

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 - 16th August – 6th September 2026

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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(Please telephone the Chaplain if you have someone in hospital who would like a visit)

For bereavement support, please contact the Parish Secretary

Two Magnificat Poems by: Amy Scott Robinson

SONNET:

My soul is shouting that the Lord is great,
my spirit is rejoicing: God is best!
For he has seen me in my low estate,
from now on, everyone will call me blessed.
For mighty God has done great things for me,
his mercy is for those who love his name,
for he has shown his strength and majesty,
the proud in heart have all been brought to shame.
The mighty have been toppled from their thrones,
the weak and feeble seated there instead:
The rich sent off with nothing, all alone,
the poor and hungry welcomed in and fed.
For God remembers what he said before:
His promises to Israel, evermore.

ACROSTIC:

My soul magnifies the Lord,
And my spirit rejoices in my saviour!
Generations will call me blessed,
Naming God as holy and mighty.
In strength he has scattered the proud,
Fed the hungry and left the rich empty.
Israel will see his mercy again.
Children of Israel, you know what he promised
Abraham and his offspring for ever?
This is happening now.

Feast Days

Sunday, 16 th August	The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday, 19 th August	St. Oswin, King, M/St. John Eudes P
Thursday, 20 th August	St. Bernard Ab D
Friday, 21 st August	The Dedication of St. Mary's Cathedral
Saturday, 22 nd August	The Queenship of Mary
Monday, 24 th August	St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Tuesday, 25 th August	St. Louis/St. Joseph Calasanz P
Wednesday, 26 th August	St. Ninian Bp/Blesed Dominic Barberi P
Thursday, 27 th August	St. Monica
Friday, 28 th August	St. Augustine of Hippo Bp, D
Saturday, 29 th August	The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Monday, 31 st August	St. Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne
Thursday, 3 rd September	St. Gregory the Great Pp, D
Friday, 4 th September	The Translation of St. Cuthbert
Saturday, 5 th September	St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) Rel

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Mary Armstrong	Rose Simpson
Nigel Anthony Cunningham	Maureen Milsom
Josephine Lyons	Robin Humphrey
Tom Kimmit	Shirley Harrison
Mary Crilley	Sheila Wressel
Sigrid Peyerimhoff	Rita Harrison
Amanda Hyland	Christina Reid

Anniversaries:

16th August – 4th September



Mary Silcock	Winifred Fletcher	David Neill Senior
James Bimbi	Theresa Burnside	Ken Drane
Bernard Reid	Ann Dent	Alan Fletcher
Robert Clark	Mary Bates	Mary Hammill
Frank Turner	David Neill Senior	Mary Williams

5th – 11th September

Alex Morgan	Helen Rebello	Mary Hughes
Ken Haswell	John Wood	Kevin Corrigan
Mary Morgan	Anne Reed	John Atkinson
Mary Hughes	Louis Rebello	John Carter
Kevin Corrigan	John Carter	Margaret Crawford



Baptism – we welcome into our parish community Grace Helen Frankland, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism after the 10.30am Mass at **St. Joseph's on Sunday 30th August**.

Finchale Partnership Mission Discernment:

Thank you to everyone who contributed their views and opinions on the proposals for our Partnership as part of the Diocesan Mission Discernment process. The report has now been submitted to the Diocese, and is available here:

www.durhammartyrs.co.uk

There are also hard copies available at the back of both churches.

Cancellation - Please note that the Service of Word and Holy Communion scheduled for **Monday, 17th August, at St. Joseph's** has been cancelled.

Care for Creation (formerly Laudato Si') Group

7.30pm Monday 22nd September in the Franciscan Friary

This is the final of the three talks about how we as a parish and as individuals can better care for Creation, our common home. All are welcome.



Special thanks to Ben Jefferson for all his help with the Choir at St. Godric's, playing the organ and generally contributing to the parish, ahead of his year long trip to Australia. We wish him Bon Voyage and safe travels.

Parish Handbook

We have new versions of the Parish Handbook and Parish Information Leaflet for July 2026.

You will be able to find these on the Parish Website and there are copies on the noticeboards of our churches.

Parish Office closed

The Parish Office will be closed from 4.00pm on **Friday 14th August** until **Tuesday, 1st September at 8.30am**.

Parish Coffee Morning – Monday, 14th September. It will take place in St. Bede's Room in St. Godric's School immediately after the 9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion.

All proceeds are for Women in India. Everyone welcome.



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL

200 CLUB

Results – August 2026 Draw

1 st (£50)	No. 47
Conference	Sunderland
Sheila Grant	Gosforth
2 nd (£25)	No. 200
Patsy Hopkins	Parish of the Durham Martyrs (St. Godric's)
Sandra Neale	St. Joseph's Birtley
Conference	Our Lady & St. Cuthbert's Prudhoe

Thank you for your continued support

FINAL CALL FOR PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LINDISFARNE

There are a few remaining places on the bus for our pilgrimage to Lindisfarne on 5 September. If you would like to join us please put cash in an envelope clearly marked with your name and the required number of seats, and post through the parish office door as soon as possible. Cost: £10 per adult; £5 per child.

Below is a link to the document entitled 'How to Walk the Pilgrims' Way' which gives safety advice for walking across the causeway. This is also available on our website.

<https://www.durhammartyrs.co.uk/post/walking-the-ancient-pilgrim-s-route-holy-island>

Durham Martyrs Justice and Peace Group

A donation of £300 has been made to support the work of the Peru Mission. Joe Plumb spoke about the work of the mission in both churches a few months ago. This year they are building a nursery school "Cuna Jardín Nuestra Señora de La Purísima" for 120 children aged 3 to 5 years. The school will be situated at the port of Masusa in the City of Iquitos. The school will aim to make it a joyful and stimulating learning environment for the children who come from families living in extreme poverty.

This money has been raised from donations for coffee after Mass at St Godric's.

Mass Intentions for the Week

16th August 2026

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 15 August	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Belle Blakey and Michael McGuckin
Sunday 16 August FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM	9.00am Malcolm Rall and Angelo Soralbo 3.00-4.00pm – Exposition	10.30am Brian O'Connor
Monday 17 August	NO MASS	NO MASS OR SERVICE
Tuesday 18 August	9.00am – Exposition 10.00am Peter and Catherine McLoughlin	NO MASS
Wednesday 19 August	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Special Intention (MM) and a Special Intention (for a successful operation)
Thursday 20 August	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Mary Carney	NO MASS
Friday 21 August	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Deceased Priests of the Diocese
Saturday 22 August	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Philip & Ken Hewitt Deceased members of the Hennessy Family, and Jim and Mary Bygroves
Sunday 23 August 21 st Sunday of the Year	9.00am Jackie and Graham Oak 3.00-4.00pm – Exposition	10.30am Syd Inglis

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	12.15pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm

Mass Intentions for the Week

23rd August 2026

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 22 August	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Philip & Ken Hewitt Deceased members of the Hennessy Family, and Jim and Mary Bygroves
Sunday 23 August 21 st Sunday of the Year	9.00am Jackie and Graham Oak 3.00-4.00pm – Exposition	10.30am Syd Inglis
Monday 24 August	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 25 August	9.00am – Exposition 10.00am Vocations to the Priesthood	NO MASS
Wednesday 26 August	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Deceased Priests of the Diocese
Thursday 27 August	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am World Peace	NO MASS
Friday 28 August	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Victims of War and Conflict
Saturday 29 August	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Ray Elliot Birthday Remembrance And a sick person and his family
Sunday 30 August 22 nd Sunday of the Year	9.00am All Parish Schools' Staff & Students 3.00-4.00pm – Exposition	10.30am All Parish Schools' Staff and Students

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 23	Mon 24	Tue 25	Wed 26	Thurs 27	Fri 28	Sat 29	Sun 30
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm

Monday 31st August – Friday 4th September

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Monday 31 August	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 1 September	9.00am – Exposition 10.00am Deceased Priests of the Diocese	NO MASS
Wednesday 2 September	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Anthony Farmer 3rd Anniversary
Thursday 3 September	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am The sick of the Parish	NO MASS
Friday 4 September	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Vocations to the Priesthood
Saturday 5 September	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Ken Drane

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 30	Mon 31	Tue 1 Sept	Wed 2	Thurs 3	Fri 4	Sat 5	Sun 6
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm

Please check St. Cuthbert's website for up to date Mass times