

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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Sunday, 20th August 2023 – 20th Sunday of the Year Parish Newsletter

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Have You Earned Your Tomorrow

By Edgar A. Guest

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?
Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?
This day is almost over, and its toiling time is through;
Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?

Did you give a cheerful greeting to the friend who came along?
Or a churlish sort of "Howdy" and then vanish in the throng?
Were you selfish pure and simple as you rushed along the way,
Or is someone mighty grateful for a deed you did today?

Can you say tonight, in parting with the day that's slipping fast,
That you helped a single brother of the many that you passed?
Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said;
Does a man whose hopes were fading now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day, or lose it, was it well or sorely spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber do you think that God would say,
You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today?

Feast Days

Monday, 21 st August	The Dedication of St. Mary's Cathedral
Tuesday, 22 nd August	The Queenship of Mary
Wednesday, 23 rd August	St. Rose of Lima V
Thursday, 24 th August	St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Friday, 25 th August	St. Louis and St. Joseph Calasanz P
Saturday, 26 th August	St. Ninian Bp and Blessed Dominic Barberi P

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Meg Dixon	Bernard and Yvonne Reid
Joe Watson	Jared Howarth
Sheila Owen	Francesca Camilerni
Ken Riddle	Nicola Dawson
Breda Gallagher	Ian Hamilton
Marjorie Carey	

Anniversaries

Winifred Fletcher	James Bimbi
Theresa Burnside	Ann Dent
Robert Clark	



Forthcoming Funeral

Tuesday, 22nd August – The funeral of the late Doris Metcalfe will take place at Durham Crematorium at 2.00pm. *Requiescat in pace.*

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries, (AFCM) Newcastle is organising a Youth Retreat with specific focus on 17–24-year-old students who are embarking on the journey to Universities and Higher Studies. The 3-day residential retreat from 8th - 10th September 2023 will be held at the Emmaus Youth Village, Consett DH8 9BA, and will be facilitated by AFCM ministers from Birmingham. The retreat starts at 10am on Friday and wraps up at 4pm on Sunday. Please register your interest at <https://afcmuk.org/register/> or get in touch with Santhosh Joseph 07545-861400 or Deacon Alison Rebello 07931-136243 for more details. *See poster.*

Could I be a Deacon? Minsteracres Retreat Centre - 1.30pm to 4.00pm Saturday 16th September. An afternoon for men who may be exploring a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate. A chance to find out what it means to be a Deacon, how to explore whether it could be the right thing for you and to ask questions of some current Deacons. Wives are encouraged to come along, if possible, so they can find out more as well. For more details call Shaun McGee on 07483 284206 or email vocationsdeacons@diocesehn.org.uk Please get in touch by **8th September 2023.**

Mass Intentions for the Week



20th August 2023

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 19 August		5.00pm Vigil Mass The intentions of Maureen Doyle and Trudie Jones RIP
Sunday 20 August	9.00am In memory of Henry Scanlon	11.00am Fr. Michael McGovern and Jadwiga McAllister
Monday 21 August	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 22 August	9.30am Exposition 10.00am Trudie Jones	NO MASS
Wednesday 23 August	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Peter and Catherine McLoughlin
Thursday 24 August	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Vincent McPartlin	NO MASS
Friday 25 August	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Gerard Little
Saturday 26 August	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Ray Elliot Birthday Remembrance
Sunday 27 August	9.00am Joan and Bill Hamilton	11.00am Veronica and Eric Smith and Theresa and Charles Burnside

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 20	Mon 21	Tue 22	Wed 23	Thurs 24	Fri 25	Sat 26	Sun 27
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	9.15am	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm