

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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Whilst we are in a better place now regarding Covid, it still lurks, and indeed, some parishioners are still being hit with the dreaded virus. It is because of this that it is best if we retain the present system of queueing for Holy Communion. It is less convenient for some, but single line queueing up from the side aisles reduces congestion. Can I ask those who wish to have Communion brought to them in their seats to please make yourselves as accessible as possible, especially if receiving under both kinds.

It is good to see more returning to Ministry of Eucharist and reader. New readers and Ministers of the Eucharist please.

Excellent, but tragic, documentary on Channel 4 last Tuesday night on the Easter Sunday 2019 bombings of the Catholic Church in Sri Lanka. This documentary will have been especially painful to watch for some of our parishioners who arrived home to visit families in Sri Lanka that very morning and actually heard the bombs go off from the airport. But, the programme also shows the level of persecution some Catholics are experiencing worldwide.

Our prayers and continued support are with Mr. Hammill and staff at St. Leonard's at this very challenging time. The closures due to defective buildings come at a time when exam results have been particularly good.

Feast Days

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| Tuesday, 12 th September | The Holy Name of Mary |
| Wednesday, 13 th September | St. John Chrysostom Bp, D |
| Thursday, 14 th September | The Exaltation of the Holy Cross |
| Friday, 15 th September | Our Lady of Sorrows |
| Saturday, 16 th September | Ss. Cornelius Pp and Cyprian Bp, MM |

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



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| Meg Dixon | Yvonne Reid |
| Joe Watson | Jared Howarth |
| Sheila Owen | Francesca Camilerni |
| Ken Riddle | Nicola Dawson |
| Breda Gallagher | Ian Hamilton |
| Marjorie Carey | Monica O'Connor |
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Anniversaries

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| Lily Dodds | Ellie Wilson |
| Mary Bowes | Carmel Nolan |
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Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to Laura Farmer and family on the loss of her son, Anthony. There will be a Mass in his memory on Monday, 18th September in St. Joseph's at 10.00am. All are welcome to attend.

... and also to Jean Stephenson, who lost her twin sister Mary Williams this week. *Requiescant in pace.*



Holy Baptism Autumn Baptism Programme

The Autumn Baptism Programme will take place on Monday 9th October in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's from 6.00-9.00pm.

Families who were scheduled to attend the July programme, which was cancelled owing to Covid, don't need to re-apply. Please contact Marjorie if you would like to attend.

Cancellation of Weekday Masses – 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th September

Please note that the normal weekday 10.00am Masses on the above dates have been replaced with Services of Word and Holy Communion.

Marjorie will re-arrange the Mass intentions which were due to be said.

Retiring Collection

This Sunday is a Day of Special Prayer for those involved in Education, and there will be a retiring collection for Catholic Education

Coffee Morning - There will be a coffee morning on **Monday 18th September** in St. Bede's Room in St. Godric's School immediately after the 9.15 Service of the Word and Holy Communion. All proceeds are for Women in Need in India. Everyone is very welcome.



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

Save the Date

Tuesday, 3rd October

A fish and chip outing to Bell's
in Seaham – 12.00noon.



If you would like to go and sample the lovely fish and chips by the sea, please put your name, contact details and whether you require transport on the list at the back of church, or alternatively, ring Margaret White on 0191 3869437.

Missio APF/Mill Hill collections for the month of September Ss. Godric and Bede

Red boxes/donations for **St. Bede's** will be collected and emptied by sponsors in the usual way during September.

Please bring those for **St. Godric's** to Sunday Mass before the end of September. Many thanks to all who are continuing to support our Church family around the world in this very worthwhile way.



Heritage Open Days at St. Godric's

This year, we are planning to open our lovely church to visitors from 11.00am until 2.00pm on five days:

Friday 8th September, Saturday 9th, Thursday 14th, Friday 15th and Saturday 16th.

We will offer all who call a warm welcome and the opportunity to learn about our history with the help of live guides, information sheets, quiz sheets for young and old and of course, refreshments!

None of this will be possible without your help which has been so generously provided on past occasions and for which we are appealing yet again! Can you spare even half an hour, can you provide refreshments, or serve them? No offers refused! Please contact Kathleen on 07759 130 837 if you would like to help.



Durham Martyrs Walking Group – 16th September 2023
Our next walk will be at Seaham taking in Nose's Point, Hawthorn Dene and a small section of the Coastal Path. A combination of coast, woodland, flora and fauna and the option of fish and chips and rehydration if required at the end. This is a lovely walk!

The walk begins at the 'dancing' wooden sculpture at the front of Byron Place at 10.00am (Car Parking is available on opposite side of the road). The full walk is approximately 7.5 miles in total however for those who would like a shorter walk, an option of approximately 5 miles is possible. Both routes can be shortened by a further 1.5 miles by parking at Nose's Point Car Park if desired.

If you would like to join this walk please let Marjorie know so we know who to expect and at which point you will be joining. (Walking Group members who have already responded to WhatsApp do not need to reply).

CAFOD action to Fix the Food System

CAFOD has organised a petition to help poor small-scale farmers world-wide by asking the World Bank to change its' laws on buying seeds. These laws mean that farmers have to buy all their seeds from commercial companies and are not allowed to use their own or local seed sources which would be cheaper.

Our Parish Justice and Peace group is supporting the petition, and after the Masses this weekend, we will be asking parishioners to join with us by signing the petition in Church. You can also go online by looking up cafod.org.uk/food where you can find out more and complete your details to support the campaign on your phone or laptop.

Day of Reflection for Lay Leaders

Date: Saturday 7th October

Times: 10.30am-3.00pm - arrivals, registration and refreshments from 10.00am

Location: St. Joseph's, High West Street, Gateshead, NE8 1LX

Cost: £10.00 per person (may be self-funded or funded by your parish).

Catering: Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.

The day will include a Mass.

Booking

Bookings can be made via this online [link](#) or via the DHN website bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents.

Alternatively, Marjorie can make the booking on your behalf. Please email her if you would like to do this. ***Booking Deadline: Monday 2nd October 2023***



Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries: Volunteer required for St Joseph's, Gilesgate

Each parish benefits from having a dedicated volunteer to administer the mission Red Boxes to raise funds for the Pope's charity for overseas mission. More information at missio.org.uk. If you think you could carry out this ministry for St. Joseph's, then please make yourself known to Fr. Colm or Marjorie who will put you in touch with Missio. Missio provide training and support. See <https://missio.org.uk/volunteer-with-missio/>

Season of Creation Events at Ushaw

Two Ecumenical Events celebrating creation and calling us to act to save our common home:

Faith and the Environment Wednesday 13th September:

10am to 3.30pm A Day of Reflection, featuring the inspiring film "The Letter", and including conversation, prayer and practical responses to the urgent call to care for the environment as our common home.

Come and join us for a day celebrating creation and calling us to action to save the environment. We will hear about "Laudato Si", Pope Francis' important letter calling for discussion and dialogue on the environment.

We'll also hear about a range of initiatives – both local and international - to care for the planet which we all depend on.

Tickets: £5, which includes refreshments on arrival, parking and admission to Ushaw. Lunch can be bought in Welby's Café, or bring a packed lunch. Book your ticket at <https://ushaw.org/whats-on-at-ushaw/> or by phone on 0191 373 8500.

An Ecumenical Prayer Service – Sunday, 1st October at 3.00pm

An ecumenical Prayer Service for the Season of Creation, when we are called on to commit to climate and ecological justice, and to speak out for those most affected by the climate and ecological emergency. The theme for 2023's Season of Creation is "Let Justice and Peace flow...."

The service will be held in St. Cuthbert's Chapel at Ushaw. Everyone is welcome to attend. No booking is required.

Mass Intentions for the Week

10th September 2023

| | St Godric's | St Joseph's |
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| Saturday 9 September | | 5.00pm Vigil Mass Michael Oliver and in thanksgiving for all at St. Bede's Chapel |
| Sunday 10 September | 9.00am Peace in Ukraine | 11.00am Ken Herbert |
| Monday 11 September | NO MASS | 9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion |
| Tuesday 12 September | 10.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion | NO MASS |
| Wednesday 13 September | NO MASS | 10.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion |
| Thursday 14 September | 10.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion | NO MASS |
| Friday 15 September | NO MASS | 10.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion |
| Saturday 16 September | NO MASS | 5.00pm Vigil Mass George Kell (Illness) and Ella Mai Inett (Illness) |
| Sunday 17 September | 9.00am The McPartlin Family | 11.00am Kelly Nicola Dunne |

St. Cuthbert's

| Sun 10 | Mon 11 | Tue 12 | Wed 13 | Thurs 14 | Fri 15 | Sat 16 | Sun 17 |
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| 10.00am and 6.30pm | NO MASS | 12.15pm | 7.00pm | 12.15pm | 12.15pm | 9.15am | 10.00am and 6.30pm |