

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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Easter

A Poem by: Eloise A. Skimings

The clouds break - light thro' the darkness
Penetrates the gloom with its effulgence,
And from on high soft Alleluias float
Like angels' whisperings - full of hope
To the hopeless mortal, whose web of life,
Both warp and weft, are spun of sin;
But now the God man, who died to save
And bring sinners to repentance.
Is risen to-day, as he said,
And lo, their faces are illumin'd
And their souls once more purified.
The old leaven is purg'd away
And the tarnish on their armor
Is removed— may it keep burnish'd
With constant use in God's armory,
This world, which Satan strives to rule;
And at the final resurrection
May we all swell the grand chorus,
"Resurrexit Sicut Dixit" - Alleluia"

Feast Days – there are no Feast Days this week.

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Meg Dixon	Yvonne Reid
Sheila Owen	Jared Howarth
Ken Riddle	Francesca Camilerni
Breda Gallagher	Nicola Dawson
Sean Casey	Betty Eccles
Brian Harland	Helen Tumelty
Halusia Good	Sheila Wressell
Bill Harris	Margaret Robinson
Tony Twomey	Cud Hall
Lorraine Scullion	Margaret Graham
Kitty Trainor	

Anniversaries

Fr. Charles Crilley	Helen Avery
Nellie Stoker	Jane Carter
Mary Hughes	Jim Pickering
James Buchanan	Bernard Dooner
John Morgan	



Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to Elizabeth Wilson and family on the loss of her sister Veronica Pennicook, who died in hospital in Sunderland.

....and also to the family and friends of the late David Kelly, whose Funeral Service will take place at Durham Crematorium on Thursday, 21st March at 2.00pm. *Requiescant in pace.*

Funerals this week

Marianne Mortemore, Funeral Service at St. Joseph's, Wednesday, 13th March at 11.30am.

Baptism – we welcome into our parish community, Lyliaanna Miriele Lee Averia, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism after the 10.30am Mass at St. Joseph's, this Sunday, 10th March.





There will be an Easter coffee morning on **Monday 18th March** in St Bede's Room in St Godric's School. It will take place immediately after the 9.15am Service of the Word and Holy Communion. All proceeds are for Women in Need in India. Everyone is very welcome.

Missio APF/Mill Hill collections for the month of March 2024 Ss. Godric and Bede - Red mission boxes for St. Bede's will be collected and emptied by sponsors in the usual way during March. Please bring those for St. Godric's to Sunday Mass before the end of March. A big thank you for your continued support and generosity.



*The
Season
of
Lent*



Stations of the Cross will commence at 7.00pm and will alternate between St. Godric's and St. Joseph's.

All services will conclude with the distribution of Holy Communion.

Date	Church	Group
8 th March	St. Joseph's	Inclusive Church
15 th March	St. Godric's	Sanctuary 21
22 nd March	St. Joseph's	Justice and Peace

Lenten Charity Soup Lunches - 12.00-1.00pm at St. Joseph's

Grateful thanks to the groups below who will be hosting our Lenten Charity Lunches.

Date	Group
8 March	Durham Food Bank & Laurel Avenue Community Centre
15 March	SVP
22 March	Bereavement Support Group

Br. John's Lenten Faith Sharing Meetings for Easter at the Friary

The final meeting will take place this Monday, 11th March, from 7.00-8.30pm. The theme is 'God's People in the Making'.

Holy Week Masses/Services

Day	Date	Time	Church
Mini Triduum	27 th March	2.00pm	St. Joseph's
Holy Thursday	28 th March	7.00pm	St. Godric's
Good Friday	29 th March	3.00pm	St. Joseph's
Holy Saturday	30 th March	7.00pm	St. Joseph's
Easter Sunday	31 st March	9.00am St. Godric's	10.30am St. Joseph's

Lent Day of Reflection at Ushaw

Lent is a time of preparation for Holy Week and Easter. The Lent Day of Reflection at Ushaw on **Friday 15th March** invites us to reflect on the phrase “Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us” from the Lord’s Prayer. The day will also include Mass in St. Cuthbert’s Chapel, and Stations of the Cross.

The day starts at 10.15am, with refreshments on arrival, and finishes by 3.30pm. The Day of Reflection costs £10. Bring your own lunch, or lunch can be bought in Ushaw’s café.

Tickets available at <https://ushaw.org/whats-on-at-ushaw/>

Save the Date

St. Leonard’s Spring Concert

The Spring Concert will take place at St. Joseph’s on Thursday, 21st March at 7.00pm, and music will include Mozart Missa Brevis in D Minor, KV65. All welcome – free entry. *See poster.*



Our next **Movie Night** will be **Thursday 14th March** at 7pm in the Jubilee Room.

The film is "Chocolat" (12 rating). It tells the story of a French woman and her daughter who arrive in a small, remote village to set up a chocolate shop at the beginning of Lent. This really shakes up the rigid morality of the community.

The film received 5 Oscar nominations and stars Juliette Binoche, Judi Dench, Alfred Molina and Johnny Depp. All welcome.



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TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL – 200 CLUB March 2024 Results

1 st (£50)	No. 136
Justina Hansom	St. Charles, Gosforth
J. Kimmett	Tynemouth Priory St. Edwards, Whitley Bay
Frances Armstrong	Parish of the Durham Martyrs – St. Godric’s
2 nd (£25)	No. 145
SVP Conference	St. Aloysius & St. James, Hebburn
Terry Lee	Tynemouth Priory St. Edwards, Whitley Bay
Marie Anderson	St. Mary & St. Wilfred, Bishop Auckland

Thank you for your continued support.

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Dear Gift Aiders, your annual statement for the tax year 2022/2023 will be available for collection at the back of Church after each Mass this weekend and next (9th/10th & 16th/17th March). I'm delighted to be able to tell you that your Gift Aid donations for tax year 2022/2023 totalled £63,508.35, the tax reclaimed on this amount and paid to the parish was £14,448.34 after administration costs.

Thank you so much for your support, I hope you will agree that it feels great to receive such a significant amount back from HMRC, at no further cost to ourselves!

Many thanks again.

Esther (Robson), Gift Aid Administrator



Durham Martyrs Walking Group –March 2024

Our next walk will take place **next** Saturday 16th March, led by Gillian Macarthur and will be a pleasant walk of approximately 4½ miles from Hawthorn Village, through the dene and along the coastal path.

The walk starts and ends at the Stapylton Arms village pub so there will be an opportunity for food/ refreshments afterwards. It is suggested that as parking in the village is limited, we meet at St. Joseph's car park at 9.30am and arrange to share transport.

Job Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

HR Adviser, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time. Closing date: 28th March

Cleaner, St Cuthbert, Durham, 10 hours a week. Closing date: 15th March

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

Finchale Partnership Synod Meetings

Thank you to everyone who came along to our three meetings discussing themes from the synod on synodality. A summary of our meetings has now been sent to the Bishop. The summary is now available, together with notes of all 3 meetings, at <http://www.stcuthberts-durham.org.uk/synod-2021-2024>

Church Action on Poverty North East - Thursday, 21st March, 5.30pm (Registration & Refreshments from 5pm) St. Joseph's Centre High West St, Gateshead NE8 1LX opposite Gateshead Metro Interchange. Find out more about: Challenging Poverty Together in the North East. To book your place & receive further details email: capnortheast@gmail.com

Holy House – St Joseph's, Gateshead - There will be a holy hour at St. Joseph's Gateshead on Wednesday 13th March 7-8 pm to pray that the current attempt to decriminalise abortion up to birth will be rejected by MPs.

Mass Intentions for the Week

10th March 2024

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 9 March		5.00pm Vigil Mass Belle Blakey and Anthony Farmer
Sunday 10 March	9.00am Special Intention (Annie) 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Fr. Colum Adamson and Veronica Pennicook
Monday 11 March	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word ad Holy Communion
Tuesday 12 March	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Anita and Bill Nichols	NO MASS
Wednesday 13 March	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Helen Avery and Anne West 11.30 Funeral Service of the late Marianne Mortemore
Thursday 14 March	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Special Intention (JW)	NO MASS
Friday 15 March	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Deceased Visitees of the SVP
Saturday 16 March	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass John and Olive Doyle
Sunday 17 March	9.00am Rose Carr Birthday Remembrance	10.30am In thanksgiving for a long and happy marriage (Ann and Bob) and Victoria Garnham Anniversary

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 10	Mon 11	Tue 12	Wed 13	Thurs 14	Fri 15	Sat 16	Sun 17
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	8.00am (Conference Mass) & 7.00pm	8.00am (Conference Mass)	11.00am Requiem Mass of the late Kevin Smallbone	12.15pm	10.00am and 6.30pm

