield	

Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Doreen Roberts, whose Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday, 23rd October at Durham Crematorium at 1.00pm. *Requiescat in pace.*



Congratulations to Rachel Moberly and Maitiú Ó hAilín who will celebrate their marriage at St. Godric's Church on Saturday 26th October at 11.00am.

Baptism - The parish Baptism Programme has been postponed this autumn due to lack of numbers and we will offer the programme as usual in the spring of 2025.



A reminder that our parish offers a Baptism Programme for parents each spring, summer and autumn. We have a number of catechists to present, support and discuss this important Sacrament of initiation into our Catholic Faith. Parents who wish to participate next spring will be most welcome and we ask they contact our parish secretary Mrs Marjorie Towers in the first instance.



Today is World Mission Sunday

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to 'go and invite everyone to the banquet' for the joy of Christ's Resurrection is a gift meant to be shared with the entire world. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace and justice to those in need. To donate use the Missio envelope, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit, and gift aid your donation if possible. Please take a prayer card from the back of church.

Volunteer Census

The Diocese is currently carrying out a volunteer census in our parish. This is to ensure we identify all our volunteers, to offer support and appropriate training and recognition for the important part all play in the life of our parish.

A volunteer is anyone who gives their time freely and regularly to assist anywhere within the Parish, School, or Diocese. During this weekend (12th/13th) and next (19th and 20th) October the census will be explained in more detail after the weekend Masses.

If you volunteer within the Parish/School/Diocese please complete one of the forms which will be available at the back of church or complete your details via the QR code.



Volunteering is a grace from God...Volunteers are the strength of the Church.



Parish Community Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 16th November, in St. Joseph's Church at 10.00am

Thank you for your chocolate donations this week. Next weekend (26th/27th) will be "Bottle Sunday" and we hope everyone can bring a bottle (of any variety) for our Bottle Tombola stall. We are also collecting gifts and toiletries.

Our parish and community groups will all be represented on the day, and we look forward both to spending time together and to supporting some of our local charities who will also be in attendance.

Don't forget to sign up at the back of church if you are able to help, or contact Cynthia (cdunn2112@sky.com) or Erica (e.smith47@outlook.com).



Thank you for your support. Also, please spread the word Santa will be attending and looks forward to meeting children in the community Ho! Ho! Ho!

Holy Hour

Youth 2000 is holding a holy hour of prayer & praise, rosary, reflection and social on Saturday 26th October from 2.00pm to 4pm at St. Cuthbert's RC Church Old Elvet. Open to Young people aged 16-35 (under 16s will need to request a Parent Consent form) Further enquiries email irishanthony12@gmail.com See poster.



Applications for Reception September 2025 now open



Nursery and Reception places available

Scan the QR code to apply for your school place before the deadline of 15th January 2025.



Visit our website:
<https://stgodricsdurham.bwcet.com>
St.Godric's Catholic
Nursery and Primary School,
Carr House Drive,
Framwellgate Moor, Durham,
DH1 5LZ.
To arrange a visit and tour or
for more information, call:
0191 384 7452

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available before and after
school**



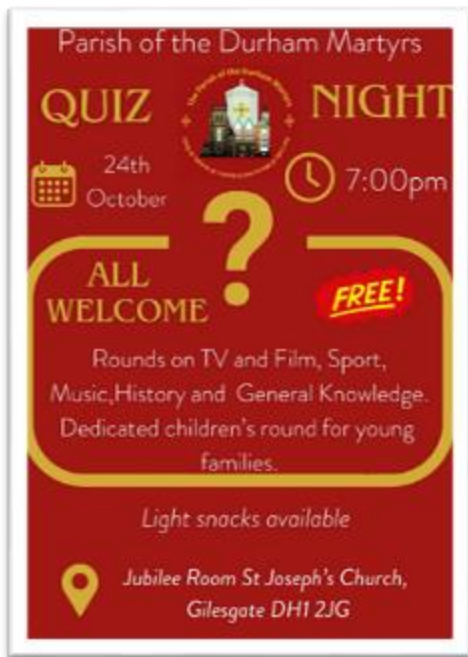
"Pupils display first class learning behaviours. They are engaged in their lessons and contribute confidently to learning discussions."
Ofsted Nov 2021

"I have the deepest respect and admiration for all teachers and staff at St. Godric's. You are truly inspirational and a wonderful influence on our children."
Parent testimonial

Sanctuary 21 - Coffee and Crafts event

A coffee and crafts event will be held at **Sanctuary 21, (Salvation Army) Saddler Street, Durham on Saturday 26th October between 10.30 and 13.30** when we will open our doors for the sale of refreshments and a range of craft items and cards produced at St. Margaret's Centre, a local mental health charity. Please come along if you can support these two very worthwhile local charities.

Parish Quiz Night – Thursday 24th October at 7.00pm



Join us this Thursday 24th October at 7pm for a Quiz Night in the Jubilee Room.

There will be rounds on TV and Film, Sport, Music, History and General Knowledge with a dedicated children's round for any young families attending. Not forgetting the picture round!

We have also invited the new students from Durham University to attend as a chance to get to know the parish. Come along for an enjoyable evening with light refreshments. All welcome.

Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday, 5th November at 7.00pm in St. Joseph's.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

We are beginning to prepare those who would like to receive this sacrament and take this next important step in their journey of faith. We will be taking steps to encourage our young people wishing to receive the sacrament to fully 'embed' themselves in the parish, answering their call to be active disciples of Jesus Christ.

Please complete the form below as an expression of interest in receiving the sacrament:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-OvlemCWl0mB-Fxg9M2FOck2PNpDks5LjQQtirxrT39UMEFaRVNZUIFVUjUzOUdPSkwyNIIMR1dlVy4u>

In the coming months, it is expected that the young people will actively engage in the life of their parish. This is to allow our young people to put their faith into action in concrete ways, such as assisting with children's liturgy, reading, serving refreshments, taking the collection, and other meaningful activities.

I hope to recruit 'Parish Buddies' – people within each of our Parish Churches who will check in with the young people and support them on this journey. This mentorship is a vital component of the preparation, providing guidance and encouragement as they move towards receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. If there are any willing volunteers to support with being a 'Parish Buddy' please do make yourself known via the list at the back of Church. Sarah Marshall.

Cologne Girls' Choir

As mentioned in Fr. Colm's front-page note, this is the link to the Cologne Girls' Choir performing a beautiful rendition of the text 'Even when He is silent' which has a history linked to the Holocaust. The true story of the text can be found here below. It is also on the parish website.

<https://www.debisimons.com/the-true-story-behind-the-text-of-even-when-he-is-silent>



Memorial Sunday - our annual Memorial Sunday Mass will take place on **Sunday 24th November** at St. Joseph's at 3.00pm. All families of deceased parishioners who have been bereaved during the year 1st November 2023 - 31st October 2024 will receive a personal invitation from Fr. Colm to come along and light a candle in remembrance of their loved ones. Fr. Colm will light three larger candles (one for St. Joseph's, one for St. Godric's, and one for St. Bede's Chapel) which represent the deceased members of the wider parish and our families and friends. These will be lit at every Mass until Christmas. Please come along to the Mass and join us for seasonal refreshments in the Jubilee Room afterwards. Everyone welcome.



Sudan Appeal

Once again, the SVP is making a Christmas Appeal for funds to relieve the desperate situation in Southern Sudan. There are 1.4 million children under the age of five suffering from acute malnutrition and 7.1 million

people facing food insecurity.

The SVP has been working tirelessly to provide hope and assistance with projects such as; Infant feeding, Healthcare Centres, Schools, Home for homeless young boys, Support for displaced persons as well as Vocational Training Opportunities. Your generosity over the past years has been outstanding and I hope you will continue to support this worthwhile cause.

To make a donation directly to the SVP please click the following link:
<https://fundraising.svp.org.uk/page/134642/donate/1>

Or, if you wish to pay by cheque, please make it out to 'SVP Sudan Appeal' and put it in an envelope with Sudan Appeal on the outside and then put it in the Offertory basket, by December 14th. Thank you in anticipation, Chris Brennan.

TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL – 200 CLUB

Results – October 2024

1 st (£50)	No. 14
Lynn Cummings	Parish of the Durham Martyrs, St. Godric's
Anna Griffiths	Tynemouth Priory, St. Edwarda, Whitley Bay
Maureen Laverick	St. Joseph's Birtley
2 nd (£25)	No. 37
Brian Nicholl	St. Charles, Gosforth
Joanna Pallister	Parish of the Durham Martyrs, St. Joseph's

With many thanks for your continued support

Journey In Faith

We are eager to run our Journey in Faith Programme again this year. It is the ideal opportunity to explore and learn more about our Faith and is an informative introduction to anyone thinking of becoming a Catholic.

If you are aware of anyone who you think may be interested, do assure them of a warm welcome and a safe, informal and interesting series of sessions. Please let Fr Colm know if you or anyone you know are interested in participating.

County Durham Foodbank – Tesco Winter Collection

Thursday 28th, Friday 29th and Saturday 30th November

The Foodbank is looking for volunteers to help with the annual Christmas Collection, between 9.00am and 5.00pm at the following stores:

Annfield Plain, Bishop Auckland, Chester-le-Street, Consett, Durham Gilesgate, Langley Moor and Newton Aycliffe.

If you can help for a couple of hours or more to help your local foodbank, please contact Lindsey on (0191) 3038623 or email her at lindsey@durhamcp.org.uk Thank you.

Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear **Veronica Whitty** speak about **Driving Mother Teresa**. The meeting will be at **Holy Name** parish hall, Jesmond, Newcastle, on **Thursday 14 November at 2.30pm..**

Veronica Whitty is an award-winning journalist and author. At 18, she went to South India and spent two years working in a Hindu orphanage. She later returned to India and worked for Mother Teresa's nuns in Kolkata. Back in London, she maintained her connection with her nuns here, driving their minibus for three decades. She has written about her life in *Enjoying the Journey: An Autobiography*. She now lives in Wallsend.

Mass Intentions for the Week

20th October 2024

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 19 October	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Peter and Catherine McLoughlin, and David Middleton
Sunday 20 October	9.00am The Parnell/McGorisk Family 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Claire Aylett Anniversary
Monday 21 October	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 22 October	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Helen Tumilty (SVP)	6.00pm St. Leonard's Mass of Welcome
Wednesday 23 October	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am – Mary Parkinson and Marie and Lisa Waugh
Thursday 24 October	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Martin and Irene Bell (SVP)	NO MASS OR SERVICE
Friday 25 October	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Deceased Benefactors of the SVP
Saturday 26 October	NO MASS	5.00pm – Vigil Mass Belle Blakey and Grace Vallance (SVP)
Sunday 27 October	9.00am Susannah Michiels Birthday Remembrance 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Thomas McDonagh and Kevin Crilley (SVP)

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 20	Mon 21	Tue 22	Wed 23	Thurs 24	Fri 25	Sat 26	Sun 27
10.00am (Canon Bob Spence) and 6.30pm Capuchin Friars)	NO MASS	12.15pm	7.00pm	9.15am	12.15pm	9.15pm	10.00am and 6.30pm