

***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**  
**27<sup>th</sup> October 2024**  
**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**

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(Please telephone Fr. Paul if you have someone in hospital)

We begin the Journey in Faith shortly. This has always been an important activity in the parish down the years. It has been an excellent route for many hoping to be received into the Church.

It has also been an important means for those already in the Faith to develop a wider in-depth understanding of the Catholic Faith. Do join us when we begin.

Bishop Stephen blessed the foundations of St. Leonard's as building begins soon.

We welcome Brother Lucien to the Capuchin Community in the parish.

## Feast Days

Monday, 28 October	Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Wednesday, 30 October	The Martyrs of Douai College
Friday, 1 November	All Saints' Day
Saturday, 2 November	The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

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:

Pat Hodgson	Dennis Cummings
Austin Dobbie	Annie Shaw
Harry Graver	



We welcome into our parish community Thomas Finn Reilly-O'Donnell, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism during the 9.00am Mass at St. Godric's this Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> October.

## Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, is All Saints' Day. Parish Masses will be 10.00am at St. Joseph's and 7.00pm at St. Godric's.

Service of Word and Holy Communion will be held in St. Bede's Presbytery for the next two weeks on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00 o'clock. Commencing Monday October 28<sup>th</sup>.



Don't forget to turn your clock back one hour at 2.00am on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October, as Daylight Saving Time comes to an end.

## Parish Office

Please note the parish office **will be closed** on Tuesday this coming week, and re-opens on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

## Sanctuary 21 - Coffee and Crafts event

A coffee and crafts event will be held at **Sanctuary 21, (Salvation Army) Saddler Street, Durham this Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October between 10.30 and 13.30** when we will open our doors for the sale of refreshments and a range of craft items and cards produced at St. Margaret's Centre, a local mental health charity. Please come along if you can support these two very worthwhile local charities.



Our next Movie Night will take place on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November** at the slightly earlier time of **6:30pm** in the Jubilee Room. We will be showing 'The Mission' (PG) starring Robert de Niro and Jeremy Irons. The film is a powerful action epic about a man of the cloth and a man of the sword who unite to protect an indigenous tribe in Paraguay.

The Mission was the winner of the 1986 best Cinematography Oscar which will be quite spectacular on our greatly improved screen!

Wine and light refreshments will be served. Don't forget your cushions!

## Global Healing Film Nights at St. Francis Friary

**November 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. 7 - 8.15 pm.'**

All are welcome to join us at the Friary to watch the films. We also hope to discuss the topic and to share together practical ways of responding to the current crisis.

## Volunteer Census

The Diocese is currently carrying out a volunteer census in our parish. This is to ensure we identify all our volunteers, to offer support and appropriate training and recognition for the important part all play in the life of our parish.

A volunteer is anyone who gives their time freely and regularly to assist anywhere within the Parish, School, or Diocese. During this weekend (12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>) and next (19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>) October the census will be explained in more detail after the weekend Masses.



If you volunteer within the Parish/School/Diocese please complete one of the forms which will be available at the back of church or complete your details via the QR code.

Volunteering is a grace from God...Volunteers are the strength of the Church.

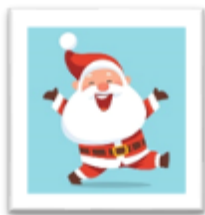
## Parish Community Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, in St. Joseph's Church at 10.00am



Thank you for your bottle donations this week. Next weekend (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> November) will be "Tins Sunday" and we hope everyone can bring a tin, e.g. soup, beans, tuna etc. We are also collecting gifts and toiletries.

Our parish and community groups will all be represented on the day, and we look forward both to spending time together and to supporting some of our local charities who will also be in attendance.

Don't forget to sign up at the back of church if you are able to help, or contact Cynthia ([cdunn2112@sky.com](mailto:cdunn2112@sky.com)) or Erica ([e.smith47@outlook.com](mailto:e.smith47@outlook.com)).



Thank you for your support. Also, please spread the word Santa will be attending and looks forward to meeting children in the community Ho! Ho! Ho!

### Thank you for celebrating World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your donations to the World Mission Sunday appeal. Your prayers and support will help missionaries work alongside communities worldwide, regardless of background or belief. Please continue to pray for all who share the love and hope of Christ with our sisters and brothers in need throughout the world. to support the mission year-round, visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours).

### Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm in St. Joseph'

### Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

We are beginning to prepare those who would like to receive this sacrament and take this next important step in their journey of faith. We will be taking steps to encourage our young people wishing to receive the sacrament to fully 'embed' themselves in the parish, answering their call to be active disciples of Jesus Christ.

Please complete the form below as an expression of interest in receiving the sacrament: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-OvlemCWlOmB-Fxg9M2FOck2PNpDks5LjQQtirxrT39UMEFaRVNZUIFVUjUzOUdPSkwyNIIMR1dlVy4u>

In the coming months, it is expected that the young people will actively engage in the life of their parish. This is to allow our young people to put their faith into action in concrete ways, such as assisting with children's liturgy, reading, serving refreshments, taking the collection, and other meaningful activities.



**Memorial Sunday** - our annual Memorial Sunday Mass will take place on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November** at St. Joseph's at 3.00pm. All families of deceased parishioners who have been bereaved during the year 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 will receive a personal invitation from Fr. Colm to come along and light a candle in remembrance

of their loved ones. Fr. Colm will light three larger candles (one for St. Joseph's, one for St. Godric's, and one for St. Bede's Chapel) which represent the deceased members of the wider parish and our families and friends. These will be lit at every Mass until Christmas. Please come along to the Mass and join us for seasonal refreshments in the Jubilee Room afterwards. Everyone welcome.

### **Anti-Trafficking Fund Raising Event October 9<sup>th</sup>**

Sr. Imelda Poole IBVM would like to express her sincere thanks to all those who donated so generously to the fund-raising event on October 9<sup>th</sup>. She much enjoyed meeting those who were able to attend, and many have commented on how they found her talk enlightening and inspirational. We are pleased to record that the sum of **£1585** was raised for the work of the organisation **Mary Ward Loreto** in Albania. Many thanks to all. Mary McHugh



St Vincent  
de Paul Society  
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Turning Concern into Action

### **Sudan Appeal**

Once again, the SVP is making a Christmas Appeal for funds to relieve the desperate situation in Southern Sudan. There are 1.4 million children under the age of five suffering from acute malnutrition and 7.1 million

people facing food insecurity. The SVP has been working tirelessly to provide hope and assistance with projects such as; Infant feeding, Healthcare Centres, Schools, Home for homeless young boys, Support for displaced persons as well as Vocational Training Opportunities. Your generosity over the past years has been outstanding and I hope you will continue to support this worthwhile cause.

To make a donation directly to the SVP please click the following link: <https://fundraising.svp.org.uk/page/134642/donate/1> Or, if you wish to pay by cheque, please make it out to 'SVP Sudan Appeal' and put it in an envelope with Sudan Appeal on the outside and then put it in the Offertory basket, by December 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in anticipation, Chris Brennan.



### **St. Godric's School Year 4 Mini Vinnies**

The children in Y4 at St. Godric's have all committed to 'turning concern into action' and take on the role of Mini Vinnies. We were joined by Michael Wilcock from the St. Vincent de Paul Society along with members of our Parish SVP. During the commissioning service, we were delighted to formally take ownership of the beautiful St. Vincent de Paul icon, created by

Maureen Doyle, one of our Parish members. This is such a wonderful piece of art to have in school and it will help inspire our Y4 children to be the best they can be in their new important role.

### **Journey In Faith**

We are eager to run our Journey in Faith Programme again this year. It is the ideal opportunity to explore and learn more about our Faith and is an informative introduction to anyone thinking of becoming a Catholic.

If you are aware of anyone who you think may be interested, do assure them of a warm welcome and a safe, informal and interesting series of sessions. Please let Fr. Colm know if you or anyone you know are interested in participating.

### **Unwanted Spectacles**

The box in which to place the unwanted spectacles has been returned to the back of church. So far, several tens of thousands of pairs have been collected in this part of Co. Durham before being sorted and sent to those needing them in less developed countries.

Thanks to all who have donated and please keep up the good work.

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint to the following vacancies:

**Deputy Director of Education** – Full-time, term-time. Closing date: 6<sup>th</sup> November.

**Finance Manager** – Full-time. Closing date: 8<sup>th</sup> November. Both roles are based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle.

Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301

### **CCS Book Launch Series**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 5.30pm**

*Becoming Apostolic: Conversations with Older Roman Catholic Sisters*

Author: Dr Catherine Sexton

Respondents: Prof. Karen Kilby (CCS Director), Prof. Clare Watkins (Durham and the University of Roehampton) and Sr. Jo Robson (Carmelite Nuns). This is an online Zoom event.

In her latest publication, Dr Catherine Sexton seeks to understand how sisters make meaning and sense of their apostolic vocation in old age, and how this contributes to the evolving theology and identity of apostolic religious life for women. She interviewed and drew on the lived experience and narratives of a group of ageing sisters from five congregations, in which the sisters articulated three distinct and emerging forms of ministry, through which they contend with the loss of active ministry, moving away from a task-based identity, towards one of being apostolic. Please register to join this free online event at the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1044660968077>

# Mass Intentions for the Week

27<sup>th</sup> October 2024

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 26 October	<b>11.00am</b> Nuptial Mass of Rachel Moberly and Maitú Óhailín	<b>5.00pm Vigil Mass</b> Belle Blakey and Grace Vallance
Sunday 27 October	<b>9.00am</b> Susan Michiels Birthday Remembrance <b>3.00-4.00pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b>10.30am</b> Thomas McDonagh and Kevin Crilley (SVP)
Monday 28 October	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 29 October	<b>9.30am - Exposition</b> <b>10.00am</b> Margaret Smith (SVP), and Michael Hanley	<b>NO MASS</b>
Wednesday 30 October	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>9.30am - Exposition</b> <b>10.00am – Betty McGurk (SVP)</b> and Jack Walton
Thursday 31 October	<b>9.30am – Exposition</b> <b>10.00am</b> Special Intention (BH)	<b>NO MASS OR SERVICE</b>
Friday 1 November <b>ALL SAINTS' DAY</b>	<b>7.00pm</b> All Saints' Mass	<b>9.30am – Exposition</b> <b>10.00am</b> All Saints' Mass
Saturday 2 November	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>5.00pm – Vigil Mass</b> Philip Gibson Anniversary and Ray Ward
Sunday 3 November	<b>9.00am</b> Special Intention (MT) and Stephen Coyne Birthday Remembrance <b>3.00-4.00pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b>10.30am</b> Annie Whitehead, Ken Herbert Birthday Remembrance, and Michael and Maureen Oliver

## St. Cuthbert's

Sun 27	Mon 28	Tue 29	Wed 30	Thurs 31	Fri 1 Nov	Sat 2	Sun 3
10.00am and 6.30pm	10.00am Pilgrim Group Mass	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm and 7.00pm (Feast of All Saints)	10.00am All Souls Mass for the Bereaved	10.00am and 6.30pm