

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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The Novena in preparation for Pentecost has so far, been a revelation. To see the gifts of the Spirit manifested in the lives of participants is truly enriching. The simplicity of the evenings also add to their enjoyment. The real strength has been the stories, the life journeys on pilgrimages we all take. Those moments of change, conversion, call it what you like, when the Spirit touches our lives and we are redirected.

“Conversion is not the smooth, easy-going process some people seem to think... It is wounding work, this breaking of the hearts, but without wounding there is no saving... Where there is grafting, there will always be a cutting, the graft must be let in with a wound; to stick it onto the outside or to tie it on with a string would be of no use. Heart must be set to heart and back to back or there will be no sap from root to branch. And this, I say, must be done by a wound, by a cut.” *John Bunyan.*

On Sunday, 11th June, we will host a return of our International Meals. What is particularly good about this is that the request is coming from you – that is our growing International Community that is The Durham Martyrs’ Parish.

Thank you for choosing to make this parish your home, and for bringing such gifts to us – you.

Feast Days

Monday, 22 nd May	St. Rita of Cascia Rel
Thursday, 25 th May	St. Bede the Venerable, P, D
Friday, 26 th May	St. Philip Neri P
Saturday, 27 th May	St. Augustine of Canterbury Bp

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Meg Dixon	Bernard and Yvonne Reid
Joe Watson	Jared Howarth
Sheila Owen	Francesca Camilerni
Mark Farrell	Nicola Dawson
Tony Collinson	

Anniversaries:

Joyce Hook	Dennis Hawley
Stephen Dawson	Richard Harrison
Christina Taylor	Jack Wressell
Jake Thompson	



Sympathy - we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Mary Hollingsworth, whose Funeral Service will take place at St. Joseph's on Wednesday, 7th June at 11.15am, followed by cremation in Durham. *Requiescat in pace.*

Baptism - we welcome into our parish community Finley Benjamin Winlow, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism after the 11.00am Mass at St. Joseph's, this Sunday, 21st May.



Retiring Collection

This weekend there will be a retiring collection for World Communication Day, if you would like to make a contribution. The theme for this year's World Communications Day, chosen by Pope Francis, is 'Speaking with the Heart'



Pentecost Novena – St. Joseph's
Continues this week: 22nd - 26th May (sessions to be held at St. Joseph's at 7.00pm)

Sunday, 28th May (Pentecost Sunday) – Solemn Holy Hour at 3.00pm in St. Godric's, followed by Benediction.

Some people have been asking - what is a Novena?

From the Latin for “nine”, or “nine at a time”

A period of public or private prayer lasting nine days, either consecutively or once weekly or nine weeks - to mark an important occasion, obtain a particular grace, or offer up a special intention. The prayers are often devotions to a saint or a particular virtue of Christ, such as mercy.

Novenas originated in the seventeenth century.

The Novena leading up to Pentecost's symbolic of the nine days between Christ's ascension and Pentecost, when Mary and the apostles were waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit.



Celebration of Life Mass

Next Saturday 27th May, the Bereavement Support Group will hold the Celebration of the Lives of Loved Ones Mass at 10.00am in St. Joseph's.

We hope that you will be able to join us to remember our loved ones and lay a flower in their memory. We will be serving refreshments afterwards in the Jubilee room and would love to see you all.



Thursday, 15th June at 2.00pm – St. Joseph's SVP Summer Party for the elderly of the parish.

Could anyone wishing to go to the party please put their name on the list at the back of church, indicating if transport to the venue is required.

SAVE THE DATE

International Lunch - 11th June after the 11.00am Mass

Let's get together and have fun!

Bring some food to share and be ready to have a good time.

All are welcome. See poster at the back of each church.



Parish Handbook

The Parish Handbook is now available on our website for reference. If any changes are needed, please let Marjorie know. We also have a small supply of the Parish Information Leaflet available in both churches and St. Bede's Chapel for those needing a summary of what we offer.

From the Diocese

A Day for Catechists – 15th July, 10am-3pm

St. Robert of Newminster Catholic School, Washington, NE38 8AF

This will be a day for exploring Catechesis, Accompaniment and Evangelisation.

Are you involved with Baptismal Preparation, First Holy Communions, Confirmations, Marriage Preparation, RCIA, Children's Liturgy or other faith sharing initiatives? We are excited to host the largest gathering of Catechists the diocese has seen in recent times. This will be a special opportunity to come together and renew out approach to sacramental preparation and faith-sharing post-pandemic.

Whether you are a seasoned Catechist or just considering becoming one, we want you to join us. We will be haring key principles from the new *Directory for Catechesis* and affirming good practices, as well as providing new ideas and inspiration.

Refreshments are included but please bring a packed lunch. Individuals and parish groups welcome. To book your place(s) visit <http://bit.ly/DHNDOC23>.

See posters and flyers at the back of each church.

From the Centre for Catholic Studies

Please find below the Soundcloud link to the CTRS seminar from the 27th April 2023.

Our guest speaker Gareth Rowe, CAFOD-Durham Research Fellow and a graduate from Durham University's MA In Christian Theology (Catholic Studies), discusses 'Climate, Covid and Conflict: Can Catholic Social Teaching show us the way through the storm?'

<https://soundcloud.com/user-594051740/gareth-rowe-can-catholic-social-teaching-show-us-the-way-through-the-storm>

Province 5 Catenian Association (Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Middlesborough, Lancaster)

The annual celebration of Holy Mass will be held in St Cuthbert's Chapel, Ushaw College on the Sunday, 18th June at 10.30am. If you are interested in attending the Mass please contact John Thompson email john_magpies2003@yahoo.co.uk (underscore between john and magpies) phone 01913868378. Numbers are required by Ushaw for stewarding purposes and parking. At the current time Bishop Paul Mason, Bishop to the Armed Forces will be celebrating. It is an opportunity for those who may not have celebrated Mass in Ushaw or have heard of the Catenians to come along and join the Catenians in their celebration.

There is a Sunday roast lunch and dessert at the Ramside Hall Hotel following Mass 12.15 for 12.45 cost £25, if you would like to join in lunch you would be most welcome.

The Newman Association Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear:

Chris Maunder speak on:

‘Our Lady of the Nations - Apparitions of Mary in 20th Century Catholic Europe’ at St Cuthbert’s Church Hall, North Shields, on Wednesday 31st May, at 7.30pm.

Chris Maunder is retired Senior Lecturer and Visiting Fellow, Theology & Religious Studies, York St John University, and a researcher and writer in the area of Marian Studies. The title of his talk is that of his book (2016, Oxford University Press).

A scholar of Catholic popular religion in professional life, he is also passionate about Marian shrines, visiting them across Europe and helping to maintain his local shrine, a 15th-century rock chapel in Knaresborough.

Forthcoming Events at Durham Cathedral

The Venerable Bede at Durham Cathedral. There will be a special service of Evensong with a Procession to Bede’s tomb in the Galilee Chapel on **Thursday 25th May at 5.30 p.m.** The service is sung by Durham Cathedral Choir and an address will be given by Professor Giles Gaspar, Professor of High Mediaeval History at Durham University. The service will last about one hour.

There will also be a celebration of the Eucharist on the Eve of Bede’s feast day on **Wednesday 24th May at 5.30 p.m.** in the Galilee Chapel where Bede’s shrine is located. The service is sung by Durham Cathedral Choir and the preacher is the Reverend Daniel Parkinson, Minor Canon for Liturgy and Learning at Durham Cathedral. Seats are free for all, and you don’t need to book.

All are welcome to both events.

Mass Intentions for the Week

21st May 2023

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 20 May	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Majeed Ahmed and David Adams
Sunday 21 May	9.00am George and Susannah Michiels 3.00-4.00pm – Exposition	11.00am Veronica and Eric Smith
Monday 22 May	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 23 May	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Peter and Catherine McLoughlin	NO MASS
Wednesday 24 May	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Richard Harrison Anniversary
Thursday 25 May	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Audrey Coatesworth	NO MASS
Friday 26 May	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Melanie Douglas (Illness)
Saturday 27 May	NO MASS	10.00am Celebration of Life Mass 5.00pm Vigil Mass Lily Parry
Sunday 28 May	9.00am Colin Wild 3.00pm – Solemn Holy Hour followed by Benediction	11.00am Jack Wressell Anniversary

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 21	Mon 22	Tue 23	Wed 24	Thurs 25	Fri 26	Sat 27	Sun 28
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	9.15am	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm