

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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‘An Absolutely Ordinary Rainbow’ – A poem by Les Murray

The word goes round Repins,
the murmur goes round Lorenzinis,
at Tattersalls, men look up from sheets of numbers,
the Stock Exchange scribblers forget the chalk in their hands
and men with bread in their pockets leave the Greek Club:
There’s a fellow crying in Martin Place. They can’t stop him.

The traffic in George Street is banked up for half a mile
and drained of motion. The crowds are edgy with talk
and more crowds come hurrying. Many run in the back streets
which minutes ago were busy main streets, pointing:
There’s a fellow weeping down there. No one can stop him.

The man we surround, the man no one approaches
simply weeps, and does not cover it, weeps
not like a child, not like the wind, like a man
and does not declaim it, nor beat his breast, nor even
sob very loudly--yet the dignity of his weeping
holds us back from his space, the hollow he makes about him
in the midday light, in his pentagram of sorrow,
and uniforms back in the crowd who tried to seize him
stare out at him, and feel, with amazement, their minds
longing for tears as children for a rainbow.

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Some will say, in the years to come, a halo
or force stood around him. There is no such thing.
Some will say they were shocked and would have stopped him
but they will not have been there. The fiercest manhood,
the toughest reserve, the slickest wit amongst us
trembles with silence, and burns with unexpected
judgements of peace. Some in the concourse scream
who thought themselves happy. Only the smallest children
and such as look out of Paradise come near him
and sit at his feet, with dogs and dusty pigeons.

Ridiculous, says a man near me, and stops
his mouth with his hands, as if it uttered vomit--
and I see a woman, shining, stretch her hand
and shake as she receives the gift of weeping:
as many as follow her also receive it
and many weep for sheer acceptance, and more
refuse to weep for fear of all acceptance,
but the weeping man, like the earth, requires nothing,
the man who seeps ignores us, and cries out
of his writhen face and ordinary body
not words, but grief, not messages, but sorrow,
hard as the earth, sheer, present as the sea--and when he stops, he simply
walks between us mopping his face with the dignity of one
man who has wept, and now has finished weeping.

Evading believers, he hurries off down Pitt Street.

Feast Days

Tuesday, 31 st January	St. John Bosco P
Thursday, 2 nd February	The Presentation of the Lord
Friday, 3 rd February	St. Blaise Bp, M/St. Ansgar Bp

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Meg Dixon	George Parry
Ken Riddle	Jared Howarth
Liz Murray	Francesca Cannilerni
Lynn Hammill	Mary Crilley
John McMahon	Bernard and Yvonne Reid

Anniversaries:

Joseph Maxwell Hannigan	Philip James Hunter
Charles Elder	Frank Roebuck
Ian Hart	Phyllis Hanley
George Grainger	Gerald Lennon
Mary Harland	Thomas Loughlin
Barbara Birney	Kathleen Greenwell



Forthcoming funerals:

George Armatage, whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on **Wednesday, 1st February at 10.00am**

Lily Parry, whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on **Friday, 3rd February at 10.00am**, followed by cremation at Durham Crematorium.

Kieron Shaw, whose Funeral Service will take place at St. Godric's on **Tuesday, 14th February at 12.00 noon**.



Baptism Programme

The Spring Baptism Programme will take place on Monday, 7th March at 6.00pm in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's Church. Please contact Marjorie in the first instance, and she will send you a Registration Form.

St. Joseph's - Provision of Tea, Coffee and Sugar

Please note that with immediate effect, there will be tea, coffee, sugar and Coffee Mate available for general use by all parish groups. You no longer need to provide your own. These will be kept in containers in the kitchen adjacent to the Jubilee Room. Should you prefer fresh milk, you will need to bring this.

Warm Space at St. Joseph's - All are welcome to pop in on **Wednesdays** from **2.00pm to 4.00pm** in and share some warmth and company, with refreshments provided. Access is through the small gate near the presbytery not the main church door. (Pat Conway 07943016225).

Copies of the 'Gilesgate Warm Spaces Calendar of Events' for January can be found at the back of church.

Hospitality Provision -Sunday 11 am at St. Josephs

Providing hospitality with the chance for a chat and catch up after Mass with new and existing members of our parish is a vital part of our being a "welcoming community."

However, to provide hospitality after 11o'clock Mass, we still need additional volunteers. Tea, coffee, biscuits etc. are provided and all you have to do is provide milk for the drinks.

Rather than run a rota, which we did previously, we are trialing a system where if you can help, you just put your names against the date on the flip chart which is in the porch. I am pleased to say we have already had some of the Sundays filled but there a still quite a few spaces left in February, and we need to start filling up the March dates as well.

Please can we have further volunteers for at least one Sunday over the forthcoming weeks.

It would be great to also see you for a cup of tea, coffee or hot chocolate after Mass and there will also be juice for the children.

From the Diocese – Job Vacancies

Parish Secretary, St. Peter, Low Fell - 10 hours per week. Closing date: **10th February**

Diocesan Offices, Newcastle, Management Accountant – full-time, permanent
Closing date: **6th February**

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301

News from CAFOD

CAFOD - Fix the Food System

St. Joseph's Jubilee Room, 7.00 – 8.00 pm, Thursday, 2nd February

The world produces enough food to feed everyone. So why do some people go hungry? What's wrong with the way the world produces food?

Mark Maughan, Community Participation Coordinator at CAFOD, will be joining us to lead a talk and discussion about why we need an alternative food system that puts people first.

Please come and find out how the imbalance of power in the world's food system is impacting farmers, their communities and all of us as members of one human family.

Thank You from Caritas Ukraine

The response to the Ukraine Emergency Appeal has been phenomenal, please do watch and share this video from Tetiana, President of Caritas Ukraine who wishes to pass on her thanks:

[Ukraine: how you've helped | CAFOD - YouTube](#)

CAFOD's Big Lent Walk

Already a great number of parishes, schools and individuals in H&N have signed up for our Big Lent Walk, will you be joining us? If so, please sign up here: [The Big Lent Walk – Cafod](#)

Mass Intentions for the Week

29th January 2023

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 28 January	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Thomas and Audrey Loughlin and Gerald and Mary Lennon
Sunday 29 January	9.00am Mary Cusack	11.00am Eric Smith
Monday 30 January	NO MASS	NO MASS
Tuesday 31 January	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Terry Paine	NO MASS
Wednesday 1 February	NO MASS	10.00am Requiem Mass of George Armatage
Thursday 2 February	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Deceased Priests of the Diocese	NO MASS
Friday 3 February	NO MASS	10.00am Requiem Mass of Lily Parry
Saturday 4 February	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Lily Parry
Sunday 5 February	9.00am Brian O'Connor	11.00am Hugh and Sabina Conway

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 29	Mon 30	Tue 31	Wed 01 Feb	Thurs 2	Fri 3	Sat 4	Sun 5
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	9.15am	11.00am (Old Rite Mass)	10.00am and 6.30pm