

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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I am travelling across Connemara in torrential rain as I stop to write this bulletin piece.

We welcome our new Bishop into the Diocese next Wednesday. Let us keep Bishop Stephen in our prayers at this challenging time for all of us.

As you will have read in last week's bulletin, I'd like to use the 10th Anniversary of the Durham Martyrs' Parish as a time to reflect on preparing for the future. We've come a long way in 10 years. Thanks to all for working so generously in achieving this.

Our schools are now winding down after a very busy and demanding year. Again, I say a big thank you to all our teachers and staff for their great efforts, sometimes in very difficult circumstances. Well done and have that much deserved Summer break. Special thanks and prayers to Fiona Westerman at St. Godric's, who retires.

Tim Robinson, Connemara: A Little Gaelic Kingdom

“ Thinking now of the luminous cleanliness and bell-like resonance of Aran's limestone rock sheets, their parallel fissures pointing one to the edge of clear-cut cliffs, and the solace on a summer's day of its spring wells that image the perfection of the wild flowers attendant on them, I realise what a difficult terrain is south Connemara: multidirectional from every point so complex in form it verges on the formless, disputing every step with stony irregularities, leechlike softness of bog or bootlace-catching twiggy heath.

Often when visitors ask me what they should see in this region, I am at a loss. A curious hole in the ground? The memory of an old song about a drowning? Ultimately I have to tell them that this is a land without shortcuts.”

Feast Days

Thursday, 20 th July	St. Apollinaris Bp, M
Friday, 21 st July	St. Lawrence of Brindisi P, D
Saturday, 22 nd July	St. Mary Magdalene

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Meg Dixon	Bernard and Yvonne Reid
Joe Watson	Jared Howarth
Sheila Owen	Francesca Camilerni
Ken Rddle	Nicola Dawson
Breda Gallagher	A sick grandchild
Ian Hamilton	

Anniversaries

Mary Pattison	Mary Lyons
Jack Makepeace	



Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Jadwiga McAllister who passed away this week. Her funeral will take place at Durham Crematorium on Thursday, 27th July at 3.00pm.

Confirmation of funeral arrangements – the Requiem Mass of the late Trudie Jones will take place at St. Godric's on Thursday, 27th July at 10.00am followed by cremation in Durham at 11.30am.

Funeral this week

Thursday, 20th July – The Funeral Service of the late Ken Herbert will take place at St. Joseph's at 12.00pm, followed by cremation in Durham. *Requiescant in pace.*

Parish Office Closed

The Parish office will be closed from **28th July – 4th August**, and re-opens on Tuesday, 8th August. Next week's newsletter will cover the period 23rd July – 11th August. Please let Marjorie have any items for inclusion by **Wednesday, 19th July**.



We welcome into our parish community Emilia Guy-Szczesniak, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Godric's Church this Sunday, 16th July, after the 9.00am Mass.

Fourth Option of Giving by Credit/Debit Card Update

The Provider is having difficulty resolving a technical matter outside of our control.

The Fourth Option of Giving will be introduced when this matter is sorted and we will keep you updated on progress.

St. Joseph's Lunch Club will not meet on 29th July or in August and will start again on Wednesday 6th September. New guests are welcome to join us for a hot meal and chat, especially older people living alone.

Lifts are arranged across the Parish. New volunteers are needed to help occasionally to give lifts or help serve meals. Please contact Kathleen Murray 0775 9130837, or Pat Conway 0794 3016225.

From the Diocese

A Liturgical Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Date: Saturday 23rd September 2023

Times: 10.30am-3.00pm - arrivals, registration and refreshments from 10.00am

Location: St Joseph's, High West Street, Gateshead, NE8 1LX

Cost: £10.00 per person

Catering: Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.

The day will include a Mass.

This Day of Reflection may be self-funded or funded by the parish. You can indicate your payment preference on the online booking form. An invoice will be sent to the payee following the event. Payments can be made by bank transfer or cheque.

Booking Deadline: Monday 18th September 2023

Booking: please book your place by giving Marjorie your name and email address, and for further information or to book online, please email: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

News from the Centre for Catholic Studies

Following the CCS's symposium on Synodality and Receptive Ecumenism in June, we are delighted to share a two-page feature on the event which appeared in the latest edition of The Tablet, which was written by one of our PhD students, Christopher Lamb. You can read it online at The Tablet's website – link below (but you will need to register for free if you have not already done so).

[Journeying together in synodality and ecumenism \(thetablet.co.uk\)](https://www.thetablet.co.uk)

Mass Intentions for the Week



16th July 2023

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 15 July		5.00pm Vigil Mass David Elliot Anniversary and Kevin Royal Birthday Remembrance
Sunday 16 July	9.00am The intentions of Tom and Maureen Hoban	11.00am The intentions of Fr. Colm
Monday 17 July	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 18 July	9.30 – Exposition 10.00am The intentions of Fr. Colm	10.00am St. Joseph's School Mass in Church
Wednesday 19 July	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Special Intention (LH)
Thursday 20 July	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Margaret Rose Thompson	12.00pm Funeral Service of the late Ken Herbert
Friday 21 July	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Deceased members of the Melia Family
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

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 16	Mon 17	Tue 18	Wed 19	Thurs 20	Fri 21	Sat 22	Sun 23
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	7.00pm	9.15am	NO MASS	12.15pm	10.00am and 6.30pm