

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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We begin the season of Lent with the Parish Retreat in Keswick. We will be praying particularly for the parish this weekend.

Stations of the Cross are each Friday alternating in both St. Joseph's and St. Godric's.

On this first anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, perhaps an opportunity to pray this Lenten season for peace in the world. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Sunday afternoon at St. Godric's. Even a brief visit in your busy weekend schedule would add greatly to the communal sense of parish support for peace. Exposition takes place between 3.00 and 4.00pm.

A Prayer by Thomas Merton
O God, We Are One With You
(Thomas Merton 1915-1968)

O God, we are one with you.
You have made us one with you.
You have taught us that if we are open to one another,
you dwell in us.
Help us to preserve this openness
and to fight for it with all our hearts.
Help us to realize that there can be no understanding
where there is mutual rejection.

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O God, in accepting one another wholeheartedly, fully, completely, we accept you, and we thank you, and we adore you, and we love you with our whole being, because our being is your being, our spirit is rooted in your spirit.

Fill us then with love, and let us be bound together with love as we go our diverse ways, united in this one spirit which makes you present in the world, and which makes you witness to the ultimate reality that is love.

Love has overcome.
Love is victorious.

Amen.

Feast Days

Monday, 27 th February	St. Gregory of Narek
Wednesday, 1 st March	St. David Bp, Patron of Wales

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Meg Dixon	Bernard and Yvonne Reid
Ken Riddle	Jared Howarth
Liz Murray	Francesca Camilerni
Lorraine Scullion	John McMahon
Sheila Owen	

Anniversaries:

Doreen Power	Anne-Marie Melvin
Cassie Childs	Jack Bradley
Mary Lennon	Cara Armstrong-McKay
Patricia Grainger	Isabella Eccles



Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to the families and friends of the following parishioners:

David Scott, whose Funeral Service will take place at St. Godric's on **Friday, 3rd March at 2.00pm** followed by cremation at 3.00pm.

Patrick Killian, whose Funeral Service will take place at St. Joseph's on Friday, 10th March at 11.30am followed by burial in South Road Cemetery.

Lawrence George Homshaw, whose Funeral Service will take place at St. Joseph's on Thursday, 9th March at 1.00pm. This is a provisional date and will be confirmed next week. *Requiesant in pace.*



Lenten Meetings at St. Francis Friary. DH1 4RD

The brothers invite you to a series of 4 Lenten Meetings, commencing on Monday 27th February at 7.00pm. The theme for the series is: 'Prayer in our daily lives'. The sessions will comprise reflections and sharings on various aspects of Christian Prayer along with a friendly cup of tea. All are welcome.

Eucharistic Services during Lent – there will be a Eucharistic Service every Monday at 9.15am in **St. Joseph's** commencing on Monday 27th February, and also at **St. Bede's Chapel in St. Godric's School** at 9.15am from Monday 27th February until Monday 27th March.

Stations of the Cross - The Stations have been shared between our two churches – details below. They will commence at 7.00pm each Friday evening,

Date	Group	Church
24 th February	The Lunch Club	St. Godric's
3 rd March	Pat Conway/Kathleen	St. Joseph's
10 th March	Inclusive Group (Memory Café)	St. Godric's
17 th March	SVP	St. Joseph's
24 th March	The Parish Council	St. Godric's
31 st March	Justice and Peace	St. Joseph's

Lenten Soup Lunches, St. Joseph's - The dates below are now booked and the remaining dates available are 10th and 24th March.

3rd March – Joanna Pallister

17th March – SVP

31st March – Homelessness/Sanctuary 21



Fr. Colm would like to thank the whole parish for the amazing support over the past 12 months in the continuing donations to the Ukraine Appeal, and more recently, the Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal.

We have sent £5,541.46 to the 'Cafod Ukraine Appeal', which forms part of the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee), an umbrella of UK Charities which coordinates and launches collective appeals to raise funds to provide emergency aid and rapid relief to people caught up in disasters and humanitarian crises around the world.

Last weekend's Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal generated a marvellous total of £947.61 in donations.

We are blessed to have such a generous and caring parish.

Easter Competition - All children at our three Primary Schools are invited to enter our Easter Competition by designing a poster all about Easter and what it means to them. The posters have to be delivered to either St. Godric's or St. Joseph's churches by 12th March to be passed on to the panel of judges and prizes will be awarded!

Drop-in Centre at St. Joseph's - All are welcome to drop in on **Wednesdays** from **2.00pm to 4.00pm** in and share some warmth and company, with refreshments provided. Access is through the small gate near the presbytery not the main church door. (Pat Conway 07943016225).

Wednesday Lunch Club – re-starts this week after half-term week, on Wednesday 1st March. If you would like to join the club for hot meal and good company, or to join the rota of helpers to serve or give lifts, then please contact Pat Conway 0794 3016225.

From the Diocese

Catholic Schools Admission Appeals Panels

The Diocesan Department for Education is looking for volunteers to serve on admission appeals panels for Catholic schools.

Appeal panel members hear parents' appeal cases when, occasionally, they feel that the school they have been allocated for their child is not appropriate or practical. If you:

- * are interested in education and want to get involved though you do not need to be a teacher;
- * have excellent listening skills, combined with the ability to put people at ease and make balanced decisions;
- * have the time to offer (usually appeals last half a day, a day, or two at each sitting);
- * are willing to undertake training to understand the rules of school admissions

then this is an excellent way to serve Catholic schools. For more information and to obtain an application form, please email education@diocesehn.org.uk or phone 0191 243 3313.

Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal Cash Donations

If you would like to make a cash donation rather than one online, please note that there will be a basket at the back of each church this weekend.

Supporting Turkish and Syrian Communities – St. Joseph's Primary School

We are collecting for those affected by the recent earthquakes. Turkish and Syrian Communities are in desperate need of nappies, wipes, baby formula and toiletries (sealed new products only please). If anyone in the parish would like to donate, please drop any items at the school office located in *St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Mill Lane, Gilesgate, Durham, DH1.2JQ*

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal - Friday, 3rd March

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

Video

Our Lent Appeal video is also available – see the link below:

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULTqHsawCZU&t=34s>)

The Fast Day envelopes are available at the back of each church this weekend, for return next weekend.



Ecumenical World Day of Prayer - The ecumenical World Day of Prayer Service will take place this year at Carrville Methodist Church on **Friday 3rd March at 2pm**. Please come as the world needs so much prayer.

There will also be a service at Durham City Methodist Church, North Road site at 10.30am on Friday 3rd March.

The service this year has been prepared by women from Taiwan and is called 'I have heard about your faith'. All are welcome.

Mass Intentions for the Week

26th February 2023

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 25 February	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Emily Gibbons
Sunday 26 February 1 st Sunday of Lent	9.00am Special Intention (DF)	11.00am Austin Flynn Birthday Remembrance and Anne-Marie Melvin Anniversary
Monday 27 February	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 28 February	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Cara Armstrong McKay	NO MASS
Wednesday 1 March	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Cassie Childs Anniversary
Thursday 2 March	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am World Peace	NO MASS
Friday 3 March	2.00pm - Funeral Service of the late David Scott	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Vera Ratton
Saturday 4 March	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass David Adams
Sunday 5 March	9.00am Brian O'Connor	11.00am Deceased members of the Barrett and Conway Families

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 19	Mon 20	Tue 21	Wed 22	Thurs 23	Fri 24	Sat 25	Sun 26
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15	12.15pm	7.00pm (Feast of St. David)	No Mass	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm

