

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 – 26th July – 14th August 2026 17th Sunday of the Year

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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

Sadly, Bro John is leaving us to join the Capuchin Community in Chester. Bro John leaves on the 17th September.

Our parish pilgrimage to Holy Island on the 5th September is gathering pace. Do get those names down.

The Wednesday gatherings for lunch and bingo began last Wednesday as the first of such lunches during the summer school recess. It was a lovely occasion. Well done to all involved and a special thanks to those who donated some spectacular prizes for the bingo competition.

Special prayers for our new Ministers of the Eucharist, who will be commissioned after a day of reflection this Saturday, which is being led by Fr Adrian Dixon.

The sale of the St Bede's car park has gathered pace, and notices of its future development will be posted shortly.

A Bon voyage and prayers are with parishioners heading to Lourdes with the Diocese next week.

Thank you one and all for all your feedback to last weekend's follow-up questionnaire. These will now be compiled and results fed back to the Bishop.

Feast Days

Wednesday, 29 th July	Ss. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Thursday, 30 th July	St. Peter Chrysologus Bp, D
Friday, 31 st July	St. Ignatius of Loyola P
Saturday, 1 st August	St. Alphonsus Mary Liguori Bp, D
Monday, 3 rd August	St. Oswald King, M
Tuesday, 4 th August	St. John Vianney P
Wednesday, 5 th August	Dedication of St. Mary Major Basilica
Thursday, 6 th August	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Friday, 7 th August	St. Sixtus II Pp, and Companions MM
Saturday, 8 th August	St. Dominic P
Monday, 10 th August	St. Lawrence Deacon, M
Tuesday, 11 th August	St. Clare of Assisi V
Wednesday, 12 th August	St. Jane Frances de Chantal Rel
Thursday, 13 th August	Ss. Pontian, Pp and Hippolytus P MM
Friday, 14 th August	St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe P M
Sunday, 16 th August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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 Wressell
Sigrid Peyerimhoff	Rita Harrison
Amanda Hyland	Christina Reid

Anniversaries:

25th – 31st July



Olga Oliver	Peter Francis Keelin
Catherine McLoughlin	Eve Sutherland
Anthony & Monica Malyan	Terrie Riddle
Derek Coxon	Yolanda Cammiss
Paul Harrison	Grace Vallance
Freda Balmer	

1st – 14th August

Gillian Kenny	Ian George Henderson
Ian Hamilton	Gareth Hughes
Bernadette Dolan	Doris Metcalfe
Carol Wheatley	Yvonne Jenkins
Doris Heseltine	Fr. Jim Saunders
Pauline Pepper	William Birney



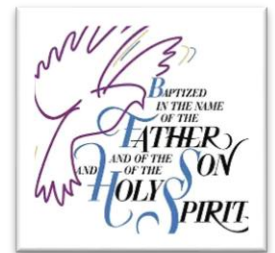
Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late **John Jackson** whose **Funeral Service** will take place at **St. Joseph's** on **Friday, 7th August at 12.00pm** followed by burial in **Belmont Cemetery**.

Forthcoming Funerals

1.00pm - Wednesday, 5th August – St. Godric's - Funeral Service of the late Daniel Keenan. *Requiescant in pace.*

Forthcoming Baptisms

We welcome into our parish community the following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism in our parish over the next two weeks:



Rory Kelly – Saturday, 25th July, 11.00am at St. Joseph's

Luca James Freeman – Sunday, 26th July after St. Godric's 9.00am Mass

Grace Anderson – Sunday, 26th July after St. Godric's 9.00am Mass

Cian James Cullen – Sunday 2nd August after St. Joseph's 10.30am Mass

Cancellation of Children's Liturgy – there will not be Children's Liturgy at St. Joseph's this Sunday, 26th July, nor on Sunday, 30th August.

Parish Office Closed – please note that the Parish Office will be closed from 4.00pm today (24th July) until 11th August.

Pastoral Strategy and Mission Discernment - Finchale Partnership

In April each of our parishes sent a report to the Diocese, setting out their priorities for mission in their area, and considering the challenges of stewardship, of our people, buildings and finance. The Diocese has now asked us to look at the mission and challenges in the wider area of our Partnership.

Since the parishes sent in their reports, representatives from each parish have been getting together to talk about the plans we will need to take forward in the next few years to ensuring the church is thriving across all the parishes in our Partnership area.

We have drafted a plan for the Partnership and the key objectives are listed in the one page handout we distributed last weekend.

We would be very grateful if all our parishioners could take the time to look at this plan and provide us with any comments you may have including any specific areas you think we should have considered? There are some extra copies of the handout at the back of each of our churches.

Please can you provide any feedback either by completing [the online form on the parish website](#) and emailing to durham.martyrs@dioceshn.org.uk or writing down your comments (there are spare pieces of paper available at back of church) and returning them for collection at the back of church no later than this **Sunday 26 July**.

Community Summer Club



A big thank you to all who attended the first meeting of the Summer Club on Wednesday. It was a great success and lovely social atmosphere. We do hope you will come back next week and invite anyone else who would like to join us for light lunch and good company.

The menu for Wednesday 29th will be:-

- Steak Pie and veg with Vegetarian option
- A range of cakes
- Tea/ Coffee / Juice
- A game of Play Your Cards Right or just stay and chat if you wish

The cost to cover expenses is £3.50 and we meet at 12.00

Booking sheets are available at the back of each church .

On Wednesday 12th August, we will be having a trip to Roker. The coach will leave St Joseph's at 11.30 prompt and will return from Roker at 3pm. The cost is £5. If you would like to join this trip it is essential that you book not later than Sunday 1st August . Somebody will be at the back of each church after each weekend Mass to take payment which is non-returnable .

Thank you, The Organising Team

Tip for Sustainable Living

Find eco-friendly alternatives to everyday items such as food, cleaning materials, cosmetics, fashion and much more at www.ethicalsuperstore.com.

(Care for Creation Group)



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THE PARISH OF THE DURHAM MARTYRS Website Quick Reference Guide for navigating the site menus

Main Website: durhammartyrs.co.uk Voluntary parish webmaster Leanne Heseltine

Subheading: Parish Life

Under this section, you will find information regarding daily parish operations, guidelines, and historical texts:

- **About us:** Details on the amalgamation of the Parish and the Parish Prayer.
- **Churches:** Mass centre information, directions, and accessibility details for St Bede's Chapel, St Godric's Church, and St Joseph's Church.
- **Parish Priest:** Bulletin thoughts from Fr. Colm and archive audio from the 2020 lockdown.
- **Parish Handbook:** A downloadable PDF history and group contact directory compiled by Margaret Wallace (hard copies are also available in our churches since **2023**).
- **Drivers' Declaration Forms:** Diocesan compliance forms for voluntary parish drivers.
- **Heating and car park guidelines:** A reference PDF for stewards managing church heating, lighting, and parking.
- **Stewards' guidelines for funerals:** Practical information for stewards assisting with parish funerals.
- **Journey in Faith:** Program details and session updates when active.

Subheading: Safeguarding

The name and contact details of our parish safeguarding representative **Gillian McArthur** and the contact details for the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

Subheading: Parish Life *continued*

- **St Bede's Cemetery:** Information the Redhill's Lane cemetery site.
- **Durham Martyrs Mass Parts:** Written by Roger McKone, featuring audio files of the sung parts.
- **Parish Website Logo:** Visual background information on our logo created by Leanne Heseltine.
- **Liturgical Ministries:** Altar Servers, Bidding Prayers, Catechists, Children's Liturgy, Choir/Music Group, Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality, Lay Leaders, Church Collection, Offertory Counters, Readers, Welcomers.
- **Parish Groups:** Bereavement Group, Church Cleaning, Finance Committee, Flower Arrangements, Homelessness Support Group, Health & Safety/Buildings Committee, Inclusive Church, International Lunches, Justice & Peace, Memory Café, Parish Council, Prayer Groups, Parish Youth Group, St Godric's Development Group, SVP, Walking Group.

Gallery: Photos from Parish events and of our Churches

Sacraments: Information on Sacraments and programmes related to Baptism, Confession, Confirmation, First Holy Communion, Marriage, Ministering to the sick, Vocations.

Subheading: Youth

Links to our youth related ministries and pages including information on

- **Children's Liturgy**
- **Parish Schools:**
Weekly news and information on our three primary schools (St Godric's, St Joseph's, St Thomas More) and St Leonard's Secondary School.
- **Parish Youth Group:**
Activities, event photos, from our youth group children aged 7–15.

Subheading: Bulletin

- **Bulletin:** Downloadable PDF copy of this week's bulletin, alongside an email newsletter subscription box.
- **Archive:** A 1-year historical rolling archive of previous bulletins.

Subheading: Parish Support Fund

- **Support Fund:** Information on the fund, our oversight panel, and application forms for those in need.
- **Donate:** Secure online methods of giving to support active ministries and church building maintenance.

Subheading: Announcements

Parish news and a google calendar dedicated to parish Masses, Services, events and meetings of various groups.

- **News:**
- **Events Calendar**

Subheading: Services

Information on our Masses and Service times (featuring a dedicated Google calendar), Exposition and Confession, upcoming Baptisms and Funerals.

- Mass Times,
- Mass Readings
- Confession times,
- Exposition services
- upcoming Baptisms and Funerals

Subheading: Community

Updates on

- **The Finchale Partnership**
- **St Francis Friary.**

Subheading: Contact Us

Direct Office Contacts: Operating hours and lookups for phoning, emailing, or writing to Marjorie. Also contains webmaster email options.

The Parish on Social Media



Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/DurhamMartyrs>



Twitter (X) @ParishDMartyrs

<https://x.com/parishdmartyrs>

Mobile & Tablet Navigation Hacks

If using a smartphone or tablet, the screen automatically adjusts layout:

- **The Menu:** Tap the three horizontal lines (hamburger icon) at the top of the screen to open subheadings.
- **Announcements:** Mobile posts merge into a carousel. Tap the arrow icons to cycle through recent news or select "View All News".



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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

26th July 2026

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 25 July	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Moira Birney and Kevin Royal Birthday Remembrance
Sunday 26 July 17 th Sunday of the Year	9.00am Malcolm Räll BAPTISMS AFTER MASS 3.00-4.00pm – Exposition	10.30am Brian O'Connor
Monday 27 July	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 28 July	9.00am – Exposition 10.00am Peter and Catherine McLoughlin	NO MASS
Wednesday 29 July	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Derek Coxon
Thursday 30 July	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Mary Carney	NO MASS
Friday 31 July	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am A safe and successful 100 th Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes
Saturday 1 August	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Paul Harrison and Belle Blakey
Sunday 2 August 18 th Sunday of the Year	9.00am Susannah & George Michiels 3.00-4.00pm – Exposition	10.30am Claire Aylett Birthday Remembrance BAPTISM AFTER MASS

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 26	Mon 27	Tue 28	Wed 29	Thurs 30	Fri 31	Sat 1 Aug	Sun 2
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm

Mass Intentions for the Week

2nd August 2026

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 1 August	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass David Adams Anniversary
Sunday 2 August 18 th Sunday of the Year	9.00am Susannah & George Michiels 3.00-4.00pm – Exposition	10.30am Claire Aylett Birthday Remembrance Baptism after Mass
Monday 3 August	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 4 August	9.00am – Exposition 10.00am Jim and Patrick Green	NO MASS
Wednesday 5 August	1.00pm Funeral Service of the late Daniel Keenan	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Vocations to the Priesthood
Thursday 6 August	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Sheila Collinson Birthday Remembrance	NO MASS
Friday 7 August	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am - Peace in the World 12.00pm – Funeral Service of the late John Jackson
Saturday 8 August	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass William Birney, Eileen McKay and Ernest Layton Birthday Remembrance
Sunday 9 August 18 th Sunday of the Year	9.00am Harry Curran 3.00-4.00pm – Exposition	10.30am Deceased members of the Binks and Thompson Families

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 2	Mon 3	Tue 4	Wed 5	Thurs 6	Fri 7	Sat 8	Sun 9
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	9.15am	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am 2.00pm Nuptial Mass	10.00am and 6.30pm

Monday 10th – Friday 14th August

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Monday 10 August	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 11 August	9.00am – Exposition 10.00am <i>Service of Word & Holy Communion</i>	NO MASS
Wednesday 12 August	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am <i>Service of Word & Holy Communion</i>
Thursday 13 August	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Deceased Priests of the Diocese	NO MASS
Friday 14 August	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am <i>Service of Word & Holy Communion</i>
Saturday 15 August	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Eileen McKay and Belle Blakey

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 9	Mon 10	Tue 11	Wed 12	Thurs 13	Fri 14	Sat 15	Sun 16
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS						10.00am and 6.30pm

Please check St. Cuthbert's Website for Mass times this week