

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

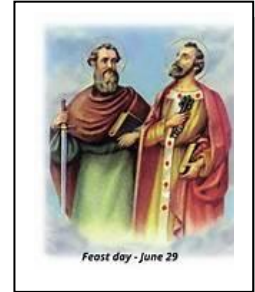
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Sunday 30th June 2024
Ss. Peter and Paul
Parish Newsletter



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We gather again with Fr. John O'Brien next Saturday, 6th July, to continue with our efforts at forging a way forward for our parish. I am really grateful for all the time and effort so many of you have put into this project. Some excellent ideas and suggestions have emerged from the previous meetings, and perhaps the sense I'm picking up now is for decisions to be made. Let's do just that.

Whilst visiting Accident and Emergency on Thursday night (sadly Ann Close has had another fall), the enormity of the challenge faced by the Health system was all too evident. Patients on trolleys in corridors, staff swiftly moving from patient to patient, frightened faces of the needy and elderly, especially being comforted as best as is humanly possible. A constant, crowded flow of people, multi-ethnic doctors and nurses, and the paramedics delivering, or collecting, as was the case with Ann, whom I was looking for in all the chaos.

Yet, from the first point of contact at Reception, to the junior nurse assisting me with locating Ann, "I'm just starting here," he apologetically said, every overstretched member of the staff was kind and patient.

My visit ended when a large and formidable, but gentle, tired looking paramedic interrupted my chat with Ann (humorous as ever despite a broken arm) to prepare her for the late night journey to Bishop Auckland Hospital. I knew Ann was in good hands.

Congratulations to Philip George on the occasion of his 40th Birthday this coming Monday, 1st July. I am sure the whole parish will join me in wishing Philip a very Happy Birthday, and a wonderful celebration.

Feast Days

Saturday, 29 th June	Ss. Peter and Paul
Monday, 1 st July	St. Oliver Plunkett Bp M
Wednesday, 3 rd July	St. Thomas, Apostle
Thursday, 4 th July	St. Elizabeth of Portugal
Friday, 5 th July	St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria P
Saturday, 6 th July	St. Maria Goretti V M

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Brian Harland	Tony Twomey
Kitty Trainor	Jared Howarth
Ann Hourican	Ian Hamilton
Mary Armstrong	Ann Close

Anniversaries

Veronica Keelin	Diana Sanderson
Eric Bennett	Patrick Farrell
Owen Kenna	John Dodds
Kelly Dunne	Joe Turner
Helena Wilson	Trudie Jones
Patricia McLoughlin	Michael Pattison



Funeral this week

Tuesday, 2nd July at 10.00am – Requiem Mass of the late Helen Tumilty at St. Godric's, followed by a Woodland burial in South Road Cemetery.

On Thursday, 11th July, the SVP members are hosting a summer event for the elderly of the parish. There will be a film show and Afternoon Tea for everyone, starting at 1.00pm. Please let us know if you require a lift and get in touch with any member of the SVP.



Holy Communion at Home for the Sick, Elderly and Housebound

If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Kathleen Murray for St. Godric's and Matt Pallister for St. Joseph's.

If it's easier, please contact Marjorie and she will pass the message on

Parish Meeting

Our next parish meeting will take place on Saturday, 6th July from 10.00am-12.00pm in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's. Everyone welcome



Polling Station - St. Joseph's is being used as a Polling Station for the General Election this Thursday 4th July, and there will be no access to the church or meeting rooms on that day.

Youth 2000 is holding an afternoon of prayer & praise, reflection and social on **Sunday 7th July** from **2.00pm to 4pm** at St. Cuthbert's R C Church Old Elvet. Open to Young people aged 16-35 (under 16s will need to request a Parent Consent form from frnickjennings@uwclub.net).

Further enquiries email irishanthony12@gmail.com Don't forget to book for the Youth2000 Summer festival in Ampleforth Abbey, August 23rd - 26th <https://www.youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2024>

Note from Br. John

The Next *Laudato Si* Meeting will be held at the Friary on Monday, July 8th at 7 p.m. All are welcome.



St. Godric's Primary School would like to say, 'thank you' to all the sponsors and families who attended the First Holy Communion Prayer Sponsors' Mass last Thursday at St. Godric's school. It was a beautiful Mass celebrated by Brother John followed by a coffee morning where the First Holy Communicants were able to meet and chat with their prayer sponsors. We appreciate all the support and prayers the children have received from the parish. *St. Godric's Primary School staff.*

Also, thanks from Rachel and Michael who took part in the sponsored walk to raise money for St. Mary's Convent Residential Care Home, Ebchester.

Contributions from parish friends helped us raised over £700 for this great cause. *Rachel and Michael McNally*

A note from SPUC (Society for the Protections of Unborn Children)

The General Election takes place this Thursday, 4th July, and the threat of abortion being decriminalized was averted when this election was called, but these extreme proposals are sure to return.

The next Parliament will also likely see a big push to legalise assisted suicide. It is therefore vital that we elect MP's who will oppose these threats to life.

To contact your candidates, and to check on their voting intentions, please go to: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/General-Election-2024>. See flyer at the back of church.



Thank you all for supporting our Movie Club during the past year. It's been wonderful to meet together, enjoy a range of films and share a glass of wine.

MOVIE CLUB

We're taking a break now over the summer and plan to begin again with a greatly improved picture in September! We've had some exciting suggestions for our next season so look forward to many more pleasant evenings.



Liturgy Day for Readers and the New Lectionary

The Diocesan Liturgical Formation team are running a day for readers of all levels of experience to explore the new translation of the Lectionary on **Saturday 9th November at St. Augustine, Darlington, DL3 7RG.**

This day will provide an opportunity to look at the background of the new Lectionary and to be ready to proclaim the Scriptures.

For more information and to book, please visit: bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents.

Details of other Liturgy days are also available on the Diocesan website.

You can also make your booking through Marjorie. Please let her know if you wish to attend. Alternatively, if you wish to book online, could you also let Marjorie know, so that we have a complete list of attendees.

Cancellation of Mass - St. Joseph's

Please note that the Friday morning Mass scheduled for Friday, 5th July has been moved to the earlier time of 9.00am

Mass Intentions for the Week

30th June 2024

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 29 June		5.00pm Vigil Mass Deceased members of the Hennessy Family, and Jim and Mary Bygroves
Sunday 30 June	9.00am Bridget Grehan-Bradley 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Mary Thompson
Monday 1 July	NO MASS	9.15 am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 2 July	10.00am Requiem Mass of the late Helen Tumilty	NO MASS
Wednesday 3 July	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Eileen Gibbons (Belmullet)
Thursday 4 July	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Trudie Jones	NO MASS
Friday 5 July	NO MASS	9.00am World Peace
Saturday 6 July	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Birthday Remembrances of Peter Reid and Anthony Farmer
Sunday 7 July	9.00am Tom Lowe	10.30am Roger Charlton and John Maughan

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 30	Mon 1 July	Tue 2	Wed 3	Thurs 4	Fri 5	Sat 6	Sun 7
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	9.15am	9.30am (Pilgrim Mass) and 7.00pm	12.15pm	9.15am	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm