

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: 17th – 23rd October
29th Sunday of the Year – Mission Sunday**

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After a successful session on yoga and meditation, based on feedback received, Professor Stanley Bethapudi will be doing an interactive yoga/breathing workshop to invoke the holy spirit for physical and spiritual healing.

This invitation is open for everyone.

You can wear comfortable clothes for floor exercise workshop , or bring your own yoga mat.

Time and Date - 6.30pm, Tuesday, 20th October

Venue - Jubilee Room, St. Joseph's Church

Feast Days

Saturday, 17th October	St. Ignatius of Antioch Bp, M
Monday, 19th October	Ss. John de Brébeuf P/Isaac Jogues P & Companions MM
Thursday, 22nd October	St. John Paul II Pp
Friday, 23rd October	St. John of Capistrano P
Saturday, 24th October	St. Anthony Mary Claret P



Prayers – please keep in your prayers:

Mary Armstrong	Rose Simpson	Sigrid Peyerimhoff
Nigel Anthony Cunningham	Maureen Milsom	Rita Harrison
Tom Kimmit	Christina Reid	Amanda Hyland
Mary Crilley	Shirley Harrison	Tom Smith
Sheila Wressel		

Anniversaries:

Ellen Fisher	Robert Hann
Audrey Loughlin	Claire Aylett
Dawn Lennon	John Hanley



Forthcoming Funeral - Patricia Goodwill - at Durham Crematorium on Thursday, 22nd October from 11.00am-12.00pm. *Requiescat in pace*

World Mission Sunday

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio - the Pope's charity for world mission - we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme 'One in Christ. united in mission' to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can.



There will be a retiring collection at all Masses this weekend.



Save the date

'Raised on Songs and Stories' is a community care outreach project which brings together older Irish people or those of Irish Heritage and their friends. We travel across the North East, up to Northumberland and down to Teesside.

We sing songs, play tunes and encourage anyone to get up and perform bringing together old friends and new.

Every month ROSS is on the road to a local venue where there is lunch, live Irish music and entertainment. Sponsored by the Irish Government's Emigrant Support Programme and The National Lottery Community Fund, we welcome as many

new faces as possible and would be delighted to see you there!



Family Pilgrimage – Saturday 24 October, 3pm

Come and be part of our joyful Youth Group - **Family Pilgrimage** as we celebrate the **Jubilee Year of St Francis!** We'll walk together from **St Cuthbert's** to **Durham Cathedral**, finishing at the **Franciscan Friary**.

Because this is a Jubilee Year, people who join the pilgrimage with sincere faith — and complete the usual conditions — can **receive a plenary indulgence**.

We'll enjoy stories of St. Francis, build our **LEGO Church**, pray at **St Cuthbert's Shrine**, walk by the river celebrating God's creation and enjoy food together.

Meeting Point: St. Cuthbert's Church DH1 3HL

Time: 3pm

Who: All young people and families

Bring: comfy shoes, water, light jacket.

For more information and to let us know you are coming please email durhammartyrsparishyouthgroup@gmail.com

Dates for your diary.

The dates planned for the youth group for the rest of this year are:

24th October, 21st November, 12th December

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Parish of the Durham Martyrs' Journey in Faith 2026-2027

The Journey in Faith Programme begins again **next Thursday, 22nd October** and runs until Easter next year. The programme is held on Thursday evenings beginning at 7pm in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's Church. The programme of talks are given by invited speakers from the parish and surrounding area.

A copy of the programme will be displayed on each church notice board. Each session involves a presentation by the invited speaker and some informal group discussion and concludes by 8.30pm, followed by tea and coffee. Discussion is always enriched through the attendance of parishioners so you are encouraged to come along and support this.

If you would like any more information please contact Marjorie Towers, Parish Secretary on Marjorie.towers@diocesehn.org.uk or on the parish mobile 07483 369 561.

Fundraising

Well done Kris Bethapudi, year 11 student from St. Leonard's secondary school who hiked the Snowdon peak on the 10th October and successfully raised a £ 1131 for CAFOD.

The money would be contributed to support underprivileged children across the world. Kris expresses his sincere gratitude for everyone's generosity and support towards this cause.



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

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Results October 2026

1 st (£50)	No. 168
Patricia Morton	Durham Martyrs' – St. Joseph
David White	St. Mary's & St. Wilfred's – Bishop Auckland
2 nd (£25)	No. 199
J.Sharp	Our Lady of Lourdes, Wallsend
Christine Jones	Ss. Aloysius and James, Hebburn

Thank you for your continued support



Parish Christmas Fayre
Saturday 28th November
More details to follow



CONCERTS

Early notice of two Concerts coming up in St. Godric's Church.

- Saturday 21st November 7.30pm - Durham University Chamber Choir
- Wednesday 9th December 7.30pm - Dunelm Consort

Further details to follow.



We need help with stewarding for each concert. If you are able to help please contact me: Email: joe.hughes2017@hotmail.com

Care for Creation Group - 7.30pm Monday 19th October in the Franciscan Friary

Every month we meet to talk about how we as a parish and as individuals can better care for Creation, our common home. All are welcome

Feast of the Douai Martyrs - Ushaw

On **Friday 30th October**, please join us at Ushaw for a Mass to mark the Feast of the Douai Martyrs. This is one of the most important Feast Days at Ushaw, when the legacy of the martyrs, who gave their lives for the Catholic faith in England, continues to be remembered.

Mass will be at 12.30pm, and everyone is very welcome to attend. You don't need tickets for the Mass, but if you would like a light lunch of soup and bread after the Mass, please sign up by **23rd October** at <https://ushaw.org/whatson/douai-martyrs/>

Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear Fr Colin Patey speak on The Dream of Gerontius: how might Newman's poem inform our November prayers for the Holy Souls?, in the hall of Holy Name Church, Jesmond, Newcastle, NE2 3JX, on **Tuesday 10th November, at 7.30pm.**

"We shall be like him, because we shall see him as he really is" (1 John 3:2). A timely reflection from Scripture and Newman's great poem.

Fr. Colin Patey was ordained at Durham Cathedral and served for 20 years as an Anglican. He was ordained as a Catholic priest in 1998.

He is now retired but very active as a supply priest and leading occasional retreats. As a High Church Anglican, Fr. Colin was inspired by Newman, Pusey and Keble, and as he approached the Catholic Church, Newman's journey became an even greater inspiration for him. *See poster at the back of church,*



St Thomas More Catholic Primary School
<https://stthomasmorebelmont.bwcet.com/>

Message from Mr. Hunt

Dear Parish Families,

As I prepare to leave St. Thomas More after 11 years, I would like to thank you for the warmth and kindness you have shown me and for making me feel so welcome within the parish community. Over the years, I have had the privilege of getting to know so many families through the school, and I will not forget the people, conversations and memories we have shared.

The Parish of the Durham Martyrs will always hold a very special place in my heart. Thank you for everything, and may God bless you all.



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
<https://stjosephsgilesgate.bwcet.com/>

On Monday 19th October at 2.45pm we will be hosting our Harvest Celebration in the school hall. The Mini Vinnies and House Captains have

worked hard collecting food donations for a local foodbank charity called The Bread-and-Butter Thing. It is a local charity, and some of our families may use the service.

- Tuesday 20th October at 3pm, Year 3 and 4 have invited their families into their classroom for a Creative Prayer event.
- Wednesday 21st October at 3pm, Year 5 and 6 will be attending Mass in church at 10am. All families and friends are welcome to attend.
- Thursday 22nd October at 3pm, Year 5 and 6 have invited their families into their classroom for a Creative Prayer event. Showing prayer in a creative way helps children to express their thoughts, feelings and hopes to God in an imaginative and meaningful way.
- Friday 23rd October the children will break up for half term and return to school on Monday 2nd November.



St Godric's Catholic Primary School
<https://stgodricsdurham.bwcet.com/>

Next Friday, we break up for the half-term break after what has been a very busy and productive start to the school year.

It has been lovely to see how well all of the children have settled into their new classes, and our Nursery and Reception children already feel like they have been part of the St. Godric's family for much longer than just a few weeks! Everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved rest over half term before we return and begin preparations for the exciting Christmas season.

We look forward to welcoming parents and families of our Early Years children to a Celebration of the Word next Friday at 2.30pm as we come together to give thanks for such a positive start to the year.

Mass Intentions for the Week

18th October 2026

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 17 October	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Anita and Bill Nichols and Norma Smith
Sunday 18 October	9.00am : John Hanley 1st Anniversary and Jane Akenhead 3.00-4.00pm – Exposition	10.30am Claire Aylett and Karen Dawn Lennon
Monday 19 October	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 20 October	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am - Special Intention (DCF) and Teresa McBride	NO MASS
Wednesday 21 October	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am The Stag Family (Cheesey Waffles) (Years 5 nd 6 attending)
Thursday 22 October	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Special Intention (C)	NO MASS
Friday 23 October	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Special Intention (MH)
Saturday 24 October	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Belle Blakey and Josephine Lyons
Sunday 25 October	9.00am Susannah Michiels 3.00-4.00pm – Exposition	10.30am Betty McGurk and Seamus Lynskey

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	7.00pm	12.15pm	9.15am	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm