

***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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## Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Parish Newsletter

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### Eastertide

Eastertide begins on Easter Sunday and lasts for fifty days, ending on Pentecost Sunday. It is a time of celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the victory of life over death, and a time to renew our commitment to follow him.

The fortieth day after Easter Sunday, commemorates the Ascension of Christ into heaven, according to Mark 16: 19, Luke 24: 51, and Acts 1: 2.

In the Eastern Church this feast was known as analepsis, the taking up, and also as the episozomene, the salvation, denoting that by ascending into His glory Christ completed the work of our redemption.

The terms used in the West, ascensio and, occasionally, ascensa, signify that Christ was raised up by His own powers. Tradition designates Mount Olivet near Bethany as the place where Christ left the earth. The feast falls on Thursday. It is one of the Ecumenical feasts ranking with the feasts of the Passion, of Easter and of Pentecost among the most solemn in the calendar, has a vigil and, since the fifteenth century, an octave which is set apart for a novena of preparation for Pentecost, in accordance with the directions of Leo XIII.

## Feast Days

Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May	The Ascension of the Lord
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Dunstan Bp
Saturday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Bernadine of Siena P

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:

Kevin Crilly	

### Holy Day of Obligation

The Ascension of the Lord – Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> May

Masses will be at 10.00am in St. Godric's and 7.00pm in St. Joseph's



### Pentecost Novena – St. Joseph's

16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May and 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> May (sessions to be held at St. Joseph's at 7.00pm)

Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> May (Pentecost Sunday) – Benediction following Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Godric's, 3.00-4.00pm.



### Celebration of Life Mass

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.



**CHANGE OF DATE - Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> June at 2.00pm**  
 SVP Summer Party for the elderly of the parish.  
 More information to follow.



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 de Paul Society  
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## TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL – 200 CLUB RESULTS – May 2023

<b>1<sup>st</sup> (£50)</b>	<b>No. 164</b>
<b>Fr. Pat O’Connell</b>	<b>St. Bernadette, Wallsend</b>
<b>Margaret Lee</b>	<b>St. Joseph’s Birtley</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> (£25)</b>	<b>No. 182</b>
<b>E. Coombes</b>	<b>St. Charles Gosforth</b>
<b>Marileine Ollerenshaw</b>	<b>St. Joseph’s Birtley</b>

Grateful thanks for your continued support



### Durham Martyrs Walking Group – May 2023

Our next walk will be the Lumley Park and Castle walk on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May meeting at St. Joseph’s car park at 9.30am to share lifts. For anyone wishing to make their own way, the walk starts at Lumley Riverside Park (DH3 4NT) at 10.00am. Parking is Pay and Display.

This is an interesting walk-through woods with good views of the riverside and park.

The walk is 4 ¾ miles long, mainly on good paths with 320ft/100m of ascent. There are no refreshment points on the walk so you may wish to bring a snack

### PARISHIONERS WORKING IN CHURCH ALONE

A directive from The Diocesan Health and Safety department states that any Parishioners undertaking Parish duties, and who are working in St. Joseph’s or St. Godric’s, or any other parish premises on their own, should have a contact strategy in place.

This should include having a contact person to notify when going into the premises, informing them, how long they are going to be and informing them when they leave. The contact person should be available to check all is ok. If you do not inform them in the time specified that you are leaving, the Contact person may then feel it is appropriate to contact a member of the Buildings Committee whose details are on the notice board at the rear of both churches.

Parish Buildings Committee  
May 2023

### **From the Diocese**

**Lecture Postponed** – The public lecture by Professor Eamon Duffy at the Holy Name Church, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne due to take place on **20<sup>th</sup> May** has had to be postponed due to the death of his wife, Jenny. He will give the lecture later in the year.

### **Job Vacancy**

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a **Fundraising Manager** to lead on the development and implementation of a Diocesan Fundraising Strategy to include trusts, foundations and legacies. The role is full-time and permanent.

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

### **Day of Reflection**

The Liturgical Formation Team will be holding a **Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023, 10.30am-3.00pm - arrivals, registration and refreshments from 10.00am. The venue for this event will be St Michael's, Durham Road, Houghton-le-Spring, DH5 8NF and will cost £10.00 per person. Participants are asked to bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. To book your place or for more information visit [bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents](http://bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents). **Booking Deadline: Tuesday 23 May 2023.**

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.

If you would prefer Marjorie to make the booking on your behalf, please email her with your details. *See poster at the back of church.*

## Little Sisters of the Poor – Job Vacancy

### Registered Nurses Required

The Little Sisters of the Poor run a large residential care home for the elderly in Newcastle. This is a friendly, relaxed, well-equipped Home with over 105 staff.

Day shift - 37.5 Hours per week, Shifts are 8am-4pm, 1pm-9pm

Night shift 20 hours per week, 9pm-8am

2 References and an enhanced DBS check are required.

For more information please contact Lee-Marie on 0191 273 1279 or email [lee.marie@lsplondon.co.uk](mailto:lee.marie@lsplondon.co.uk)

## Diocesan Environmental Group

The Diocesan Environmental Group invite you to a series of events marking Laudato Si' week Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The week will begin with a special Mass on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at The Cathedral Church of St Mary, Newcastle at 10.00am. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate creation and to reflect on how to protect it. Throughout the week we will be presenting special screenings of the film, 'The Letter'. For details please see the Diocesan website <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/a-series-of-special-events-mark-laudato-si-week-across-our-diocese/>

### Details of the screenings:

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** at Cardinal Hume Catholic School, Old Durham Road, Gateshead NE9 6RZ with doors opening at 6.30pm and film showing at 7.00pm.

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** at St Wilfrid's, Waterloo Road, Blyth NE24 1EA at 7.00pm.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May:** at Carmel College, The Headlands, Darlington DL3 8RW with doors opening at 6.30pm and film showing at 7.00pm.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May:** at St Cuthbert's Church, Albion Road West, North Shields NE29 0JB at 7.00pm.

'The Letter' is a powerful film produced by the team that made the Oscar-winning film 'My Octopus Teacher.' It brings the message of Pope Francis's Laudato Si' to life through the stories of the people representing the voices of the poor, the youth, indigenous peoples and the natural world. This is a film that everyone should see and talk about in their families and communities, definitely not to be missed!

## Mass time change- St Joseph's

The Friday morning Mass at St. Joseph's on 19<sup>th</sup> May  
has been moved  
to the earlier time of 9.00am

# Mass Intentions for the Week

14<sup>th</sup> May 2023

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 13 May	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Catherine King and Mary H and Derek C who are sick
Sunday 14 May	9.00am Margaret Taylor  3.00-4.00pm – Exposition	11.00am Fr. Jim Keenan
Monday 15 May	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 16 May	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am John McMahon	NO MASS
Wednesday 17 May	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Kevin Crilly
Thursday 18 May	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am ASCENSION MASS	7.00pm ASCENSION MASS
Friday 19 May	NO MASS	9.00am Special Intention (CC)
Saturday 20 May	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Majeed Ahmad and David Adams
Sunday 21 May	9.00am George and Susannah Michiels	11.00am Veronica and Eric Smith

## St. Cuthbert's

Sun 14	Mon 15	Tue 16	Wed 17	Thurs 18	Fri 19	Sat 20	Sun 21
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	6.30pm Chaplaincy Mass in Durham Cathedral	Ascension Masses at 12.15 and 7.00pm	11.00am Requiem Mass of Rosemary Cramp	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm

