

***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** **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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(Please telephone the Chaplain if you have someone in hospital who would like a visit)

For bereavement support, please contact the Parish Secretary

It is somewhat difficult avoiding drifting into the political sphere these days when most of the world is screaming 'stop', to the daily tragedy that is Gaza. Concern must be expressed for what is happening in Gaza. 3% of the Gaza Christian population have died in the last year. Pope Francis was in daily telephone communication with them, and we hope and pray that Pope Leo will continue this support in his own way.

Tom Fletcher is the former British Ambassador to Lebanon and is now Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator with the United Nations. He is very outspoken and indeed brave, in his concerns for what is happening in Gaza. Do watch his 15 minute speech. The link is: <https://youtube.com/shorts/XkoW3Bg-XQw?si=Zl1gNHxNoy3MjCqK>

Back home now. Our concert next Monday night at St Godric's promises to be very special. Based around the life of St Godric: the evening will consist of music, reflections and storytelling. All donations will go to the Durham Food-bank.

HOUSE BOUND. Can I ask that if you become aware of anyone who is housebound, and might like a visit, or receive Holy Communion, do please let me know.

Our Masses on Sunday will be led by the young people of the parish. As you know, we have been blessed with young student parishioners from St Leonard's involved in welcoming, helping with the collections, and playing the organ on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings. Their leadership of The Stations of the Cross on Good Friday are remembered for their reverence and pathos. Thank you all for your continued encouragement of them.

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“Paul and Barnabas returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith.”  
*From this weekend's reading from the Acts of Apostles.*

## Feast Days

Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Dunstan Bp
Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Bernadine of Siena
Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> May	St. Godric of Finchale/St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions MM
Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	St. Rita of Cascia Rel

**Prayers** – please keep in your prayers:



Kitty Trainor	Ann Close
Veronica O'Reilly	Mary Armstrong
Sheila Owens	Margaret Nancarrow
Freda March	Ann Childs
Rita Harrison	Michael Stoker
Danny McCann	Liz Murray
Syd Inglis	

## Anniversaries

Kevin Crilly	Theresa Wilson
George Michiels	Dennis Hawley
Joyce Hook	Patricia Noble
Stephen Dawson	Richard Harrison
Phil Sanderson	Bridget-Grehan Bradley
Margaret Robinson	



### Forthcoming Funerals

**28<sup>th</sup> May** – Requiem Mass of the late Christopher Godbolt, St. Joseph's Church at 11.30am

**30<sup>th</sup> May** – Requiem Mass of the late Frances Openshaw, St. Godric's Church at 12.00noon.



We welcome into our Parish Community Leni Bobbi Quinn who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism after the 9.00am Mass at St. Godric's this Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> May.



JOIN THE  
**CLEANING  
TEAM**

## St. Godric's Church Cleaning

Please note that the next Church cleaning session will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May after 10 o'clock Mass. All are welcome for even the smallest job. Come and join the team. Thank you to all.

A parish coffee morning will be held tomorrow, **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May** in St. Bede's Room in St Godric's School. It will take place straight after the 9.15 Service of the Word and Holy Communion.

All proceeds are for Women In Need in India. Everyone is very welcome.



## The Feast of St. Godric and the Weekend Masses

In celebration of St. Godric's Feast next week (21<sup>st</sup> May), the children of St. Godric's School are going to lead a youth-led Mass on Sunday. They have been working with their teachers looking at this Sunday's readings, preparing the Bidding Prayers and choosing the hymns.

It is hoped that the children can do this at both Sunday Masses. Those readers who are on the rota this Sunday should be on standby, in case they are needed.

## Concert – St. Godric's

This **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm** there will be an evening of pipe music given by Paul Martin (The Dunholm Piper) and Charlie Villis, featuring traditional and medieval music with short stories from the life of St. Godric.

Paul will be playing Northumbrian and Uilleann pipes as well as a medieval bagpipe for the St. Godric hymns. The short stories are being presented by Charlie Villis. Tickets are £5 on the door ( under 16yrs free ) with all proceeds going to Durham Foodbank.

Paul has created a Facebook event page for ease of sharing <https://www.facebook.com/share/16JkAAX2Di/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

## May Edition of Magnificat Magazine

For those who don't know about the magazine, it's published monthly and contains daily readings and prayers for Mass, meditations, morning and night prayers, and much more. There are **a few free copies** at the back of each church and information on how to subscribe is on the back cover.

## School News

### St. Joseph's Primary School

The children in Year 3 and 4 will be attending church on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

We also have a **Nursery Open Day** on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** from 1.30pm - 2.30pm . We have spaces in both reception class and nursery. Please contact the school for more information.

**Wanted** – a lockable 3-drawer metal filing cabinet for use in St. Godric's Church. If you have one that you don't want, please email Kathleen Murray:  
[k.murray633@btinternet.com](mailto:k.murray633@btinternet.com)



### **Summer Parish Baptism Programme**

Please note the date and time of the Summer Programme:  
**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm - 9pm, Jubilee Room, St Joseph's Church.**

If you would like to attend prior to having your child/children baptised in the parish, please contact Marjorie in the first instance for a Registration Form.

### **From the Diocese**

#### **Laudato Si' Mass**

Bishop Stephen will celebrate Mass at 10.00am at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate 10 years since the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical – Laudato Si'.

All are welcome to attend this Mass which marks the start of Laudato Si' week. More information on the Diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/laudato-si-week-2025-mass/>

### **Job Vacancy**

An exciting opportunity is available at St Joseph's Care Home (Little Sisters of the Poor, Newcastle) for an Assistant Cook.

Hours available: 30 hours per week, includes evenings and weekends

Please note, sponsorship for this role is not available and applicants must have the right to work in the UK, which will be checked if successful.

For more information, please contact Lee-Marie Thornley on 07856 256095 or email [lee.marie@lsplondon.co.uk](mailto:lee.marie@lsplondon.co.uk)

### **Music Academy**

Music helps people pray. We've seen that in our churches on a Sunday, often the people who have given their time and service to lead the music and the worship, haven't had the opportunity for formation and investment in this area. Also, we have seen that when music leaders give time and space for their journey of discipleship this has a prayerful and powerful effect on the times of worship and liturgy and the faith journeys of their music teams in their parishes. If you know someone who would be interested in participating in the OHP Academy, more information and a short video can be found at <https://diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/one-hope-project-music-academy/>. We would love for you to consider if this is something God is calling your parish to.

**SOCIETY OF SAINT GREGORY - ANNUAL SUMMER SCHOOL 2025, LIVERPOOL  
HOPE UNIVERSITY  
30 July (from 2pm) - 2 August 2025 (lunchtime)**

**JUBILEE 2025 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

The theme of Jubilee and Hope will be reflected in our liturgies and music, providing us with an opportunity to reflect on what we have learned and to consider how we might take the message of hope back to our parish communities.

**Keynote Speaker - David Wells**, a pastoral leader and well known speaker encouraging and inspiring people to share the joy of the gospel, through the lens of building parish life.

**Director of Music - Martin Barry**, a parish musician, composer and former cathedral music director. He is President of Universa Laus, the international study group for liturgical music.

**Workshops** - Proclaiming the Word, Presiding, School Chaplaincy, Scripture, Plainchant in the Parish setting, Singing the Psalms for the new Lectionary, Exploring the Liturgy Directory, the "Volunteer" Organist.

We welcome Residential, Non-Residential and Day Delegates and Bursary Funding is available. Further details and online booking at <https://ssg.org.uk/summer-school/> or by emailing [summerschool@ssg.org.uk](mailto:summerschool@ssg.org.uk)

**News from the Centre for Catholic Studies**

**NEW BURSARY FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR 2025-26** – The Janet Erskine Stuart Scholarship Fund, funded by the Society of the Sacred Heart (RSCJ), intended primarily to support teachers or chaplains. Applications are especially invited from:

- Teachers of RE wishing to pursue an MA to enhance the quality of their subject knowledge.
- Teachers of any discipline who wish to retrain to teach RE.
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**Other bursary funds are also available.** Full information can be found at [CCS Bursary for Distance Learning 2025-26 - Durham University](#)

**CTRS seminar audio recording**

The audio recording of our most recent CTRS is now available to stream on the CCS's Soundcloud account. In last Thursday's seminar, **Prof Clare Watkins** of the University of Durham gives a talk on 'The challenge of 'clericalism': looking beyond clergy for a liveable theology of ordained ministry in the Catholic Church' – and finds herself holding the room's attention while up against the breaking news of a papal election! You can listen to the recording at this link:

[https://soundcloud.com/user-594051740/clare-watkins-the-challenge-of-clericalism?si=a0f042188ec247648592dc921922825b&utm\\_source=clipboard&utm\\_medium=text&utm\\_campaign=social\\_sharing](https://soundcloud.com/user-594051740/clare-watkins-the-challenge-of-clericalism?si=a0f042188ec247648592dc921922825b&utm_source=clipboard&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=social_sharing)



# Mass Intentions for the Week

18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 17 May	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass In celebration of 40 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (Margaret and Derek Wallace), and Kevin Crilly Anniversary.
Sunday 18 May	9.00am Theresa Wilson Anniversary, and Susannah & George Michiels 3.00-4.00pm - Exposition	10.30am Success in exams, and Betty McGurk Birthday Remembrance
Monday 19 May	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 20 May	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am France Openshaw	
Wednesday 21 May	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Norman and Alex Wright, and Bryan Moran St. Joseph's School attending
Thursday 22 May	9.30am- Exposition 10.00am Peter and Catherine McLoughlin	NO MASS
Friday 23 May	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Dr. Maurice Brennan
Saturday 24 May	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Maureen Price
Sunday 25 May 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	9.00am Bridget Grehan-Bradley First Anniversary	10.30am Brian O'Connor, Hugh Clark and Richard Harrison

## St. Cuthbert's

Sun 18	Mon 19	Tue 20	Wed 21	Thurs 22	Fri 23	Sat 24	Sun 25
10.00am and 6.30pm	No Mass	12.15pm Service of Word & Holy Communion	7.00pm	10.30am Requiem Mass of Pio Mangion	12.15pm Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm