

***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 - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025** **14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**

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A few changes regarding Baptisms:  
It is no longer practical to have Baptisms during Mass.

Nor is it sensible to have teas and coffees during the Baptism itself. The partitions are not soundproof. And so, as soon as Baptisms begin can we begin ending teas and coffee.

Whenever I'm doing the Baptism, I will lock up after the Baptism party have left the premises. Thanks again for all your support.

Our Journey in Faith begins again in the Autumn, so if you are interested, or know someone who might be interested, can you please give encouragement.

The weather forecast this Sunday is uncertain but as I write we hope it is good weather for the parish Picnic.

A number of you commented on how lovely the singing was at Michael Stoker's funeral

## Feast Days

Wednesday, 9 July	St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions MM
Friday, 11 July	St. Benedict Ab, Patron of Europe

**Prayers** – please keep in your prayers:



Kitty Trainor	Ann Close
Veronica O'Reilly	Mary Armstrong
Sheila Owens	Margaret Nancarrow
Freda March	Ann Childs
Danny McCann	Liz Murray
Syd Inglis	Marek Earnshaw

## Anniversaries

Susan Finney	Kitty Farrell
Vida McAllister	Jake Morley
John McManus	David Adams
Elizabeth Gaffing	



**Sympathy** – we extend our sympathy to Monica Taylor and family on the sad loss of her husband Geoffrey. His Funeral Service will take place at Durham Crematorium on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm.

*Requiescat in pace.*

## Forthcoming Funeral

**Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> July** – The Funeral Service of the late Fred Leonard will take place at 1.30pm in St. Godric's Church, followed by cremation in Durham at 2.30pm.

This week we have a youth-led parish Mass on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July at St. Joseph's**

The young people will be involved in the readings and prayers of the faithful (which they have written), and form part of the offertory procession.

We will also have some of the young people bringing instruments to play along with the choir which is really exciting and will be a real treat!

They will play alongside the Music Group and have chosen a couple of hymns they hope will be integrated into the selected hymns of the day.

The poster demonstrates all the work we have done to strengthen links with our parish community and St. Leonard's School.

# Parish of the Durham Martyrs and St. Leonard's School

## You said...

• You wanted to see more involvement in events including refreshments after Mass

• Refreshments and a chat are now celebrated at the end of Sunday Mass  
• Movie night includes options for our younger parishioners  
• Younger parishioners are more active in welcoming, being stewards, supporting with Children's liturgy, serving refreshments, in the choir and the reading rota.

• You want to have Parish events

• We are starting a Youth group on the first Saturday of every month from September

## What we want to do in the future but need your help...

- Family BBQ Fun Day
- Parish Football Teams for boys and girls
- Flamingo Land Trip
- Parish Retreat to YMT and Holy Island
- Charity fundraising e.g. races, tough mudda, obstacle course
- Art project in collaboration with St. Leonard's art department
- Q&A session with Fr Colm

## So we did...

• Mass wasn't relatable as you wanted to have different hymns and bidding prayers

• We now have Youth Led Mass where YOU pick the hymns, write the bidding prayers and actively participate in Mass.

• You wanted creative activities in the Church

• We have international meals that all are welcome to  
• We are having a family picnic in July  
• We are displaying art work created by younger parishioners

• You wanted trips and projects for younger parishioners

• International, family picnic in July  
• Music concerts at both St. Joseph's and St. Godric's  
• Pre-loved Prom and uniform shop  
• Food bank support  
• Parish cellidh

When it came to attending mass, you were worried about:

- cost
- dress code
- uncomfortable seats

## Don't worry...

You can bring a cushion!  
There is no dress code and it is free to go to mass, many people don't contribute to the collections on the day, they give what they can in bank transfer and if they can't give, they are not judged, no one even knows!

## WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE HAPPENING NEXT?

Please share any more ideas you have on how we can improve!

Your Church needs you!



## Church Cleaning – St. Godric's

There will be a church cleaning morning next **Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July** after the morning. All welcome to join the team.

## Sea Sunday – 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> July

There will be a special Collection **next weekend** for Seafarers (Stella Maris).

Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea) is a frontline service for the care of seafarers and fishers. It is the largest-ship visiting network in the world. We provide practical and pastoral care to all seafarers and fishers. We improve the lives of seafarers and fishers through our network of local chaplains and seafarer centres, expert information, advocacy, and spiritual support.

Stella Maris relies wholly on voluntary contributions. We are only able to continue our work through grants, corporate sponsorship and the generous donations of our supporters and volunteers.

Alternatively, to make a donation online, please click this [link](#) . Thank you for your support.



There will be a parish coffee morning on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July**. It will take place in St. Bede's Room in Godric's School straight after the 9.15 Service of the Word and Holy Communion. All proceeds are for Women in Need in India. Everyone is very welcome.

The next **Laudato Si Meeting** takes place in the Friary at 7.30p.m, **Monday July 14<sup>th</sup>** . New members welcome.

## School News from our Primary Schools

### St. Joseph's

**St. Joseph's Sports Day** will be happening on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July**. The main gates will be open from 1.45pm and refreshments will be available.

As part of our Jubilee Year Pledge, every Friday we sell ice lollies in school to raise money for charities chosen by our Mini Vinnies. This week we will be raising money for St Cuthbert's Hospice . All donations would be gratefully received. **This will be happening on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July.**

We would also like to invite everyone to join us for a **Celebration Assembly on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July** at 3pm in the school hall.

The end of year mass will be happening on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July** at 10am. All are welcome to attend.

Please contact the School Office if you would like to help with **Our Friends of the School** community and also if you would like to help at our upcoming **Summer Fayre** which is happening on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**.

### **Durham Martyrs Walking Group – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

Our next walk will be a six mile circular walk starting and finishing at Broompark Picnic Site, commencing at 10.30am. (Postcode Ref . DH7 7RJ).

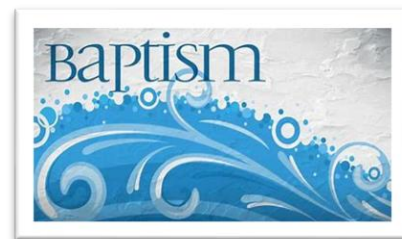
The walk will take in Langley Old Hall, Brandon Village and Scription Gill, returning to the picnic ground on the old railway track. The route involves a couple of quite steep ascents and descents but is not difficult.

It will take around 3 hours and there are no lunch facilities so you may wish to bring a snack and drink. Thanks to Kathleen and Peter Gilliland for offering to lead this walk.

Please either post a message on the Whats App Group or let Marjorie know if you intend to join this walk so Kathleen knows who to expect.

### **Autumn Parish Baptism Programme - change of date**

The Autumn Baptism Programme will be offered on **Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September**.



Anyone wishing to join the programme please contact Marjorie, Parish Secretary who will ensure they complete the necessary form prior to participating.



**Parish Picnic this Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> July, 11.30-2.00pm**

**St. Joseph's school field – if it rains we will be in the school hall.**

**Please come along and join in the fun!**

### **Save the Date**

**13<sup>th</sup> September – Parish Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne**

Please see the poster below giving all the information you need.



# PARISH PILGRIMAGE

## Lindisfarne

Saturday 13 September 2025

### Itinerary

**8.40am** Leave St Joseph's Church, Gilesgate  
(Option to make your own way to the island)

**10.45am** Arrive Beal

Pilgrimage walk across the causeway- 3 miles, on wet sand (Optional)

**1pm** 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)

**4pm** Coach leaves island

**4.40pm** Arrive at Seahouses (Option to purchase fish and chips/tea)

**6pm** Leave Seahouses

**7.30pm** 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, St Joseph's Presbytery. All payments must be made by Friday 29 August.**



Save the Date – Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> September



# Pilgrims of hope

A fundraising candlelit concert

St Godric's Choir

Saturday 6th September

7pm

St Godric's Church

Durham

DH1 4RD



Tickets £10, U19 £5, both including wine, available via the QR code



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## TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL

### 200 CLUB

### Results – July 2025

1 <sup>st</sup> (£50)	No. 120
SVP Conference	St. Charles, Gosforth
Catherine Tumelty	St. Joseph's, Birtley
2 <sup>nd</sup> (£25)	No. 157
Kathleen Grantham	St. Mary & St. Wilfred's, Bishop Auckland
Marjorie Robinson	St. Joseph's, Birtley

*With many thanks for your continued support*

#### Lunch Club – Appeal for Volunteers

We have a lovely group of people – guests and helpers – who are involved in the Wednesday Lunch Club for senior citizens and those needing some friendly company. On average there are approximately 16 guests and lunch is held in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's, lunches being provided by St. Joseph's Primary School. Helpers provide transport where needed, serve the food, sometimes with added treats, and tidying away.

The group of helpers varies – usually about 8-10 people. 4/5 drivers and 3/5 in the kitchen. We could do with a little extra help and if you (male or female) could spare half an hour, an hour, or two at the most, it would be greatly appreciated.

You would need to have a Safeguarding DBS check and certificate. This is organised by the parish.

If you would like to be involved, please contact Marjorie initially and she will put you in touch with one of the following: Kathleen Murray, Pat Conway, Joanna Pallister, Maria Quinn.

#### Thank you from CAFOD.

A big 'thank you' to everyone in the parish who signed the petition "Cancel Debt, Choose Hope in this Jubilee Year"

The petition will be available again this weekend in both churches and at the parish picnic. After this weekend, if you wish to sign up, you will have to go online via the Cafod website: <https://cafod.org.uk>



## Northern Cross

The July edition of 'The Northern Cross' is now available at £1.50 per copy.

### From the Diocese

#### Day of Reflection for Readers

**Date:** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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

**Location:** St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY

**Cost:** £15.00 per person This Day of Reflection will be funded via the parish. Below is the link to the online booking form if you wish to make your own booking, or you can let Marjorie know that you wish to attend and she will do the booking for you. See poster at the back of church.

<https://forms.office.com/e/sruUxAzAfF>

**Alive in HOPE: A Church for MISSION.** Bishop Stephen invites you to a Jubilee Day on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September, from 10am to 3pm, at Cardinal Hume Catholic School in Gateshead. Everyone is welcome!

There'll be guest speakers from the Prisons' Chaplaincy and the Justice & Peace Refugee Project, and a choice of seminars/forums to reawaken and empower us for mission. This is an opportunity to connect with old friends and new, and to celebrate our diocesan family as we explore what a Church in Mission invites us to be and do!

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a prayer space in the chapel, and praise and worship led by Durham musicians 'Set A Fire'. Take a look around the marketplace where there'll be stands and gifts from some of our Catholic partners and groups.

Registration and refreshments from 9.15am, but please bring a packed lunch. Ample parking is available and entry is FREE but please register at <https://bit.ly/DHNAlive25> where you'll also find more information about the seminars you'll be able to join during the day.

For enquiries and parish/group bookings, email Amy at [formation.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:formation.mission@diocesehn.org.uk) or telephone 0191 2433316. Search on Facebook, X and Bluesky using the hashtag #DHNAlive25 for the latest information and update

# Mass Intentions for the Week

6<sup>th</sup> July 2025

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 5 July		5.00pm Vigil Mass Deceased members of the Hennessy Family, and Jim and Mary Bygroves
Sunday 6 July	9.00am Trudie Jones Anniversary 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Hugh Clark
Monday 7 July	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 8 July	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Peter and Catherine McLoughlin	NO MASS
Wednesday 9 July	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Liam Hayden
Thursday 10 July	10.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion	NO MASS
Friday 11 July	NO MASS	10.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 12 July	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass David Adams Anniversary, and Chris Kennedy
Sunday 13 July	9.00am Marie McGinley 3.00-4.00pm – Exposition	10.30am Brian O'Connor, and John Finn

## St. Cuthbert's

Sun 6	Mon 7	Tue 8	Wed 9	Thurs 10	Fri 11	Sat 12	Sun 13
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	6.30pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	9.15am	9.15am	10.00am And 6.30pm