

***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**  
**29<sup>th</sup> September 2024**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**

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(Please telephone Fr. Paul if you have someone in hospital)

Greetings from Vigo on the Camino Portugués. I was warned by two North of Ireland tourists that the coasts of Portugal and Spain were going to be hit by storms on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week. Up to Tuesday afternoon, I thought 'another weather forecast error.' but unfortunately, it was accurate. Yesterday in the beautiful town of Baiona in Galicia we (my brother Joe and myself), were unsure as to when we might get out of this beautiful fishing port as the rain and the storms were so powerful deciding a way forward. Would we progress towards Santiago de Compostela within our allotted time. Such is pilgrimage – it's life. This is the coastal route, hugging the Atlantic coast.

Those of you who have walked the Camino from any of the main four routes will know that meeting fellow pilgrims contributes greatly to why we go in the first place. They are a reassuring and blessed presence walking the stormy path of life. Take Brian from Bath, who is here having lost his wife to a brain tumour whilst returning home some years before from a holiday in Tenerife. His plane had to make an emergency landing in Compostela, where she subsequently died. This walk for him is his act of remembering, and part of the grieving process. Somehow, this pilgrimage allows such stories to be shared.

Back to my journey. Crossing from Portugal to Spain by small boat was extraordinary. If stepping into the boat with a beer crate as an aid was difficult, getting off was even more challenging as we both had to alight by jumping off onto sand dunes. There are pilgrims from across the world. Many are American, Australian and Canadian. I learned quickly not to confuse New Zealanders with Australians, and Canadians with Americans. And political discussions a no no with American pilgrims especially. Many come as a walking exercise without any religious motivations. It was therefore good to see a senior Franciscan in his habit and poncho breezing past me yesterday at Capuchin pace.

For many also, this is no gentle stroll. A limping and exhausted looking walker is not an uncommon sight in the evenings and is a reminder of the purpose of pilgrimage. I spoke to a pilgrim with a bruised face from a fall who came with totally unsuitable footwear. Such brief accounts can be a metaphor for life when preparation is neglected. But they are also stories that bring us together and show our enduring capacity to move forward in hope and determination.

Simple acts of kindness are so very common on this ancient pilgrimage route (second oldest) to the shrine of St. James. The kindness of the locals in particular. I see countless. Too many to mention.

As the weather changes to sunshine, I have the good fortune to ask a Galician out for his morning stroll to point the direction of our way out of Baiona. He responded by walking alongside me for the next two km. As we were about to part, he asked if I would like to see the church. To my surprise he remained outside whilst I stayed inside. We then parted. I'll not forget Manuelo's kindness.

These are some reflections on this pilgrimage which is 21 years after my first venturing on this ancient pathway. A pathway that goes back to the time of St. Godric, whom we believe walked it. Another Saint who walked into Compostela was Saint Francis, whose Feast we celebrate next Friday and I wish our Capuchin Brothers a very Happy Feast Day.

Remembering you all as I head towards Santiago de Compostela.

### Feast Days

Monday, 30 September	St. Jerome P, D
Tuesday, 1 October	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus V, D
Wednesday, 2 October	The Holy Guardian Angels
Friday, 4 October	St. Francis of Assisi Rel
Saturday, 5 October	St. Maria Faustina Kowalska V

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:

Betty McGurk	Henry Allott
Diane Soulsby	David Miller
Eddie McKeown	Kathleen Morris
Norah Bond	Luke Dodds



### Funeral this week

Kevin Corrigan, Requiem Mass, St. Joseph's on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am followed by burial in Belmont Cemetery.



### Parish Baptism Programme

Our third and final programme of 2024 will take place at St. Joseph's on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October in the Jubilee Room, from 6.00-9.00pm.



All families wishing to have their child/children Baptised in the parish have to attend one of our Programmes. If you would like to register your interest, please contact Marjorie.

### The Transitus of St Francis of Assisi, 3<sup>rd</sup> October

You are invited to join the Franciscan brothers in commemorating the death of St. Francis at 7.00pm on the evening of **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**. This service of hymns, prayers, and readings is the traditional beginning of the Feast of St. Francis and this year will be in **St. Godric's Church**. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Everyone is welcome.



Brenda Carter and family would like to thank parishioners for their kind messages, prayers, cards and flowers received during their recent bereavement.





**Nursery and Reception  
OPEN MORNING**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 10am**

*Speak to our Head Teacher, meet our wonderful children  
and tour our school.*

More information can be found on our  
school website  
<https://stgodricsdurham.bwcet.com>



*St. Godric's Catholic Primary School  
Carr House Drive, Framwellgate Moor, Durham, DH1 5LZ*

**St. Godric's School Open Morning for  
Nursery and Reception Intake**

**Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 10.00am**

**More information can be found on the  
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## **Fourth Option of Giving by Debit or Credit Card**

The Parish is now in a position to introduce this Option and some support with the implementation of the Scheme would be helpful and appreciated

Either

- To be present at one of the three main weekend masses to check the set up and deal with queries

Or

- With some IT/Technology skills to help with the initial set up

If anyone is interested, please contact Tom Harrison - 07768 741177

**Missio APF/Mill Hill** collection for the month of September 2024 Ss. Godric and Bede - Red mission boxes for St. Bede's will be collected and emptied by sponsors in the usual way during September.

Please bring those for St. Godric's to Sunday Mass before the end of September. A big thank you for your continued support and generosity.

## **CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal – Harvest – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a Cafod-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD on 4<sup>th</sup> October and you will fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential.

Please use the envelope in church or give online at [www.cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://www.cafod.org.uk/envelope)

## **Global Rosary for the Jubilee:**

At 7pm on 7<sup>th</sup> October, we will be participating in the Global Rosary for the Jubilee at St. Cuthbert's, Old Elvet, Durham.

Across the world, starting in New Zealand, on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, Catholics are invited to gather at 7pm local time in prayerful preparation for the Church's 'Jubilee of Hope' in 2025. Our time of prayer at St. Cuthbert's has been registered with the international planners, is being organised by members of Lay Dominicans North East and is for parishioners and members of the chaplaincy community. All are welcome.

## **Vespers (Evening Prayer) at Ushaw:**

During Ushaw's years as a seminary, Evening Prayer was said or sung in St. Cuthbert's Chapel every day and was very much part of life at Ushaw.

Today, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm, please join us for Vespers in the Chapel. Please note that this is not a concert performance, but an opportunity to pray together the Evening Prayer of the Church for the 29<sup>th</sup> September, the 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. All are welcome to join us for the service.

## **WORKING TOGETHER AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND MODERN SLAVERY - FUND-RAISING BUFFET SUPPER - Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup>**

Human Trafficking for sexual exploitation, exploitative labour and forced criminal activity is a major issue in Europe as well as globally. In 2012 Sister Imelda Poole IBVM founded "Mary Ward Loreto Albania", a Catholic human rights organisation in Albania, to address the needs of survivors of human trafficking in rescue, rehabilitation and reintegration; and in prevention by providing education and economic empowerment for girls who are most vulnerable to becoming victims. Sr. Imelda is visiting Durham at the beginning of October.

You are invited to meet her at a fund-raising buffet supper at the home of Mary McHugh, 6 Albert St Durham DH1 4RL on Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm onwards. Tickets £15 – proceeds will go to support the ongoing work of Mary Ward Loreto Albania. For catering purposes please let Mary know if you are planning to attend.

Email [mmchugh@doctors.org.uk](mailto:mmchugh@doctors.org.uk)

Text or Tel 07947664124

### **2025 Parish Retreat to Castlerigg, Keswick**

Our 2025 Parish retreat will be at Castlerigg Manor in Keswick from Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. The cost for the retreat is £110 and includes all accommodation and meals.

Transport is not included in this cost, but we will be arranging car sharing where possible.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Katie Flood who is organising the retreat on 07807 935 066, or at [katie-flood@live.co.uk](mailto:katie-flood@live.co.uk) Details of deposits and payments will be provided following an expression of interest.

Please note that no cash payments to the Parish Office will be accepted. If you have any issues making online payments or with the cost of the retreat, please contact Katie.

### **Durham Churches Together**

An ecumenical "Service for the Season of Creation" will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October at St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church, North End, at 4pm, led by Canon Caroline Dick. All are welcome.

**Forthcoming Concerts at St. Godric's**  
**Anglo-German Youth Orchestra Concert at St Godric's – October 12<sup>th</sup>**



Join us for a special evening of classical music at St. Godric's Church on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, as we welcome the Buxtehude Youth Symphony Orchestra from Germany, performing alongside our own Durham Music Youth Orchestra.

This concert is a wonderful opportunity to experience the talents of young musicians from both the UK and Germany. All proceeds will support the Durham Martyrs' Parish Support Fund, which helps local families in financial need, and the Mark Jon Bolderson Percussion Foundation, which provides aid to young music students.

Tickets: Adults: £5 - Children (5-15): £2

We encourage everyone to attend and support this inspiring evening of music and community. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit: <https://northernsecrets.co.uk/durhamconcert/>

**Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, St. Godric's**

The internationally renowned Cologne Girls' Choir will be in concert in St Godric's Church at 8.00pm, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024. More information to follow.

# Mass Intentions for the Week

29<sup>th</sup> September 2024

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 28 September	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Belle Blakey
Sunday 29 September	9.00am Special Intention (MT) 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Anniversary Remembrances of Henry Allott and Don Childs
Monday 30 September	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 1 October	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Mike Snow	NO MASS
Wednesday 2 October	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am - School Mass (KS2) World Peace
Thursday 3 October	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am - Helen Tumilty 7.00pm Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi	NO MASS OR SERVICE
Friday 4 October	NO MASS	10.00am Requiem Mass of the late Kevin Corrigan
Saturday 5 October	NO MASS	5.00pm – Vigil Mass Belle Blakey
Sunday 6 October	9.00am Rose Carr Anniversary 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Bill and Joan Hamilton and deceased members of the Ward, Wright and Moran Families

## St. Cuthbert's

Sun 29	Mon 30	Tue 1 October	Wed 2	Thurs 3	Fri 4	Sat 5	Sun 6
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	12,15pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm