

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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For bereavement support, please contact the Parish Secretary

Last Sunday's Mass at St Leonard's was enjoyed by all. The new school looks wonderful. Thank you to all the staff and students who made us so welcome. The weather added to our enjoyment of the occasion. As a first after Covid, the school Mass allows us the opportunity to come together as one parish. This is an ever growing expression of need on the part of the part of so many of you, which I appreciate. Thank you.

The summer holidays are upon us now and it's a time of much needed, and much deserved rest for our the staff of all four schools in our parish. You have all been a credit to your profession.

We had a Core Group meeting on Wednesday, and the minutes will be forthcoming. As announced last weekend, the Wednesday Community Summer Club begins soon (see bulletin). This will fill in the void usually left by school summer closures. It is hoped to pitch this to include and beyond, the regular attendance of our ever depleting numbers at the weekly Wednesday lunches. It's time to throw the net wider.

Feast Days

Monday, 20 th July	St. Apollinaris Bp M
Tuesday, 21 st July	St. Lawrence of Brindisi P, D
Wednesday, 22 nd July	St. Mary Magdalene
Thursday, 23 rd July	St. Bridget of Sweden, Rel. Patron of Europe
Friday, 24 th July	The Martyrs' of the Diocese
Saturday, 25 th July	St. James, Apostle

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Mary Armstrong	Rose Simpson
Nigel Anthony Cunningham	Maureen Milsom
Josephine Lyons	Robin Humphrey
Tom Kimmit	Shirley Harrison
Mary Crilley	Sheila Wressel
Sigrid Peyerimhoff	Rita Harrison
Christina Reid	

Anniversaries:

Mary Pattison	Mary Lyons
Jack Makepeace	Moir Birney
John Newcombe	Olga Kenna
John Turnbull	



Sympathy – We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late **Syd Inglis** whose Funeral Service will be held at **St. Joseph's** on **Wednesday, 22nd July** at **11.30am** followed by burial in Belmont Cemetery.

... and also to the family and friends of the late **Daniel Keenan**, whose **Funeral Service** will take place on **Wednesday, 5th August**, in **St. Godric's** at **1.00pm** followed by cremation in Durham at **2.00pm**.

Requiescant in pace.

Eucharistic services at St Bede's during the summer:

St. Bede's chapel will be open for Eucharistic Services on Monday and Wednesday on the following dates and start at 9.15am.

20th, 22nd, 27th & 29th July

24th & 26th August

St. Godric's Choir Concert: thank you to the small but appreciative audience who supported our concert last Saturday 4th July. An impressive £1130 was raised for the Venezuela Earthquake Appeal.

Thank you for your generosity.



Parish of the Durham Martyrs' Community Summer Club

The weekly Summer Community Club will meet in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's at 12.00 on Wednesday each week as follows:-

22nd July, 29th July

5th August, 19th August, 26th August

This will be an opportunity to socialise and enjoy a light lunch at a cost of £3.50.



On **Wednesday 12th August** there will be a trip to Roker if there is enough interest – the cost will be £5 per person. If interested, please let either Cynthia or Peter know.

A weekly booking sheet will be available at the back of each church every weekend to enable people to sign up so that we can plan catering. Forms will be collected after Sunday Masses.

Everyone is welcome to join us so please sign up if you are able to attend. We look forward to seeing you.

Homelessness Support – Appeal for Volunteers

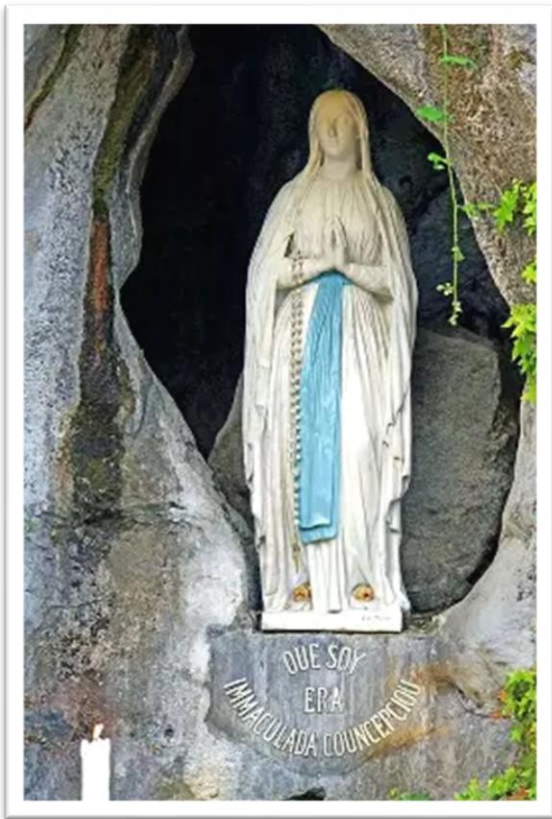
Our dedicated team of Parish volunteers provide support to Sanctuary 21 (Salvation Army) at their premises in Saddler Street, Durham by offering basic food and hospitality to rough sleepers and vulnerable people in our city.

Teams of three people volunteer each day (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday) for three hours each week. We also have a back-up team who provide cover on a casual basis when regular volunteers are unable to attend and we are supported by teams of students during term time.

Due to holidays and sickness and the student vacation, we are currently struggling to maintain the service and are looking for new volunteers to join our back up team .An empathy with homelessness issues and the ability to work harmoniously within a small team is essential. If you think you may be able to help please catch me after the Vigil Mass or speak to Kathleen Murray at St Godric's or Bridget Wilson at St Joseph's and they will let me know you are interested.

Thank You.

Peter Thompson



LOURDES AT HOME

As we prepare to travel to Lourdes on 31st July, there will be people who would like to participate from here in our Diocese who cannot be with us.

Blessing of Hands

There will be Mass with the blessing of hands in St Mary's Cathedral, with Bishop Stephen as the principal celebrant. We all serve each other in our own way, whether it be as a registered helper, youth member, medical team, pilgrim or those who pray for the success of our pilgrimage at home.

Everyone is welcome to this **special Mass on Tuesday 21st July at 6.30pm in the Cathedral.**

Pilgrimage Hymn Book

Many who are participating from home have asked if they can purchase a copy of the hymn book. These will be on sale at the Cathedral on Tuesday 21st July, and are priced £5.00.

Centenary Pilgrimage Medal

There is a special centenary medal this year which is based on the medal from the Holy Year of 1958. The medal has a maroon ribbon with a gold-coloured metal St Cuthbert's Cross attached. Again, these will be on sale at the Cathedral on Tuesday 21st July, and are priced £5.00.

Live Streaming

When in Lourdes, the Masses and services will be live streamed via the Diocesan Hospitalité YouTube channel and the Lourdes Sanctuary YouTube channel. More details will be available on the Diocesan Hospitalité Facebook page.

Please keep the success of the Centenary pilgrimage in your prayers.



There will be a parish pilgrimage to
Lindisfarne on Saturday 5 September 2026

Itinerary

10.15am	Bus leaves St Joseph's Church, Gilesgate (Option to make your own way to the island)
11.45am	Arrive Beal
Pilgrimage walk across the causeway- 3 miles, on wet sand (Optional)	
1.30pm	Picnic lunch in the shadow of Lindisfarne Castle (Optional)
Opportunity to explore the island across the afternoon	
3pm	Mass at St Aidan's Church (Optional)
4.30pm	Coach leaves island
5pm	Arrive at Seahouses (Option to purchase fish and chips/meal)
7pm	Leave Seahouses
8.30pm	Coach arrives at St Joseph's Church, Gilesgate

Coach cost: £10 per adult, £5 per child

To book a place on the bus, please put cash in an envelope, clearly marked with your name and required number of seats, and post through the parish office door at St, Joseph's Presbytery.

All payments must be made by Friday 14 August.



The next youth group will be held in the Jubilee room on **Saturday 25th July** after 5pm Mass.

A reminder that the Youth Group are planning a family camping trip from **19th – 20th September**. Please contact durhammartyrsparishyouthgroup@gmail.com to register your interest. A **£5 deposit per person** will be needed by **15th August** to secure your place.



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TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL

200 CLUB

Results – July 2026

1 st (£50)	No. 166
M. Finlay	St. Mary of the Assumption, Jarrow
Jess McConneal	St. Bede's. Jarrow
2 nd (£25)	No. 84
Barbara Brown	Parish of the Durham Martyrs (St. Godric's)
Mrs. T. Dickson	Our Lady of Lourdes, Wallsend

Thank you for your continued support

The Just Peace Coalition – Time to Act Webinar Invitation.

In response to a letter from the Mayor of Beit Sahour, we invite you to click on the link and join an upcoming Just Peace Coalition [webinar on the crisis in the West Bank](#). In the webinar, we will be hearing from Dalia Qumsieh, a lawyer and Founder & Director of the Balasan Initiative for Human Rights regarding the settlement in Beit Sahour. We will look at how we can take action and mobilise our churches in response to this urgent cry from the Palestinian Christian community.

Sea Sunday (Stella Maris) - Stella Maris chaplains are a friend for seafarers, they help with mobile phone top-ups to call their families, provide warm clothing in the winter or arrange for them to go to Mass. Sometimes they help with more serious problems like finding a doctor when they are sick, or making sure their employer pays them and treats them properly.

If you would like to support them, please donate online at www.stellamaris.org.uk or text Sea Sunday to 70460 to donate £5, or scan the QR code on the poster.

LAY DOMINICANS NORTH EAST invite you to Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs in Esh Winning on Saturday 25th July from 10:30 until 15:00. We shall be discussing Dominicans and the Reformation, along with brief portraits of St John Boste (though not a Dominican, he was captured nearby for subsequent martyrdom) and Blessed Robert Nutter, the only Dominican friar to have been martyred under Elizabeth I. We will also hear about the continuing persecution of Christians in the 21st century. The day includes prayer, Mass and a simple lunch. There is no fee for the day but donations will be warmly welcomed.

Young Adults Group: A Young Adults group has recently been set up at St. Cuthbert's in Durham. The group is aimed at people in their 20s and 30s and will be a chance for people to get together for prayer, social events and discussion.

The first event for the group is a film and pizza night at 7pm on Thursday 23 July at St. Cuthbert's, Old Elvet. Please do come along, or join the WhatsApp group at [Young Adults Group](#)

Events at Ushaw

Chapter & Verse is Ushaw's book group which welcomes all readers who are interested in reading and discussing books about faith and religion. The group meets monthly to read a mix of fiction and non-fiction with a religious theme or connection. The next meeting of the book group is on **Tuesday 21st July at 1.30pm**. For this meeting we will be reading *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. Come along and join the conversation, even if you have not had time to read the book! No pre-booking is required, and the event is free with your Ushaw membership or a day pass.

CATHOLIC HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT THIS SUMMER

During August and September, Castlerigg Manor in Keswick is opening its doors to families, groups of friends, or private individuals who are looking for an affordable stay in the Lake District. Breakfast and evening meal are provided, and Mass is celebrated on site. For more information check out castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711

QUIET RETREATS FOR ADULTS THIS OCTOBER

During October half term, Castlerigg Manor is running a quiet retreat for individual adults who want to spend a few days of peace, relaxation and prayer in the Lake District. Each day there will be a talk, Mass, and evening prayer, and then a lot of time to explore the area, pray, or just simply relax. Book at castleriggmanor.com/events or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Mass Intentions for the Week

19th July 2026

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 18 July	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass David Elliot Anniversary and Vera and Harry Finn
Sunday 19 July	9.00am Harry Curran 3.00-4.00pm – Exposition	10.30am Cara Armstrong-McKay Birthday Remembrance
Monday 20 July	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 21 July	9.00am – Exposition 10.00am Colin and Estelle Wild, and a Special intention (MM)	NO MASS
Wednesday 22 July	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am - The sick of the Parish 11.30am - Funeral Service of the late Syd Inglis
Thursday 23 July	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am John and Margaret Galloway	NO MASS
Friday 24 July	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Special Intention (DG)
Saturday 25 July	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Moir Birney, and Kevin Royal Birthday Remembrance
Sunday 26 July Baptism After Mass	9.00am Malcolm Rall 3.00-4.00pm - Exposition	10.30am Brian O'Connor

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 19	Mon 20	Tue 21	Wed 22	Thurs 23	Fri 24	Sat 25	Sun 26
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	10.00am Requiem Mass – Graham Oak	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm