

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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For bereavement support, please contact the Parish Secretary

With the First Communions behind us, we are reviewing our catechesis programme for all schools. My personal thanks to catechists and teachers for their support.

Our Journey in Faith concluded with a social gathering to say thank you to all who participated.

Thanks for supporting our fledgling Youth Group at their cakes sale after all Masses last weekend.

Safeguarding: Gillian Mc Arthur has a major task in taking responsibility for the entire parish, and will be receiving assistance in this important role. Areas needing immediate attention are names of all altar servers, ages, parents consent, full names of all participants in the training day for Eucharistic Ministers on the 25th July. The sooner we receive responses to Gillian's requests, the sooner we can move forward on all areas of Safeguarding. Please forward that information to Gillian, or Marjorie, as soon as possible. Thanks again.

The Camino was as wonderful as ever, despite minor setbacks and despite the high temperatures. A surprising number of young pilgrims, especially young single pilgrims.

Feast Days

Tuesday, 30 th June	First Martyrs of the Church of Rome
Wednesday, 1 st July	St. Oliver Plunkett Bp, M
Friday, 3 rd July	St. Thomas, Apostle
Saturday, 4 th July	St. Elizabeth of Portugal

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 Wressel
Sigrid Peyerimhoff	Rita Harrison
Syd Inglis	

Anniversaries:

Tommy Shaw	Susanna Michiels
Veronica Keelin	Diana Sanderson
Eric Bennett	Patrick Farrell
Gregory Obakpor	Owen Kenna
John Dodds	



Forthcoming Funerals – the late Gerard Shaw, whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on Friday, 3rd July at 10.00am.

- and the late Violet Stannard, whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on Friday, 10th July at 10.30am, followed by burial in South Road Cemetery.

Requiescant in pace.

There will be a parish coffee morning on Monday 6th July. It will take place immediately after the 9.15 Service of the Word and Holy Communion in St. Bede's Room in St. Godric's School.

All proceeds will go to the Women in Need in Nagpur, India charity. Everyone is very welcome





Women's Group - Johanna has very kindly agreed to lead us in one final discussion to conclude these beautiful sessions on Thursday 2nd July in the Jubilee Room at 7:30pm

The Parish of the Durham Martyrs Youth Group would like to express their most sincere gratitude for your support last Sunday at the plant and cake sales (including everyone who generously provided donations of plants and cakes).

You've helped us to raise £388.04 that will go towards the group camping trip in September.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

July's Youth Group meeting will be held after 5pm Mass in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's on Saturday 25th. All 7-15 year olds are very welcome.

Save the date. We are so excited about it upcoming calling trip to Moorhouse Adventure Centre for our young people and their parents 19th – 20th September. More details to follow very soon.



Summer Tea – this Tuesday, 30th June, the SVP will be holding a Summer Tea Afternoon in St. Joseph's Jubilee Room at 2.00pm.

If interested, please sign the lists at the back of each church and tick if transport is required.

Benefits Talk at St Joseph's Church this Thursday 2nd July 2026 at 2pm

If you missed the Benefits Talk in May, there is another chance on 2nd July 2026. The people who came along in May did not expect to be claiming anything but most of them went away to check their entitlements.

One person was going to check their eligibility for Attendance Allowance; some people went on to check their National Insurance Contribution Record and request a Forecast of how much their State Pension will be.

Other people were checking their eligibility for Income Tax Allowances including Marriage Allowance. The talk will also cover such areas as Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payments, Pension Credit and Carers Allowance. Come along on Thursday 2nd July to find out more.

Summer Concert
Saturday, 4th July – 7.00pm in St. Godric's, given by the St. Godric's Choir

Summer Concert

St Godric's Choir

Saturday 4th July, 7pm

St Godric's Church

Tickets £10 on the door

Under 18s free

The Parish of the Durham Martyrs
Our Lady of Mercy & St. Godric's Catholic Church

Sunday morning Mass	9.00am	Visit Mass - 11.00am
Weekday Mass		St. Joseph's, 344 Lee, Glasgow
Service of Word & Holy Communion		Dalton 1911-2011
Exposition - Sunday	10.00am	Visit Mass - 6.00pm
Exposition - Weekdays	3pm - 4pm	St. Bede's, 96, Leith, Edinburgh
Confessions - Weekdays	2pm - 3pm	Our House, 100, Leith, Edinburgh
Confessions - Saturdays after Mass		1911-2011
Parish Office	Tel: 01791 981 0410	
Website	www.durhammartyrs.co.uk	
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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.

Visit of the Relics of St. Gerard Majella

On Wednesday 1st July, the church of St Michael, Houghton-le-Spring (DH5 8NF) will host the relics of St. Gerard Majella, as part of the celebrations surrounding his 300th anniversary.

The Church will be open for confessions and prayer with the relics from 5:30pm.

Mass with sermon will take place at 6.30pm, followed by individual or family blessings with the relics.

St. Gerard is the patron saint of Mothers, couples trying to conceive, safe delivery, and much more.

See poster in both churches.

Parish School News



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

We would like to thank the staff and team at the YMT Emmaus Youth Village for an amazing day working with the Year 6 children at the

Leavers Festival. They enjoyed every moment of the event and are looking forward to moving on to Year 7 in September.

On Wednesday 1st July, Year 3 and 4 will be attending Mass in church at 10am. All families and friends are welcome to attend.

On Friday 3rd July the children in Year 6 will be visiting St Leonard's and Durham Johnson for a transition day. It will be Move Up day for the children in school, and they are so excited to spend a day in their new classrooms to prepare for the new school term in September.



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

Our Y6 children participated in the annual youth festival along with other Y6 children from different primary

schools. A lovely reflective day of prayer, dance and activities.

They were then meant to travel to London to visit parliament but due to the extreme temperatures, it was cancelled. Instead, they enjoyed some north-east sun, pizzas and water fun!

Next week, our Y5 children are off to Gateshead Stadium for a Celebration of Sport. We end the week with our annual FoSG summer fair on Sunday 5th July 12-3. Please come along!



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

Our Year 6 pupils, who will be moving on to St. Leonard's soon, take their first steps in this journey with a visit to the St.

Leonard's Open Evening on Monday 29th June. This will be followed by a transition day on Friday 3rd July, offering them a valuable opportunity to familiarise themselves with their new surroundings and begin to build confidence for the year ahead.

Friday 3rd July will also be an important day for the rest of the school, as we host our annual "move-up" day. On this occasion, all pupils will spend time with their new class teachers in preparation for September—a wonderful opportunity to ease anxieties and foster excitement about the next stage of their learning.

There is also much to look forward to across school life. On Monday 29th June, Class 2 and Class 3 will enjoy an exciting trip to South Shields beach, providing a chance for fun, fresh air, and shared memories.

Following the success of our first "Frosty Friday," we are delighted to be hosting three additional sessions. The next will take place on Friday 3rd July, and we are especially pleased to welcome Mark Solan, CEO of Team Solan Cancer Trust, who will be joining us. We encourage everyone to support this wonderful initiative by bringing along those pennies or pounds—every contribution will go directly to Team Solan Cancer Trust, a truly important and deserving local charity.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support in helping to make our school community such a vibrant and caring place.

Note from The Centre for Catholic Studies

Bishop Dunn Memorial Lecture – audio recording now available

Canon Dr Paula Gooder, Canon Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral, gave the 2026 Bishop Dunn Memorial Lecture, titled *Who do you say that I am? Encountering the Jesus of Mark's Gospel*. You can listen to the audio recording on our Soundcloud account at the link below.

<https://on.soundcloud.com/VNxvqs4D3FXKqGbYls>

Tip for Sustainable Living

Every trip to the supermarket or online store is a chance to choose fairness and sustainability. Nearly 5,000 FAIRTRADE products are available in the UK. Our everyday choices can help farmers earn a decent living, send children to school, empower women to build businesses, and help protect the planet. Just look for the FAIRTRADE Mark. *(Care for Creation Group)*

Mass Intentions for the Week

28th June 2026

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 27 June	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Philip Hewitt and Rosalind Kirby, and Belle Blakey
Sunday 28 June Ss. Peter and Paul	9.00am Susannah Michiels 3.00-4.00pm – Exposition	10.30am Deceased members of the Binks and Thompson Families
Monday 29 June	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 30 June	9.00am – Exposition 10.00am Colin and Estelle Wild	NO MASS
Wednesday 1 July	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Liam Hayden (St.Joseph's School Yrs. 3 and 4 attending)
Thursday 2 July	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Special Intention (TF)	NO MASS
Friday 3 July	NO MASS	10.00am Requiem Mass of the late Gerard Shaw
Saturday 4 July	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Anthony Farmer Birthday Remembrance, and the people of Palestine
Sunday 5 July	9.00am Trudie Jones Anniversary 3.00-4.00pm – Exposition	10.30am Brian O'Connor

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 28	Mon 29	Tue 30	Wed 1 July	Thurs 2	Fri 3	Sat 4	Sun 5
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	9.15am	12.00pm Requiem Mass of Maria Koltai	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm