

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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Our Gifts are for Encouraging

Help us, Lord, to see ourselves
Through your loving eyes,
To see what you see in us
And to come to realize
That everything that we possess
Comes directly from you,
The gifts, the talents you've placed within
Are there for us to use.

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To reach with hope to those that hurt,
To those who've lost their way
It's your gifts, Lord, they're not our own,
So take them, Lord, we pray
And use them for your glory,
So others may be blessed
And have their spirits lifted,
And their souls also refreshed.

So they can then be challenged
To seek more after you,
To be much more empowered
For whatever they may do
For each of us have talents
That God has placed within,
So we can encourage others
To have a closer walk with Him.

And as we encourage another,
We can be encouraged ourselves,
For there needs to be a continual flow
And a continual pouring out.
And as we do this, we will find
Insecurities will disappear,
And we'll be strengthened in His love
To overcome our fears.

Feast Days

Monday, 20 th November	St. Edmund, King M
Tuesday, 21 st November	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday, 22 nd November	St. Cecilia V, M
Thursday, 23 rd November	St. Clement 1 Pp, M/St. Columban Ab
Friday, 24 th November	St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, MM (The Martyrs of Vietnam)
Saturday, 25 th November	St. Catherine of Alexandria V, M

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Meg Dixon	Yvonne Reid
Joe Watson	Jared Howarth
Sheila Owen	Francesca Camilerni
Ken Riddle	Nicola Dawson
Breda Gallagher	Ian Hamilton
Tom Oliver	Brian Harland

Anniversaries

Matthew Fletcher	Brian O'Connor
Norah Shaw	Audrey Loughlin



Forthcoming Funeral

The Funeral Service of the late Marjorie Carey will take place at St. Joseph's on Thursday, 23rd November at 2.30pm, followed by cremation in Durham.



We welcome into our parish community Florence Frances Susan Smith, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism after the 11.00am Mass at St. Joseph's this Sunday, 19th November.

Save the Date - We invite you on 3rd December after our 11,00am Mass to a **Charity Mini-Bake Sale** where you can try different sweets prepared by **Ukrainians** and leave your generous donation. Since the winter promises to be harsher and more difficult than the previous one in Ukraine during the war, all funds raised will go to warm winter clothes, special equipment, ammunition, and supplies for Hannah's relatives, brother and nephew who are bravely defending Ukrainian lands. Thank you, Roksolana.

Cancellation of Eucharistic Service

There will be no Eucharistic Service in St. Bede's Chapel on **Monday, 20th November**. (The school need the room on that day.) Services will resume on Wednesday 22nd.



Coffee Morning

There will be a **coffee morning** on **Monday 27th November** in St. Bede's Room in St. Godric's School. It will take place immediately after the 9.15 Service of the Word and Holy Communion.

All proceeds will go to **Women in Need in India**. Everyone is very welcome.



Memorial Sunday - our annual Memorial Sunday Mass will take place **next Sunday 26th November** at St. Joseph's at 3.00pm. All families of deceased parishioners who have been bereaved during the year 1st November 2022 - 31st October 2023 have received 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.

Journey in Faith – Why Come to Journey in Faith?

“Journey in Faith was a marvellous experience for me where I met special people and where I learnt about so many new aspects of my faith and the faith of others.”

Norbert Peyerhimoff who attended the Journey in Faith some years ago.

Clergy Training Fund 2023

Thank you for contributing to past appeals. This generosity means that we can support the clergy of tomorrow and ensure the flourishing of our church. The Appeal closes this weekend.

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.



Youth Sunday: Next Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, we are invited to celebrate and pray for young people. A copy of the Youth Sunday News is available on the notice boards at the back of our churches, giving an update on their various activities during the year since Youth Sunday 2022. These include Retreats, Flame, Pope John Paul II Award, Festival Fortnight, and the support of chaplains, schools' staff and parishes is greatly appreciated.

The retiring collection on Youth Sunday will go towards the work of YMT. Gift aid envelopes are available this week in our churches, if you would like to make a donation. Thank you.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

Don't forget to pick up a copy of the Cafod World Gifts catalogue from the back of our churches.

Gifts this this year reflect some of the biggest issues facing communities around the world today – gifts that reach out to people living in remote locations who experience poverty and injustice, especially women and children. Order by 14th December.



Advent Day of Reflection at Ushaw

Advent is a time of waiting, and of preparation for the birth of Jesus at Christmas. At the start of Advent, Ushaw is providing a day of reflection with an Advent theme.

The day will include Mass, and time for prayerful reflection as we await the coming of the Saviour – an opportunity to take time away from our busy lives and think about the real meaning of Christmas.

Everyone is very welcome to join us on **Friday 1st December**, from **10.30am to 3pm**. Tickets for the day cost £10. Refreshments will be provided on arrival. Bring a packed lunch, or you can buy lunch in Welby's café. You can book your place at <https://ushaw.org/whats-on-at-ushaw/> or by phone on 0191 373 8500.

From the Diocese Advent Reflections

As in past years, the Vicariate for Faith & Mission will be producing a series of reflections on the readings used throughout our Advent preparations. The reflections have been written by people throughout the Diocese and offer an opportunity to pause and reflect.

The Advent Reflection Booklet will be circulated to various Diocesan groups and parishes by next Friday, 24th November. Once the resource is available, a Diocesan website link will be available, and printed in the bulletin.

Castlerigg Manor, Keswick – Durham Martyrs Retreat

The Keswick retreat for the Parish will be running again next spring from 23rd – 25th February 2024 - from Friday dinner time to Sunday lunchtime.

The retreat cost of £100 will cover accommodation and all meals. There are a very limited number of ensuite rooms and accessible rooms. If you require one of these please specify below when booking and, where possible, we will accommodate your needs.

Transport will not be organised centrally however, we do encourage carsharing where possible. If you are driving and have space in your car please let Katie know when booking in. T

There is lots of free car parking on site and if you would like to arrive earlier and depart later, cars can be left on site (please let Katie know if you wish to do this)

To book your place, please contact Katie at katie-flood@live.co.uk or on [07807935066](tel:07807935066) with the following details:

Name(s), Contact Email and Phone number

Medical/Dietary requirements

Room Requirements (who are you happy to share with/or not)

Travelling by car? Do you have any spare seats?

We will also need a deposit of £25 per person. This can be handed into the parish office for Cash or Cheque or transferred to the parish account via BACS (If you are paying by BACS please let us know when you have transferred the deposit and please use the reference <Your Surname>Keswick24

If there are any issues with the payment for the retreat please get in touch. Please book your place **before Sunday 10th December.**



Various events are being held at Ushaw during the festive period, including those listed below.

For more information and how to book a ticketed event, visit <https://ushaw.org/whats-on-at-ushaw/> or by phone on 0191 373 8500.

Family Christmas Crafting: Saturday 2 December 10.30am-12.00pm and 1.00pm-2.30pm. Join artist Susan Warlock to make mosaic embellishments for your tree in this family workshop. This is a ticketed event.

Christmas Tree Festival: Friday 1 December – Friday 22 December, 11am-4.00pm
The hall of Ushaw will transform into a yuletide wonderland, showcasing over 30 Christmas trees decorated by local artists and community groups. No booking required. Entry is free with a Day or Annual Pass.

Father Christmas: Tales and Treats: Saturday 2nd, Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th December. Children can have a hot chocolate in a personalised mug whilst talking to Santa about what they would like for Christmas. This is a ticketed event.

Ushaw Christmas Carols: Monday 4th and 11th, Tuesday 12th, Thursday 14th and Wednesday 20th December. These are ticketed events. The programme features Durham Brass Miners Band, Rock Choir, Crook & Weardale Choral Society, Ushaw Chapel Choir and the Diocesan Choir.

The Snowman: Live Orchestra – Saturday 9th December 12.00-12.30pm, 1.30-2.00pm and 3.00-3.30pm featuring Durham Music Youth Orchestra and Choir. This is a ticketed event.

Mass Intentions for the Week

19th November 2023

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 18 November		5.00pm Vigil Mass Audrey and Thomas Loughlin
Sunday 19 November	9.00am Brian O'Connor Anniversary 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Austin Flynn Anniversary and A Private Intention
Monday 20 November	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 21 November	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Peter & Catherine McLoughlin and Joseph & Mary Ellen Ward	NO MASS
Wednesday 22 November	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am World Peace
Thursday 23 November	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Birthday Remembrances - Audrie Walsh and Bede Murray	2.30pm Funeral Service of Marjorie Carey
Friday 24 November	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Judith McPhillips
Saturday 25 November	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass John Quinn Anniversary and Jim Pickering Birthday Remembrance
Sunday 26 November	9.00am Eleanor and James Murray Birthday Remembrances	11.00am The Oliver Family and Dorothy Coggins Birthday Celebration

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 19	Mon 20	Tue 21	Wed 22	Thurs 23	Fri 24	Sat 25	Sun 26
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	NO MASS	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm

