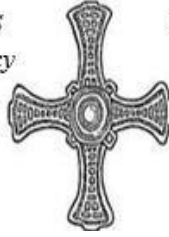


***The Parish of the Durham Martyrs***  
*Incorporating the Churches of Our Lady of Mercy  
& St. Godric, St. Joseph and St. Bede*

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**Parish Newsletter**  
**18<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023**



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I certainly hope and pray that this cold snap isn't dampening the spirits of the Season of Hope. And cold it is. Christmas seems distinctly different this year, with an air of darkness that many of the older generation say has not been with us for a long time. Perhaps that makes our appreciation of the message of light that bit more powerful.

The coming together as Community is always that marvellous collective expression of light when we gather, sometimes anonymously, to share the joy of Christ's Light in the menacing darkness that pervades us. Do join us as a collective body of one parish at St. Leonard's. Yes, we have more than one priest this year. Yes, we could have Christmas Masses in our two churches, but we are now one parish and rarely do we have the opportunity to express that Oneness in worship except at Easter and Christmas.

I take this opportunity to wish you a light filled Christmas.

## Feast Days

Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> December	St. Peter Canisus P, D
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	St. John of Kanty P
Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> December	St. Stephen, First Martyr
Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> December	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Wednesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> December	The Holy Innocents MM
Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup> December	St. Thomas Becket Bp
Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> December	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Saturday, 31 <sup>st</sup> December	St. Sylvester I Pp
Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Mary Mother of God
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Ss. Basil and Gregory
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Most Holy Name of Jesus
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January	The Epiphany of the Lord
Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Raymond of Peñafort P
Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> January	The Baptism of the Lord

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Meg Dixon	George and Lily Parry
Ken Riddle	Jared Howarth
Liz Murray	Francesca Cannilerni
Lynn Hammill	Mary Crilley
John McMahon	

Anniversaries: 17 December – 7 January

Jim Robinson	Susan Gleason
Paul Smith	Louise Birney
Joan Bennet	Peter McLoughlin
Joe Fewster	John Shaw Junior
Doreen Haggerty	Vince McPartlin
Norman Wilson	Kitty Tisdall
Eileen Ingleby	John & Winnie Muldowney
John Villis	Una Pattison



**Sympathy** – we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Janet Anderson. The funeral arrangements are not known at this time.  
*Requiescat in pace.*

## Northern Catholic Calendar and Ordo

The 2023 edition of the NCC and Order are now available for sale at the back of each church. Ringbound NCC's are £3.50 and flat - £3.00. Ordos are £7.00.

**Holy Day of Obligation** – on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January, there will be a 10.00am Mass at St. Joseph's and a 7.00pm Mass at St. Godric's for The Epiphany of the Lord.

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish office will close at 12.30pm on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December and re-open at 9.00am on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January.

## *Christmas Mass Times*



**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at St. Leonard's**

**6.30pm - Carols and readings, followed by Mass at 7.00pm**

**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.00am - Christmas Day Mass at St. Leonard's**

**Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.00am - Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr, at St Godric's**

**The normal weekday Masses follow.**

## News from the SVP

### Date for the Diary

The SVP will be holding their annual Christmas Party on **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> January** in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's from 12.00 noon. There will be a list at the back of both churches for you to put in your name and a contact number if you would like to attend. Alternatively, you can contact Margaret White on 3869437 or Liz Coulthard on 07528 1206 614.



### *Christmas Party*

### Sudan Appeal

Over the past few years, the parish has raised much needed funds to feed mothers and babies in Sudan. Recently, drought has devastated large areas of Africa, so aid is desperately needed. If you would like to continue to make a Christmas donation to this worthwhile cause, please put money or a signed cheque in an envelope and hand it to Chris Brennan or any other SVP member, and the money will be forwarded to SVP Twinnage. Thank you.

### Support Fund

It is perhaps timely to remind our parish community that the Parish Support Fund still continues to operate. Applications are welcome even if you have applied in the past. The procedure remains the same - applications to be sent to the Parish Secretary at [secretary.stjandstg@btconnect.com](mailto:secretary.stjandstg@btconnect.com) or addressed to her at the Parish Office, and you can contact her on the parish mobile **07391 529 827**. If any refugees from Ukraine come to live in our parish applications would be welcome from them.

**Durham Martyrs' Lunch Club** has had a successful term, with up to sixteen guests enjoying good meals from St. Joseph's school kitchen. The last lunch this year is on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, when Christmas dinner will be served.

The Lunch Club starts again on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January** 12-1pm. The club is for anyone living alone who would like a hot meal and good company, and to join contact Pat Conway 07943 016225 or Kathleen Murray 07759 130837. We also welcome calls from new volunteers to serve meals or help with lifts. Many, many good wishes to all the team, have a very good Christmas.

### Date for the Diary

**New Year's Eve Service in Durham Cathedral with Salvation Army Band, 5.30pm**

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Justin Mihoc, Rector of Durham Orthodox Church

Organised by Durham Churches Together

The New Year's Eve Procession will depart from the Market Place at 5.00pm.  
All welcome.

## **Parish retreat to Castlerigg Manor, Keswick – February 2023**

We are excited to be running another parish retreat to Castlerigg Manor in Keswick from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Located in the heart of the Lake District, Castlerigg Manor is only a 10 minutes' walk from Keswick town centre and boasts wonderful views of the surrounding hills.

Katie will be facilitating the retreat for us and will be running a simple programme that allows plenty of time for reflection/walking/visiting town/socialising.

The full cost of the weekend retreat is £100. This includes all meals and accommodation for two nights. We will not be organising a coach but will be helping to facilitate car sharing to make travel easier for everyone. There is lots of free parking on site.

As Castlerigg Manor is a youth retreat centre, there are various types of facilities and rooms. There are only a small number of ensuite rooms so we cannot guarantee these (there are ample shared facilities throughout the building close to all rooms). However, we will do our best to accommodate requirements. There is an accessible annex for anyone with mobility issues or wheelchair users.

If you would like to attend a retreat, please email Marjorie at [secretary.stjandstg@btconnect.com](mailto:secretary.stjandstg@btconnect.com) with the following details (please complete the below criteria for each individual attending):

Name, Email address, Phone number, Mobility/room requirements, Medical or dietary requirements. Are you driving? Do you have any spaces available in your car?

We will also require a deposit of £20 per person attending to be provided in cash or cheque payable to Durham Martyrs' Parish. These can be handed into the parish office in envelope with your name on.

## **Mass on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> December**

Fr. Colm will say an additional Mass at St. Joseph's on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> December at **10.00am.**

# Mass Intentions for the Week

17<sup>th</sup> December 2022

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 17 December	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Louise Birney and Pauline Inglis
Sunday 18 December 4 <sup>th</sup> of Advent	9.00am George and Susannah Michiels and Cécile Malherbe.	11.00am The Barrett Family, Northampton and Paul Smith
Monday 19 December	NO MASS	9.15am Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 20 December	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Peter Murray	NO MASS
Wednesday 21 December	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Norman Wright, Alex Wright and Bryan Moran
Thursday 22 December	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Peter & Catherine McLoughlin	NO MASS
Friday 23 December	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Eric Cheeseman
Saturday 24 December Christmas Eve St. Leonard's	6.30pm – Carols and readings 7.00pm Mass	
Sunday 25 December Christmas Day St. Leonard's	Holy Mass 10.00am	

## St. Cuthbert's

Sun 18	Mon 19	Tue 20	Wed 21	Thurs 22	Fri 23	Sat 24	Sun 25
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	7.00pm	No Mass	12.15pm	9.15am and 10.00pm (First Mass of Christmas)	10.00am

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



*26<sup>th</sup> December 2022*

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Monday 26 December	10.00am Holy Mass Priest's Intention	NO MASS
Tuesday 27 December	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Peter Murray	NO MASS
Wednesday 28 December	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am James and Dorothy Sweeney
Thursday 29 December	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am John and Johnny McBride	NO MASS
Friday 30 December	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Eric Cheeseman
Saturday 31 December New Year's Eve	NO MASS	<b>10.00am</b> Priest's Intention <b>5.00pm Vigil Mass</b> Norman Wilson Anniversary and Ronnie Christie and Alan Codling (Illnesses)
Sunday 1 January New Year's Day	9.00am Audrie Walsh	11.00am The Oliver Family and John and Winnie Muldowney

*St. Cuthbert's – please check St. Cuthbert's website  
for Mass times this week*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



*Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January  
to  
Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> January*

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Monday 2 January	NO MASS	9.15am Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 3 January	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Priest's Intention	NO MASS
Wednesday 4 January	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am In thanksgiving for the SVP and Eucharistic Ministers
Thursday 5 January	9.30am Exposition 10.00am Nancy Thompson	NO MASS
Friday 6 January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	7.00pm Holy Mass	10.00am Holy Mass
Saturday 7 January	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Pauline Inglis Anniversary
Sunday 8 January	9.00am Brian O'Connor	11.00am Fr. Colm and family

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