

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

Great news with the Journey in Faith beginning on Thursday, 14th November at 2.30pm. This is a journey we all need to be on, as Faith is such unfolding discovery. We have an excellent, experienced team with different speakers invited on specific aspects of Faith. Now, for this to succeed, we do need you. Accompanying someone is like a school buddy ... a reference point. The point being that it encourages all participants in the knowledge that others are seeking.

Another bulletin piece worth giving real thought to is the reflection time for readers. Can I add that those interested reading in church are more than welcome. The session will be relaxed and a sharing of ideas, and indeed, from experienced readers, what that experience is like.

“True sympathy can’t be turned on and off like an electric switch, and when you really share someone else’s fate, it means giving up some of your own freedom.”

Stefan Zweig

Feast Days

Monday, 4 November	St. Charles Borromeo Bp
Thursday, 7 November	St. Willibrord Bp
Saturday, 9 November	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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
John McDonnell	

Anniversaries:

John Ward Davison	Mary Morland
Harriet Morris	Marjorie Carey
Annie Whitehead	Bill Hannigan
Mary Hill	Bernard McGoay
Betty Carroll	Philip Gibson
Joe Shaw	Mary Agnes Graver
Patricia Adams	Dennis Dunlop
Vincent Crawford	Bernadette Brown



Sympathy – to the family and friends of the late Dawn Lennon, whose Funeral Service will take place on Friday, 22nd November in St. Joseph's at 12,00pm followed by cremation in Durham at 1.00pm. *Requiescat in pace*

All Souls Mass, 2nd November - Please note that there will be Mass in Commemoration of All Souls, at **9.15am** tomorrow, 2nd November, in St. Joseph's.



There will be a parish coffee morning on **Monday 11th November** which will take place immediately after the 9.15 Service of the Word and Holy Communion in St. Bede's Room in St Godric's School. All proceeds are for Women in Need in India. Everyone is very welcome.

Help needed. We need helpers for cleaning at **St Godric's**. It has been difficult to set up a rota for those who have volunteered previously because of lack of numbers. We have decided to set a particular day each month, ask for helpers and whoever can manage would be very welcome for as long or short time as they can offer. We have decided on the second Tuesday of each month. The first date is

Tuesday, 12th November to begin after 10am mass. Any queries - contact Mary Earnshaw 07748764366.



Our next Movie Night will take place this **Thursday 7th 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 11th, 18th and 25th. 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. These are inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si" (2015) on the dangers of Climate Change and our response.

Parish Community Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 16th November, in St. Joseph's Church at 10.30am – 12.30pm.



Thank you all so much for your tin donations this week. Our final collections will be next weekend, and we hope to collect small toys and any additional gifts which we could use for tombola or raffle prizes. Please don't feel you have to donate any more. Everyone has been really generous.

We are holding a short meeting in the Jubilee Room on Wednesday 6th November at 6:30pm for all volunteers or groups to ensure we are clear as to how the event will be organised. If you can't make the meeting and need further clarification about anything, please don't hesitate to get in touch with one of us.

The support for our Fayre is marvellous with representations from many of our Parish Groups - Baptism, Bereavement, Music, Memory Cafe, SVP, Lunch Club, Justice and Peace, Women in Need as well as a wide range of Community groups including Cheesy Waffles, RT Projects, St Margaret's, Food Bank, Laurel Avenue Community Centre and a Local Wellness Group.

We really hope the Fayre will be a memorable Community event when we can enjoy time together as well as making the most of this opportunity to welcome our friends and neighbours. We still need more helpers, so please sign up at the back of church if you are able to help, or contact Cynthia (cdunn2112@sky.com) or Erica (e.smith47@outlook.com).

Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place this Tuesday, 5th November at 7.00pm in St. Joseph's.

Thursday 21st November – Parish Readers Reflection Evening 7pm

Readers in the parish are invited to join us for a Reflection Evening on **Thursday 21st November 7pm** in the Jubilee Room (Don Bosco Room if clashes with Journey in Faith) on the New Lectionary Translation which we will begin using at Mass beginning on the 1st Sunday of Advent. This is also an opportunity to reflect on our Ministry as Readers and to support and assist each other in sharing our good practice for proclaiming the Word at Mass.



Memorial Sunday - our annual Memorial Sunday Mass will take place on **Sunday 24th November** at St. Joseph's at 3.00pm. All families of deceased parishioners who have been bereaved during the year 1st November 2023 - 31st 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.

A Note from the SVP

The SVP is looking for someone who might be willing to visit a young Romanian man in prison. He speaks very little English and receives no visitors and the SVP are trying to find someone who can speak Romanian.

If you are a Romanian speaker and feel that you can help with this, please contact Pat Morton on 07546 566 028. Thank you.

CAFOD World Gifts for Christmas

This Christmas, give your loved ones something exceptional and life changing. Buying CAFOD's virtual World Gifts makes a real difference for our sisters and brothers facing the injustice of poverty around the world. Choose from a range of beautifully illustrated cards, each representing a gift of hope, inspired by real people and real needs. Cards can be sent by post, as an eCard, or printed at home. Purchase World Gifts and other gifts such as Advent calendars and jute bags at worldgifts.cafod.org.uk or pick up a catalogue in church.

Unwanted Spectacles

The box in which to place unwanted spectacles has been returned to the back of St. Joseph's. 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,

CCS Book Launch Series

Wednesday 6th 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.

The Centre for Catholic Studies' Bishop Dunn Memorial Lecture

Thursday 21st November 2024, 6pm

St Cuthbert's Catholic Church, Old Elvet, DH1 3HL

The Centre for Catholic Studies at Durham University is pleased to announce that booking is now open for the Bishop Dunn Memorial Lecture, with Fr Hyacinthe Destivelle, O.P. giving a talk entitled *Habemus Papam. An Ecumenical Primacy in a Synodal Church*.

The lecture will take place at St Cuthbert's Catholic Church and will be followed by a drinks reception.

This is an in-person only event.

Please book your attendance at the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/700199344087>

Churches Together Event

[Resound Worship](#) is taking their [Downcast Souls Expectant Hearts](#) album on the road again next week, with the full live band, and is coming to Durham as part of their North East tour! They will be at [Emmanuel Church Durham](#) on Friday, 8 November.

Downcast Souls Expectant Hearts is an album of songs of struggle, and songs of hope in Christ. Songs that unpack these themes in a sensitive, singable, and theologically rich way. This is Resound's third UK tour this year after an incredible reception in January and May 2024.

Now is a perfect time to get those tickets. Tickets are £5 (or free if needed) and available now! Please book ahead using this

link: <https://www.resoundworship.org/events/downcast-souls-expectant-hearts-durham>

Elise Massa, UK Team Leader | [United Adoration](#)

Mass Intentions for the Week

3rd November 2024

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 2 November		9.15am – All Souls Mass 5.00pm Vigil Mass Philip Gibson Anniversary and Ray Ward
Sunday 3 November	9.00am Special Intention (MT), and Stephen Coyne Birthday Remembrance 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Annie Whitehead, Ken Herbert Birthday Remembrance, and Michael and Maureen Oliver
Monday 4 November	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 5 November	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Frank and Bernard McGoay, Colin and Estelle Wild, and William Ince Birthday Remembrance	NO MASS
Wednesday 6 November	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am – St. Joseph's Whole School Mass Joseph Ryan
Thursday 7 November	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Special Intention	NO MASS OR SERVICE
Friday 8 November	NO MASS	9.30 – Exposition 10.00am John Hutchinson (SVP)
Saturday 9 November	NO MASS	5.00pm – Vigil Mass John Wood (SVP) Nance Thompson Birthday Remembrance, and Austin Dobbie
Sunday 10 November	9.00am Vincent McPartland Birthday Remembrance 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Roger Charlton (SVP)

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 3	Mon 4	Tue 5	Wed 6	Thurs 7	Fri 8	Sat 9	Sun 10
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	9.15am	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm