

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 on pilgrimage from this weekend. I begin walking the Portuguese Way with my brother Joseph, on Monday. This route, familiar to a number of parishioners, begins in Portugal, but quickly crosses the border with Spain. Unfortunately, bush fires have caused havoc in the region over the past week, but I am delighted to see cloudy skies forecast for the coming days.

This will be the 21st anniversary of my first Camino. I'm 21 years older, and so a more measured approach may be necessary. We'll see.

"I sat down on a bridge, and wondered; I saw before me hundreds upon hundreds of miles, painful and exhausted, and I asked heaven if this was necessary to a pilgrimage."
Hilaire Belloc, The Path to Rome

My apologies for going on, but I'm now aware of a throbbing sense of unspoken injustice locally at the road closures leading to the church and school from Sherburn Road. There is a genuine sense of grievance at voices being ignored, indeed simply dismissed, despite being told otherwise, and despite Corporate PR efforts at damage limitation.

The Feast of St. Francis is soon, and the Community of Capuchins are planning a celebration of their patron. Details will be in next week's parish bulletin.

Feast Days

Monday, 23 September	St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) P
Tuesday, 24 September	Our Lady of Walsingham
Thursday, 26 September	Ss. Cosmas and Damian MM
Friday, 27 September	St. Vincent de Paul
Saturday, 28 September	St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions MM/St. Wenceslaus M

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Brian Harland	Tony Twomey
Kitty Trainor	Jared Howarth
Ann Hourican	Ian Hamilton
Mary Armstrong	Ann Close
Sheila Owens	Margaret Graham

Anniversaries:

Frank McGoay	Nicholas Mascarenhas
Joanna Hopper	Anthony Shaw
Peter Mahan	Eileen Blake
Walter Dolan	



Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to the following families:

.... family and friends of the late Kevin Corrigan, whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on Friday, 4th October at 10.00am followed by burial in Belmont Cemetery.

....and also to the family and friends of the late John Wood, whose Funeral Service will take place at St. Joseph's on Wednesday, 9th October at 12.00pm, followed by cremation in Durham.

Requiescant in pace.

Baptism – we welcome into our parish community Lara You-Xi McCaffery, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism after the 10.30am Mass at St. Joseph's this Sunday, 22nd September.



Parish Baptism Programme

Our third and final programme of 2024 will take place at St. Joseph's on Monday 21st October in the Jubilee Room, from 6.00-9.00pm.

All families wishing to have their child/children Baptised in the parish have to attend one of our Programmes.

If you would like to register your interest, please contact Marjorie.

Fourth Option of Giving by Debit or Credit Card

The Parish is now in a position to introduce this Option and some support with the implementation of the Scheme would be helpful and appreciated

Either

- To be present at one of the three main weekend masses to check the set up and deal with queries

Or

- With some IT/Technology skills to help with the initial set up

If anyone is interested, please contact Tom Harrison - 07768 741177

Missio APF/Mill Hill collection for the month of September 2024 Ss. Godric and Bede - Red mission boxes for St. Bede's will be collected and emptied by sponsors in the usual way during September.

Please bring those for St. Godric's to Sunday Mass before the end of September.

A big thank you for your continued support and generosity.



We are delighted to promote our first movie of the new season. Everyone is welcome to attend this coming Thursday, 26th September at 7pm in the Jubilee Room. The film is "Perfect Days" (PG) the latest movie from the writer/director Wim Wenders. It is the story of a middle-aged man who lives a life of modesty and serenity, spending his days balancing his job of cleaning toilets in Tokyo with his passion for music, literature and photography. As always, wine and light refreshments will be served.

Thank you for your many suggestions for future films. Our list is growing !
The projector is now working clearly and it will be lovely to see you on 26th. Don't forget your cushions!

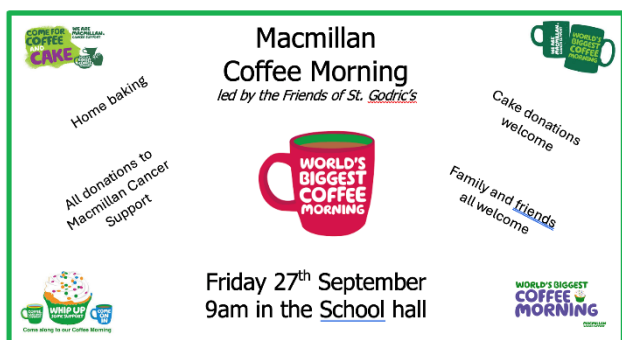
Global Rosary for the Jubilee:

At 7pm on 7th October, we will be participating in the Global Rosary for the Jubilee at St. Cuthbert's, Old Elvet, Durham. Across the world, starting in New Zealand, on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, Catholics are invited to gather at 7pm local time in prayerful preparation for the Church's 'Jubilee of Hope' in 2025. Our time of prayer at St. Cuthbert's has been registered with the international planners, is being organised by members of Lay Dominicans North East and is for parishioners and members of the chaplaincy community. All are welcome.

Vespers (Evening Prayer) at Ushaw:

During Ushaw's years as a seminary, Evening Prayer was said or sung in St. Cuthbert's Chapel every day and was very much part of life at Ushaw.

On Sunday 29th September at 4pm, please join us for Vespers in the Chapel. Please note that this is not a concert performance, but an opportunity to pray together the Evening Prayer of the Church for the 29th September, the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. All are welcome to join us for the service.



Macmillan Coffee Morning, St. Godric's School, Friday, 27th September at 9.00am in the School hall.

Everyone welcome.

WORKING TOGETHER AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND MODERN SLAVERY - FUND-RAISING BUFFET SUPPER - Wednesday October 9th

Human Trafficking for sexual exploitation, exploitative labour and forced criminal activity is a major issue in Europe as well as globally. In 2012 Sister Imelda Poole IBVM founded "Mary Ward Loreto Albania", a Catholic human rights organisation in Albania, to address the needs of survivors of human trafficking in rescue, rehabilitation and reintegration; and in prevention by providing education and economic empowerment for girls who are most vulnerable to becoming victims. Sr. Imelda is visiting Durham at the beginning of October.

You are invited to meet her at a fund-raising buffet supper at the home of Mary McHugh, 6 Albert St Durham DH1 4RL on Wednesday October 9th at 7pm onwards. Tickets £15 – proceeds will go to support the ongoing work of Mary Ward Loreto Albania. For catering purposes please let Mary know if you are planning to attend.

Email mmchugh@doctors.org.uk

Text or Tel 07947664124

Forthcoming Concerts at St. Godric's

Anglo-German Youth Orchestra Concert at St Godric's – October 12th



Experience the Magic of Live Classical Music!

When a Youth Orchestra from Buxtehude, Germany, joins forces with the Durham Music Youth Orchestra for a unique concert.

7pm Saturday 12 October, St. Godric's Church, Durham

Tickets: Adults £5 Children aged 5-15 £2

All proceeds will support the Durham Martyrs' Parish Support Fund, which helps local families in financial need, and the Mark Jon Bolderson Percussion Foundation, which provides aid to young music students.

Experience the Magic of Live Classical Music when a Youth Orchestra from Buxtehude, Germany, joins forces with the Durham Music Youth orchestra for a unique concert.

We are thrilled to announce a unique and exciting event at **St Godric's Church** in Durham City on **October 12th at 7pm**. The **Buxtehude Youth Symphony Orchestra** from Germany will join forces with our local **Durham Music Youth Orchestra** for an evening of spectacular classical music.

This special concert will showcase talented young musicians, performing a selection of classical pieces that are sure to inspire. The Buxtehude Youth Symphony Orchestra, led by conductor **Andreas Désor**, has toured internationally, and we are delighted to welcome them back to Durham after their last performance at St. Joseph's in 2016.

Ticket Information

- Adults: £5
- Children (5-15): £2

All proceeds will go to two important causes: the **Durham Martyrs' Parish Support Fund**, which helps families facing financial hardship, and the **Mark Jon Bolderson Percussion Foundation**, supporting young percussion students in the North-East. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy beautiful music while supporting both our community and the next generation of young musicians. We'd love to see you there. For tickets and more information, visit: <https://northernsecrets.co.uk/durhamconcert/>

Tuesday, 15th October, St. Godric's

The internationally renowned Cologne Girls' Choir will be in concert in St Godric's Church at 8.00pm, Tuesday 15th October 2024. More information to follow.

FLAME 2025

Flame 2025 takes place on **Saturday 15th March**. The theme is '**UNSTOPPABLE. FAN THE FLAME OF HOPE**'. It is open to anyone from school year 9 to University/young adult age. Under 18s must be part of an organised group. Please talk with your school chaplain, catechist or parish priest if you would like to come along. Two years ago, over 700 young people from our Diocese travelled to Wembley Arena for this national Catholic youth gathering. Once again YMT is hoping to take a large number of young people (up to 1,000 including accompanying adults).

COST: £45 per person (includes return rail travel, Wembley ticket and London travel card). The cost has been generously subsidised by Significance, the charity founded by Fr. Dermott Donnelly. For further information contact mary.hughes@ymt.org

First Steps 2024

Exploring the Catholic Faith. Are you someone, or do you know someone, who is wondering about their relationship with God and not sure where to start?

Welcome to First Steps! Join Deacon Shaun and the First Steps team on a journey this autumn and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you, and it may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church. We gather weekly online via Zoom and invite you to come along to find out more.

This programme is for people new to the faith and to anyone accompanying them on their journey in faith. Starts on Wednesday 2nd October at 7pm for 8 weeks. (First Steps is not an RCIA programme, but we can offer guidance to anyone wishing to continue their journey in faith.) You can register here: <https://bit.ly/DHNFIRSTSteps>.

Durham Churches Together

An ecumenical "Service for the Season of Creation" will take place on Saturday 6th October at St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church, North End, at 4pm, led by Canon Caroline Dick. All are welcome.

Mass Intentions for the Week

22nd September 2024

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 21 September	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Jack Flanagan and Rita Ahmad Birthday Remembrance
Sunday 22 September	9.00am Helen Tumilty and Nicholas Mascarenhas 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Deceased members of the Binks and Thompson Families
Monday 23 September	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 24 September	10.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion	NO MASS
Wednesday 25 September	NO MASS	10.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Thursday 26 September	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Anita and Bill Nichols	NO MASS OR SERVICE
Friday 27 September	NO MASS	10.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 28 September	NO MASS	5.00pm – Vigil Mass Belle Blakey
Sunday 29 September	9.00am Special Intention (MT) 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Anniversary Remembrances of Henry Allot and Don Childs

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 22	Mon 23	Tue 24	Wed 25	Thurs 26	Fri 27	Sat 28	Sun 29
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	NO MASS	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm