

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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Sunday 12th November 2023 – 32nd Sunday of the Year Remembrance Sunday



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The poem below has been written by one of our parishioners – James Gilman – and has been used in services at Durham Cathedral and elsewhere. It has also been accepted by the British Army and the Royal Navy for use in military bases around the world and has been added to the Royal British Legion's list for possible use in future National Remembrance Services. A wonderful achievement.

THE POPPIES PRAYER

The poppies fall.
Their crimson tears
Like shrapnel, piercing every heart
Of those who mourn the dying blood
Enshrouding friend and foe alike
On Flanders Field.

So scour our conscience
With your flood
Till we ensure that never more
Shall nations let Death's bloody dance
Seduce the souls of friend and foe.

Like Flanders Field

Feast Days

Wednesday, 15 th November	St. Albert the Great Bp, D
Thursday, 16 th November	St. Edmund pf Abingdon Bp/St. Margaret of Scotland
Friday, 17 th November	St. Hilda of Whitby, Abbess

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

Sharon Oliver	Joe Hirst
Sylvia Shaw	Bob Cass
Bernadette Browne	



Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Marjorie Carey, whose Funeral Service will take place at St. Joseph's on Thursday, 23rd November at 2.30pm, followed by cremation in Durham.

Requiescat in pace.



Coffee Morning – Change of Date

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.

Parish Meeting

Thank you to everyone who joined the meeting with Fr. John O'Brien last week. Fr. John's wonderful insight provoked an interesting discussion about our parish and our thoughts for the future. It was agreed by those present that now is a good time to come together to revisit our parish identity and our aspirations to develop the "best of times."

In preparation for this, there will be a planning meeting on **Wednesday, 6th December at 7pm**, in St. Joseph's Jubilee Room. All parishioners who would like to be involved in planning a day for the wider parish community are welcome.


SUPPORT FUND November 2023 - This is a gentle reminder that the Parish Support Fund continues to operate thanks to the generosity of our parishioners. Once again it is timely to thank all who have and continue to contribute. The fund exists to provide financial support to members of the parish in need. The maximum award is usually £300 and a small panel, established by Fr Colm, administers the fund.




On occasion requests have come in from those who while living within the parish boundaries may not have any direct link to our parish. Again, in these cases the panel consider the need of the applicant and come to a decision.



Memorial Sunday - our annual Memorial Sunday Mass will take place on **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.

Can YOU help during Lumière?

 Lumière this year is from next Thursday, November 16th until Sunday, November 19th. We are hoping to open St. Godric's for three evenings, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 6.00 - 8.00pm for light refreshments and to encourage our visitors to enjoy a time of quiet reflection in our beautiful church.

If you can offer any help in any capacity, welcoming,  serving in our café,  baking for the event,  being a friendly face please contact Kathleen on 07759130837.

Journey in Faith – Dates for your Diary

Journey in Faith starts with an introductory session led by Fr. Colm on 30th November, followed by two further sessions on 7th and 14th December. Sessions will resume on 4th January and continue until Easter.

Launch of the 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 remains open for donations until 19th November.



Durham Martyrs Walking Group – 18th November 2023

Our next walk will be a repeat of the 4 to 5 mile stretch of the Lanchester Railway Path that we did at the beginning of the year.

This is a relatively short and gentle walk and has the advantage of being on flat well surfaced footpaths. There will be an opportunity to visit Knitsley Farm Shop and/or have lunch at Knitsley Mill afterwards.

Parking is available on the road opposite the Farm Shop entrance where walkers should meet at 10am.(Postcode for the shop is DH8 9EW). Please let Marjorie know if you intend to join the walk so we know who to expect.

Gillian Macarthur has kindly agreed to lead this walk. Thank you, Gillian.

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.



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RESULTS – November 2023

1st (£50)	No. 76
Joyce Metcalfe	Ss. Mary & Joseph, Newton Aycliffe
D. Hudson	St. Cuthbert's, Kenton
2nd (£25)	No. 57
M. Nugent	St. Edward's, Whitey Bay
Lilli Gardener c/o Pat Quigley	Parish of the Durham Martyrs

With many thanks for your continued support.

SIGNIFICANCE GRAND DRAW

Fr. Dermott Donnelly, Director of Youth Services in our Diocese until his death in July 2022, founded the charity 'Significance' to enable young people to become all that God has created them to be.

Significance has recently launched a fundraising appeal including a Grand Draw: First prize is 2 tickets for a live TV show in 2024 plus Meet and Greet with Ant and Dec, first class LNER travel and overnight stay in a London hotel (there are two first prizes); and there are other exciting prizes. Each ticket costs £5 and the aim is to raise £20,000 by selling 800 books x 5 tickets. The draw will take place on Youth Sunday 26th November 2023. Please support by buying a ticket or taking a book to sell. Raffle tickets can be sent to you by contacting Mary Hughes at significance316@gmail.com

Little Sisters of the Poor – Christmas Fayre

The Little Sisters of the Poor are having a Christmas Fayre at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle at 1pm-4pm on Saturday 25th November. All are welcome to attend. See poster.

Proposed Parking Charges on Sundays in Durham

The following information has been circulated regarding intended introduction of parking charges on a Sunday which will impact upon parishioners attending Mass at St. Godric's, it also affects other churches within Durham City.

I would urge parishioners of Durham Martyrs to submit objections to the proposal and where possible encourage friends and family to submit objections the link is included in the notice. This appears to be a further decision that impacts upon residents and visitors to Durham City in order to generate further income to supplement inadequate control of DCC financial management.

Durham County Council are proposing changes to parking arrangements throughout the area. The ones making the news are on the coast, however the changes in Durham City are going to affect churches in Durham City. The proposal is that all city street parking will be charged, every day from 8am to 6pm. This will include North Road and the Layby at the east end of St. Cuthberts.

This will also affect those attending St. Godric's, St. Oswald's, St. Margaret's, Elvet Methodists, Waddington Street, and North Road Methodists. If approved, these changes would start on 1 April 2024. There is a consultation and survey available on the DC website:

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/30424/Car-parking-charges-and-tariff-review>

Please visit the consultation and use the survey at the bottom of the page to make your views known. I will also post the link on our Facebook page.

John Thompson

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. 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?

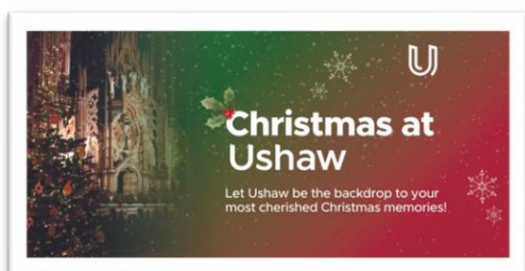
We will also need a deposit of £25 per person. This can be handed into the parish office for Cash or Cheque or transferred to the parish account via BACS (If you are paying by BACS please let us know when you have transferred the deposit and please use the reference <Your Surname>Keswick24

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

The Newman Association - Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear Emma Wells speaking about her book 'Heaven on Earth: The Lives and Legacies of the World's Greatest Cathedrals'.

St. Mary's Church Hall, Cullercoats, on Wednesday, 29th November at 7.20pm.

See poster.



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 www.ushaw.org

Festive Wreath Making: Saturday 25 November, 10.30am-12.00pm and 1.00-2.00pm. Under guidance of Ushaw's team, you will learn the art of crafting a unique wreath using a selection of natural materials from the gardens at Ushaw. This is a ticketed event.

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.

More events to follow.

Mass Intentions for the Week



12th November 2023

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 11 November		5.00pm Vigil Mass The Ward and Dunne Family
Sunday 12 November	9.00am In thanksgiving for Monica O'Connor's recovery 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Thomas Coulthard and a Special Intention (AC)
Monday 13 November	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 14 November	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Myra Willis	NO MASS
Wednesday 15 November	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Maria Parker
Thursday 16 November	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Jean Sampy RIP and Margaret Taylor Birthday Remembrance	NO MASS
Friday 17 November	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Niall Murphy
Saturday 18 November	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Audrey and Thomas Loughlin
Sunday 19 November	9.00am Brian O'Connor Anniversary	11.00am Austin Flynn Anniversary and a Private Intention

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 12	Mon 13	Tue 14	Wed 15	Thurs 16	Fri 17	Sat 18	Sun 19
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	7.00pm	9.15am	12.15pm	12.15pm	10.00am and 6.30pm