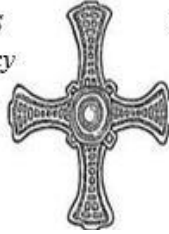


**The Parish of the Durham Martyrs**  
*Incorporating the Churches of Our Lady of Mercy  
& St. Godric, St. Joseph and St. Bede*

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## Parish Newsletter

### 23<sup>rd</sup> July – 11 August 2023

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The induction of Bishop Stephen was a powerful statement on his leadership into the future. He brought a strength of character to the occasion that also had its moments of pathos and humour.

There was an honesty about the occasion that was challenging. His homily was one of humility, hope, and determination. Let's pray that we now move forward in a Spirit of healing and new beginnings.

“Unfortunately I am afraid, as always, of going on. For to go on means going from here, means finding me, losing me, vanishing and beginning again. A stranger first, then little by little the same as always, in another place, where I shall say I have always been, of which I shall know nothing, being incapable of seeing, moving, thinking, speaking, but of which little by little, in spite of these handicaps, I shall begin to know something. Just enough for it to turn out to be the same place as always. The same which seems made for me and does not want me, which I seem to want and do not want, take your choice, which spews me out or swallows me up. I'll never know....”

*Samuel Beckett, The Unnameable.*

On to more immediate parish issues now. With the summer holiday for many of us about to begin, the parish takes a rest from many activities. This is very often a well-earned rest for volunteers too. However, can I ask that you keep an eye to those who may find summer a lonely time because they are housebound and not as socially involved as usual.

Our prayers and best wishes go with the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. It will also be great occasion for our new Bishop to meet up with so many of his flock, including the sizeable numbers journeying from this parish.

**John Prine – “Me and Loretta”**

We had an apartment in the city  
Me and Loretta liked living there  
Well, it'd been years since the kids had grown  
A life of their own left us alone  
John and Linda live in Omaha  
And Joe is somewhere on the road  
We lost Davy in the Korean War  
And I still don't know what for, don't matter anymore.

You know that old trees just grow stronger  
And old rivers grow wilder every day  
Old people just grow lonesome  
Waiting for someone to say, “Hello in there, hello”

Me and Loretta, we don't talk much more  
She sits and stares through the backdoor screen  
And all the news just repeats itself  
Like some forgotten dream that we've both seen  
Someday I'll go and call up Rudy  
We worked together at the factory  
But what could I say if he asks "What's new?"  
"Nothing, what's with you? Nothing much to do"

You know that old trees just grow stronger  
And old rivers grow wilder every day  
Old people just grow lonesome  
Waiting for someone to say, “Hello in there, hello

So if you're walking down the street some time  
And spot some hollow ancient eyes  
Please don't just pass 'em by and stare  
As if you didn't care, say “Hello in there, hello”.

(A beautiful song worth listening to. There is also a lovely version by Joan Baez)

## Feast Days

Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> July	The Martyrs of the Diocese
Tuesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> July	St. James, Apostle
Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Ss. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday, 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Ss. Martha, Mary an Lazarus
Monday, 31 <sup>st</sup> July	St. Ignatius of Loyola
Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> August	St. Alphonsus Liguori Bp, D
Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	St. Peter Julian Eymard P/St. Eusebius of Vercelli Bp
Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	St. Oswald, King, M
Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> August	St. John Vianney P
Saturday, 5 <sup>th</sup> August	The Dedication of St. Mary Major Basilica
Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> August	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> August	St. Sixtus II Pp, & Companions MM
Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> August	St. Dominic P
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> August	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross V, M, Patron of Europe
Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> August	St. Laurence, Deacon, M
Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> August	St. Clare of Assisi V

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Meg Dixon	Bernard and Yvonne Reid
Joe Watson	Jared Howarth
Sheila Owens	Francesca Cannilerni
Ken Riddle	Nicola Dawson
Breda Gallagher	A sick grandchild
Ian Hamilton	

Anniversaries: 22 July – 11 August

Moira Birney	John Newcombe
John Turnbull	Olga Oliver
Peter Francis Keelin	Catherine McLoughlin
Eve Sutherland	Anthony & Monica Malyan
Terrie Riddle	Yolanda Cammiss
Paul Harrison	Freda Balmer
Gillian Kenny	Gareth Hughes
Bernadette Dolan	Carol Wheatley
Yvonne Jenkins	Doris Heseltine
Pauline Pepper	William Birney



**Sympathy** – we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late John McManus, whose Funeral Service will take place on **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> August at 11.30am. *Requiescat in pace.***

### **Forthcoming Funerals**

#### **Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> July**

The Funeral Service of the late June Hann in St. Joseph's at 11.45am, followed by cremation in Durham.

#### **Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> July**

The Requiem Mass of the late Trudie Jones in St. Godric's at 10.00am followed by cremation in Durham.

.. and also on **27<sup>th</sup> July**, the Funeral Service of the late Jadwiga McAllister which takes place at Durham Crematorium at 3.00pm.

#### **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> August**

The Funeral Service of the late John McManus at Durham Crematorium at 11.30am



**Holy  
Baptism**

The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism over the coming weeks:

**23<sup>rd</sup> July** - Harrison Robertson – St Joseph's after the 11.00am Mass

**30<sup>th</sup> July** - Arthur Henderson – St. Godric's – after the 9.00am Mass

**6<sup>th</sup> August** – Hazel Geldard – St. Joseph's – after the 11.00am Mass

Just to let everyone know that our Wednesday Lunch Club has now finished for the summer but will resume on September 6<sup>th</sup> .

A huge "THANK YOU "to those dedicated people who have worked to make it such a success, either by working in the kitchen, or by being the weekly taxi service.

We couldn't have managed without you! Now enjoy your well-earned summer break.

Pat and Kathleen.

### **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

The Parish office will close at 12.30pm on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> July and re-open at 8.30am on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> August.

*Mass Intentions*  *for the Week* 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 22 July	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Maureen Doyle Birthday Celebration
Sunday 23 July	9.00am Special Intention (DF, B)	11.00am Olga Oliver and Vera Lindsay
Monday 24 July	NO MASS	9.15am Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 25 July	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Special Intention (DF, D)	NO MASS
Wednesday 26 July	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am In thanksgiving for members of the SVP  11.45am – Funeral Service of the late June Hann
Thursday 27 July	10.00am Requiem Mass of the late Trudie Jones	NO MASS
Friday 28 July	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am In thanksgiving for the Ordination of Jess
Saturday 29 July	NO MASS	5.00pm – Vigil Mass 10.00am Pauline Inglis and Paul Harrison
Sunday 30 July	9.00am Hamish Reid, Paul Beard and John McGee	11.00am Fr. Peter Smith and Norman Wilson

**St. Cuthbert's**

Sun 23	Mon 24	Tue 25	Wed 26	Thurs 27	Fri 28	Sat 29	Sun 30
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	7.00pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm

# Mass Intentions for the Week

30<sup>th</sup> July 2023

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 29 July	NO MASS	5.00pm Pauline Inglis and Paul Harrison
Sunday 30 July	9.00am Hamish Reid, Paul Beard and John McGee	11.00am Fr. Peter Smith and Norman Wilson
Monday 31 July	NO MASS	9.15am Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 1 August	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am - Vince McPartlin and In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart	NO MASS
Wednesday 2 August	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Margaret Rose Thompson
Thursday 3 August	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am - Catherine McLoughlin and Michael Bradshaw and his daughter Emma	NO MASS
Friday 4 August	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Mark Farrell
Saturday 5 August	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Sheila Collinson Birthday Remembrance and Michael Oliver
Sunday 6 August	9.00am George and Susannah Michiels	11.00am Clare Aylett Birthday Remembrance

## St. Cuthbert's

Sun 30	Mon 31	Tue 1 Aug	Wed 2	Thurs 3	Fri 4	Sat 5	Sun 6
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS	12.15pm	10.00am and 6.30pm

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



*Monday, 7 August  
to  
Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> August*

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Monday 7 August	NO MASS	9.15am Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 8 August	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Margaret Rose Thompson	NO MASS
Wednesday 9 August	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Peace in Ukraine
Thursday 10 August	9.30am Exposition 10.00am In thanksgiving to Our Lady	NO MASS
Friday 11 August	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am The sick of the parish
Saturday 12 August	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Eileen McKay and William Birney
Sunday 13 August	9.00am Lucy and Thomas Hunt	11.00am The Oliver Family and Anne Marie Melvin Birthday Remembrance

*St. Cuthbert's – please check St. Cuthbert's website  
for Mass times this week*