

***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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A letter to all parishes from Bishop Stephen

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In order to grow as a synodal Church, it is important that we all have a chance to pray and discern how the Holy Spirit is inviting us to grow in mission in our parishes and communities. To facilitate this, I together with others, offer an initial Diocesan vision for your prayerful reflection. Our discerned commitments are:

To Walk with Jesus and Enable Others to Encounter Him

To grow as one Diocesan Family – Rebuilding Relationships

Forming and Developing People for Mission.

Living Justly and Caring for our Common Home

Each of these commitments are developed in the vision. It is not my intention to impose this vision. It is offered for further reflection and I invite all of our parishes and communities to prayerfully reflect on them. We offer accompanying resources and support to enable this reflection.

Please contact your parish office if you would like hard copies of these materials which are all available on the diocesan website.

With assurances and prayers,  
+ Stephen



## Planning Day Announcement

Come and join us in shaping a confident future for our Parish.

Embrace this era of change as we, guided by Pope Francis and our new Bishop, strive to revitalise our Church.

We are gathering on **Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> June, from 11.00am to 12.30pm** in the **Jubilee Room** for a meaningful discussion. Your unique voice and talents are essential for the next stage of development for our welcoming, vibrant community. Bring a friend and share your talent and your generosity. This is our chance, in the present moment, to create the best of times.

Thank you and God bless you.

## Feast Days

Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Mary, Mother of the Church
Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> May	St. Godric of Finchale Rel
Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	St. Rita of Cascia Rel
Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest
Saturday, 25 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Bede the Venerable P, D
Sunday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May	The Most Holy Trinity

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Sean Casey	Tony Twomey
Brian Harland	Jared Howarth
Bridget Grehan-Bradley	Helen Tumelty
Kitty Trainor	Ian Hamilton
Ann Hourican	Ann Close
Mary Armstrong	Margaret Robinson

## Anniversaries

Theresa Wilson	Joyce Hook
Dennis Hawley	Stephen Dawson
Richard Harrison	Phil Sanderson
Christina Taylor	



Congratulations to Mary Carroll and David Birkett who will celebrate their marriage at St. Joseph's on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May at 12.00 noon.

## Retiring Collection

This weekend, 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> May there will be a retiring collection in support of the Lay Training Fund.



**Coffee Morning** - There will be a parish coffee morning this **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May**. It will take place immediately after the 9.15 Service of the Word and Holy Communion in **St. Bede's Room in St. Godric's School**. All proceeds are for Women in Need in India. Everyone is very welcome.

## Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency( CSSA) and Diocese's policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Dennis Bradley (St. Joseph's) and Kathleen Murray (St. Godric's). Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on (0191) 2433305 or at [safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk)



## Movie Night

Everyone is welcome to our next Movie Night on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7pm in the Jubilee Room. The film is "Living" (12 rating). It is a beautifully acted film starring Bill Nighy who reminds us to value what it is to live.

Wine and light refreshments will be served. Don't forget your cushions!

## Celebration of Life Mass

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May, the Bereavement Support Group will hold the annual Celebration of the Lives of Loved Ones Mass at 10.00am in St. Joseph's.

We hope that you will be able to join us to remember our loved ones and lay a flower in their memory. We will be serving refreshments afterwards in the Jubilee room and would love to see you all. Everyone welcome.



**International Meal** – to conclude the visit of Bishop Stephen to the parish over the weekend of **8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> June**, we have arranged to hold our next International Meal after our **10.30am Mass at St. Joseph's on 9<sup>th</sup> June at 12.00pm**.

Feel free to bring some food to share and be ready to enjoy it with our lovely parish community. Everyone welcome.

## Homelessness Support – Sanctuary 21

There has been a significant increase recently in the number of people attending Sanctuary 21 who are officially registered by the County Council as homeless and in need of fresh clothing.

Whilst we currently have good stocks of clothing in large and extra-large sizes, we are particularly short of medium size T-shirts, hoodies, casual trousers/ jeans and jogging bottoms.

If you have any of these items, in good condition, that you are able to donate, please leave them in the in the clearly marked containers that will be available at the back of both churches between 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May. These will be collected by our Parish volunteers and taken to Sanctuary 21 for distribution as needed. Please note that these are the only items we require at the present time.

Thank you in anticipation of your help.

## Laudato Si' Week, May 19-26

At this 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Laudato Si', Pope Francis reminds us of the urgency of the Laudato Si' message and emphasises the need for personal and cultural transformation in the midst of our ecological and climate crises.

Each of us has the power to make a difference and contribute to building a more sustainable future: every small gesture can be a seed of hope for our planet. We are invited to join in the actions, prayers and meditations proposed for this Laudato Si' week by going to <https://laudatosiweek.org>



### 1. 'Meet Your MP: Give Children a Future.'

A meeting with the City of Durham MP, Mary Foy, has been arranged by Climate Action Durham for **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm, at Elvet Methodist Church.**

Mary Foy has a particular concern for children, and that is also of concern to the Church.

In this week's 'The Tablet' that there is an article about the decline in mental health amongst young people.

**2 'The Letter':** You are invited to a community screening of the film 'The Letter', featuring Pope Francis and a group of people representing different voices from around the world. We see each of these people opening a letter from the Pope, a letter inviting them to come to Rome to meet with him. The Pope chooses people representing the indigenous people, the young, the poor, and wildlife. These people are tasked with putting the 2015 encyclical "*Laudato Si'*" into action. They

come together as strangers but go back to their various environments as friends with a common purpose: to do what they can to avoid the crisis facing our world, our common home. It tells a true story which has the power to move us in our everyday lives. 'The Letter' is being screened at **6.30pm, Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May** at **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish Centre, Esh Winning DH7 9JL**. Refreshments will be available. Please come & join us, if you can.

### **3 SIGNIFICANCE FESTIVAL WEEKEND – JUNE 29, 2024**

YMT look forward to welcoming you to the Significance Festival Weekend this June, in particular for the main event on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, from 10am onwards. There will be a fayre of stalls and activities, sessions for children and young people, guest speakers and live music, spread across the Emmaus Youth Village, which will be open for you to enjoy in the beautiful Derwent Valley! We welcome everyone to gather for Mass for the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul at 3.15pm, with Bishop Stephen, followed by a BBQ and Ceilidh in the evening.

Individuals, families, and parish groups are all welcome. For additional details and to book, please email Nicole at [nsalkeld@ymt.org](mailto:nsalkeld@ymt.org). Single or shared accommodation and camping areas are available to book (all self-catered), for Friday and Saturday nights. Tickets for the Saturday evening BBQ are £10 each. Entry on Saturday for the speakers, fayre, Mass, and ceilidh is FREE (additional charges apply for accommodation, camping and the BBQ) - but we hope this day will be welcoming, fun and affordable for all the family and individuals of all ages!

### **Durham Cathedral Event**

To celebrate the life of St. Bede (673-735AD), the Durham Cathedral community invites us to Evensong and Procession to St. Bede's Tomb in the Cathedral starting at 5.30pm, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May on the vigil of St. Bede's Feast. The guest preacher is Dr. Michelle Brown, Professor Emerita of Medieval Manuscript Studies, University of London, whose book '*Bede and the Theory of Everything*', was published last year.

### **Community Tea – Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2.30-5.00pm**

St. Cuthbert's Church on North Road are holding a Community Tea in celebration of Mental Health Awareness Week and will be raising funds for Durham Samaritans. See poster.

### **Forthcoming External Concerts**

'The Sixteen' conducted by Harry Christophers at **Hexham Abbey on 14<sup>th</sup> June** at 7.30pm. See website for more information: <https://thesixteen.com/event/the-choral-pilgrimage-2024-hexham>

### **John's Boys Welsh Male Choir – Middlesbrough Town Hall – 7.30pm - 8<sup>th</sup> June**

The choir have won numerous choral competitions and in 2019 became the first British Male Voice Choir to win the prestigious Pavarotti 'Choir of the World' prize at the Llangollen International music festival. They have made numerous TV appearances, including The Last Night of the Proms, Britain's Got Talent, The Royal Variety Show and the Netflix blockbuster drama Stay Close. See website: [www.johnsboys.co.uk](http://www.johnsboys.co.uk) for tickets and more information.

# Mass Intentions for the Week

19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 18 May		5.00pm Vigil Mass Tommy Loughlin (SVP) and Majeed Ahmad
Sunday 19 May	9.00am George & Susannah Michiels, Ken Riddle and Theresa Wilson. 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Roger Charlton and A Special Intention and special blessings
Monday 20 May	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 21 May	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Benefactors of the SVP and Frank and Bernard McGoay	NO MASS
Wednesday 22 May	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Sr. Philip (Nun)
Thursday 23 May	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Peter and Catherine McLoughlin	NO MASS
Friday 24 May	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am World Peace 12.00 noon Wedding Service of Mary Carroll and David Birkett
Saturday 25 May	NO MASS	10.00am – Jack Wressell (8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Celebration of Life of Loved Ones Mass 5.00pm Vigil Mass - Anthony Farmer and the People of Palestine
Sunday 26 May THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	9.00am Brian O'Connor and - In thanksgiving for 50 years of marriage	10.30am Richard Harrison Anniversary

## St. Cuthbert's

Sun 19	Mon 20	Tue 21	Wed 22	Thurs 23	Fri 24	Sat 25	Sun 26
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.30pm Pilgrim Group Mass All welcome	12.15pm Service of Word & Holy Communion	7.00pm	12.15pm Service of Word & Holy Communion	12.15pm	9.15am and 11.00am (Sung Latin Mas)	10.00am and 6.30pm