

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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As we unwind for the summer holidays, I'd like to say thanks to our exceptional set of educators in our three primary and one secondary comprehensive schools. Our schools have evolved over the years into being linchpins between our young people and our Faith Community, or Parish. Yes, we struggle to see them as visible future carriers of the Faith, but that solid ethos is unquestionably present in all four schools.

Pressures that those of us of an older generation experienced, are now on our teachers to a very high degree. Those pressures come from dramatically reduced funding, and ever increasing, and at times, unreasonable expectations of Ofsted, and parents. Ofsted has been in the national spotlight for all the wrong reasons, and is rightly being challenged on not just its expectations, but its approach. The Multi Academies are still finding their feet, and this too has created a different ethos, especially between schools and parishes. Pressures unthinkable in the past are the new reality. However, this is what we have now, and we move on into the future with the challenges that such radical changes bring. A special thanks to our school Governors for sticking with it.

St. Leonard's has gone through the most challenging years in its history due to RAAC. Exceptional temporary buildings are now in place until the new state of the art building is completed by Easter 2026. We look forward to this as a parish, because the very clear message from young – and older – parishioners is that they miss our Easter and Christmas celebrations there. I have been both gladdened and surprised by these unsolicited comments, I might add.

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Our schools have also suffered personnel losses this term. Bridget Grehan-Bradley has gone to the Lord. May she rest in peace.

This week we bid farewell to another exceptional teacher who is moving on to new pastures in her career from St. Godric's School. Joanne Oakes. Thanks Joanne. And so, dear teaching staff, have a well-earned summer respite and I hope you are going to be utterly spoiled by family and friends for all you do, especially carrying the light of Faith and the compassion of Christ to our children.

“There are two kinds of teachers: the kind that fill you with so much quail shot that you can't move, and the kind that just gives you a little prod behind and you jump to the skies.” *Robert Frost.*

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes goes next Friday. We wish all our travelling parishioners a wonderful pilgrimage. Do remember us all.

Feast Days

Monday, 22 nd July	St. Mary Magdalene
Tuesday, 23 rd July	St. Bridget of Sweden, Rel – Patron of Europe
Wednesday, 24 th July	The Martyrs of the Diocese
Thursday, 25 th July	St. James, Apostle
Friday, 26 th July	Ss. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday, 29 th July	Ss. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Tuesday, 30 th July	St. Peter Chrysologus Bp, D
Wednesday, 31 st July	St. Ignatius of Loyola P
Thursday, 1 st August	St. Alphonsus Mary Liguori Bp, D
Friday, 2 nd August	St. Peter Julian Eymard P/St. Eusebius of Vercelli Bp
Saturday, 3 rd August	St. Oswald, King, M
Monday, 5 th August	The Dedication of St. Mary Major Basilica
Tuesday, 6 th August	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Wednesday, 7 th August	St. Sixtus II Pp, & Companions MM
Thursday, 8 th August	St. Dominic P
Friday, 9 th August	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross V, M, Patron of Europe
Saturday, 10 th August	St. Laurence, Deacon, M

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Brian Harland	Tony Twomey
Kitty Trainor	Jared Howarth
Ann Hourican	Ian Hamilton
Mary Armstrong	Ann Close

Anniversaries: 21 July – 9 August

Jack Makepeace	Mary Lyons
Moira Birney	John Newcombe
John Turnbull	Olga Oliver
Peter Francis Keelin	Catherine McLoughlin
Eve Sutherland	Anthony & Monica Malyan
Terrie Riddle	Yolanda Cammiss
Paul Harrison	Freda Balmer
Gillian Kenny	Gareth Hughes
Bernadette Dolan	Doris Metcalfe
Carol Wheatley	Yvonne Jenkins
Doris Heseltine	Fr. Jim Saunders

I.T. Problems Resolved

The landline is now working again, and the parish email secretary.stjandstg@btconnect.com is also working. Please use that and **not** the temporary one: durhammartyrs@outlook.com

Commencing Monday 22nd July

During the school holidays there will be a Service of Word and Holy Communion in **St. Bede's Presbytery** on Mondays and Wednesdays at **10.00 am**.

St. Godric's rear door

A new door lock has been fitted this past week. Those who require a new key have been given one or will receive one shortly. Old keys should be disposed of.

Red Boxes – Missio - Hexham & Newcastle Diocesan Mass

All parishioners who support the work of Missio through the Red Boxes or standing orders are invited to a Diocesan Mass with Rev. Anthony Chantry, MHM (National Director for Missio in England and Wales).

Mass will be held on **Saturday July 27th at 11.30am** at **St Anne's Church, Welbeck Avenue, Darlington DL1 2DR**. Refreshments will be served after Mass. To assist with planning, it would be helpful if you could e-mail your attendance to redbox@missio.org.uk or tel. 07593 544625.



- to our wonderful SVP for the lovely film and afternoon tea last week. You are very special people, and we appreciate all you do for us throughout the year.
Grateful parishioners

Just to let everyone know that our **Wednesday Lunch Club** will be taking a break over the summer and the last lunch will be on Wednesday 31st July. It will resume in September (date to be confirmed).

A huge “THANK YOU “to those dedicated people who have worked to make it such a success, either by working in the kitchen, or by being the weekly taxi service. We couldn’t have managed without you! Now enjoy your well-earned summer break. New helpers are always welcome, especially from 10.45am to set up. Please contact Pat Conway 07943 016225 or Kathleen Murray 07759 130 837.



The Parish office will close at 4.00pm on Wednesday, 24th July and re-open at 8.30am on Tuesday, 6th August.

The next parish newsletter will be over the weekend of 10th/11th August.

Sanctuary 21 News

Mini Vinnies

A huge thank you to St. Joseph’s School Mini Vinnies for the wonderful work you have done in supporting Sanctuary 21 throughout the year through various projects of your own design within school. Your most recent generous donation from your ‘Frosty Friday’ project when you raised funds from the sale of ice pops will go a long way to help to provide much needed sleeping bags.

Thanks also go to the Year 6 children at St Godric’s School for the work you did in collecting and donating warm clothing.

Best wishes to you all from everyone at Sanctuary 21 and we hope you will be very happy and successful in your new school.

Coffee and Crafts event

Following the success of our earlier Coffee and Crafts event we will be repeating this on **Saturday 27th July between 10.30am and 1.30pm at Sanctuary 21**, Saddler Street, Durham when we will open our doors for the sale of refreshments and a range of craft items produced at St. Margaret's Centre, a local mental health charity.

A proportion of sales will go towards the purchase of sleeping bags for homeless / rough sleepers. Please come along if you can support these two very worthwhile local charities.

Job Vacancies - The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint the following:

- a Director of Education. This role is crucial to the development and protection of Catholic Education within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle.

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301. Closing date for applications: 22nd July.

- a full-time, permanent Management accountant to work in the Department for Finance in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle.

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301. Closing date for applications: 28th July.

Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to a **guided tour of St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle** (with particular attention to the stained-glass windows, including the new Kevin Nichols window).

The tour will take place on **Tuesday 6th August, at 2pm** and will be followed by discussion, refreshments and an extraordinary general meeting of the circle. See poster.

Mass Intentions for the Week

21st July 2024

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 20 July	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Moira Birney, David Elliot Anniversary and in thanksgiving for a Golden Wedding (D & A)
Sunday 21 July	9.00am Bridget Grehan-Bradley and a Special Intention (MT)	10.30am Brian O'Connor, and Henry Allot Wedding Anniversary Remembrance
Monday 22 July	NO MASS	9.15am Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 23 July	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Helen Tumilty	NO MASS
Wednesday 24 July	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Peter Bateson
Thursday 25 July	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am World Peace	NO MASS
Friday 26 July	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Deceased Priests of the Diocese
Saturday 27 July	NO MASS	5.00pm – Vigil Mass Pauline Inglis, Catherine and Peter McLoughlin. and Kevin Royal Birthday Remembrance
Sunday 28 July	9.00am Special Intention (MT), and Helen Tumilty	10.30am Hilda Lennox 100 th Birthday Remembrance (from Thornley, wife of Edward, attended Mass at St Joseph's)

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	9.00am (Pilgrim Group Mass) and 12.15pm	8.00am	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm

Mass Intentions for the Week



28th July 2024

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 27 July	NO MASS	5.00pm Pauline Inglis, Catherine and Peter McLoughlin, and Kevin Royal Birthday Remembrance
Sunday 28 July	9.00am Special Intention (MT), and Helen Tumilty	10.30am Hilda Lennox 100 th Birthday Remembrance (from Thornley, wife of Edward, attended Mass at St Joseph's)
Monday 29 July	NO MASS	9.15am Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 30 July	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Vincent McPartlin	NO MASS
Wednesday 31 July	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Vocations to the Priesthood
Thursday 1 August	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am George and Susannah Michiels	NO MASS
Friday 2 August	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Victims of War and Displacement
Saturday 3 August	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Belle Blakey and a sick lady and family (MD)
Sunday 4 August	9.00am Bridget Grehan-Bradley, a Special Intention (MT), and Gerry Orchard	10.30am Claire Aylett Birthday Remembrance

*St. Cuthbert's – please check St. Cuthbert's website
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Mass Intentions for the Week



4th August 2024

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 3 August	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Belle Blakey
Sunday 4 August	9.00am Bridget Grehan-Bradley, a Special Intention (MT), and Gerry Orchard 3.00 – 4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Claire Aylett Birthday Remembrance
Monday 5 August	NO MASS	9.15am Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 6 August	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Sheila Collinson Birthday Remembrance	NO MASS
Wednesday 7 August	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Liam Hayden
Thursday 8 August	9.30am Exposition 10.00am The sick of the Parish	NO MASS
Friday 9 August	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Tom Lovatt
Saturday 10 August	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass William Birney
Sunday 11 August	9.00am Helen Tumilty	10.30am Adam Gray (Illness)

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