

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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(Please telephone Fr. Paul if you have someone in hospital)

A prayer for Homelessness Sunday

*We pray today for all women and men, who are homeless this day.
For those sleeping under bridges, on park benches, in doorways or bus
stations or outside high street shops and many other inappropriate places.
For those who can only find shelter for the night but must wander in the
daytime.*

*For families broken because they could not afford the rent.
For those who have no relatives or friends who can take them in.
For those who have no place to keep their possessions that remind them of
who they are.*

*For those who are afraid and hopeless.
For those who have been let down by our social safety net.
For all these people, we pray that you will provide shelter, security and
hope.*

*We pray that those of us with warm house will not be lulled into
complacency and forgetfulness.*

*Jesus, help us to see your face in the eyes of every person experiencing
homelessness who we meet. So that we may be empowered through word and
deed, and in your grace, to bring justice and peace to those who are
homeless. Amen.*

Feast Days

Monday, 7 October	Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday, 9 October	St. John Henry Newman P
Thursday, 10 October	St. Paulinus of York Bp
Friday, 11 October	St. John XXIII Pp
Saturday, 12 October	St. Wilfrid Bp

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Brian Harland	Tony Twomey
Kitty Trainor	Jared Howarth
Ann Hourican	Ian Hamilton
Mary Armstrong	Ann Close
Sheila Owens	Margaret Graham

Anniversaries:

Jim Mason	Bob Collinson
Joe Lane	Fred Tromans
Thomas Coulthard	James Lyons
Margaret Galloway	Sara Nurowski
Ray Ward	



Funeral this week

John Wood, Funeral Service, St. Joseph's on Wednesday, 9th October at 12.00pm followed by cremation in Durham.



Our third and final programme of 2024 will take place at St. Joseph's on Monday 21st October in the Jubilee Room, from 6.00-9.00pm.

All families wishing to have their child/children Baptised in the parish have to attend one of our Programmes. If you would like to register your interest, please contact Marjorie.

There will be a parish coffee morning on **Monday 14th October**. 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 are for Women In Need in India. Everyone is very welcome.



Homelessness Sunday 6th October

This Sunday is Homelessness Sunday so please keep in your prayers all those who are sleeping rough on our streets. Sanctuary 21 continues to work with other agencies in Durham to help those who are genuinely homeless and very vulnerable. A team of our parishioners assist with this work.

With the colder weather approaching, there is a constant need for sleeping bags. In the past we have had a number of these donated by parishioners for which we are very grateful but if anyone still has an unwanted sleeping bag, please bring it along to one of the churches for our volunteers to collect.

We are also very short of men's clothing in size medium.

If you have any of the following items in good clean condition that you are able to donate we would be very grateful:-

- Tee shirts
- Boxer shorts
- Hoodies
- Jogging bottoms
- Warm socks
- Rucksacks / Backpacks (the larger the better)

We have good stocks of other items at the moment.

Thank you.

Peter Thompson on behalf of Sanctuary 21

Volunteer Census

The Diocese is currently carrying out a volunteer census in our parish. This is to ensure we identify all our volunteers, to offer support and appropriate training and recognition for the important part all play in the life of our parish.

A volunteer is anyone who gives their time freely and regularly to assist anywhere within the Parish, School, or Diocese. During the weekends of 12th/13th and 19th and 20th of October the census will be explained in more details after the weekend Masses.

If you volunteer within the Parish/School/Diocese please complete one of the forms which will be available at the back of church or complete your details via the QR code.

Volunteering is a grace from God...Volunteers are the strength of the Church.

LAUDATO SI

The next meeting of our Laudato Si Group will be at the Friary on Monday 14th October at 7 pm. All are welcome.

Br. John

Prisons Week 13th -19th October 2024 Ecumenical Week of prayer

Prisons Week aims to gather the Church in prayer for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working in the criminal justice system and the many people caring for those affected by crime. There are daily prayers at:

https://www.prisonsworld.org/.../uploads/PW2024_English.pdf

On 13th and 20th October: there will be a collection at St. Cuthbert's, Old Elvet, Durham, of Craft items for HMP Low Newton for children attending Family Days run by Nepacs. This is a local charity supporting prisoners and their families. Please put items in the labelled boxes at the back of church.

Items requested

Canvasses – medium sized (to do handprints of mother and child)

Assorted buttons – for button art

Sharpie Pens / Biro pens / Sellotape / Double sided Sellotape

Ready mixed paints (child friendly)

Coloured Card – A4 / Various stickers/ Tissue paper – all colours

Plastic scissors – no metal at all

Glue Sticks / glue spreaders / Colouring books / Tracing books

Blank trinket boxes – decorate their own

Plain white cheap t-shirts– age 5 – 10 years (they design their own t-shirts)

Plain White baseball caps – (they design their own)



SVP - Winning Raffle Ticket Numbers - 2024

Congratulations to our Lucky Winners!

The winning numbers are in! Could you be one of the lucky ones? Check your tickets now:

- **£5,000 Winner:** 220150
- **£1,000 Winner:** 288272

£100 Winners - 189006, 205327, 272903, 177265, 177575, 236602, 235733, 190189, 192750, 234904, 201524, 255056, 208675, 177477, 208632

All winners will be contacted as soon as possible. Stay tuned, and congratulations once again!

2025 Parish Retreat to Castlerigg, Keswick

Our 2025 Parish retreat will be at Castlerigg Manor in Keswick from Friday 28th Feb - Sunday 2nd March. The cost for the retreat is £110 and includes all accommodation and meals. Transport is not included in this cost, but we will be arranging car sharing where possible. If you are interested in attending, please contact Katie Flood who is organising the retreat on 07807 935 066, or at katie-flood@live.co.uk Details of deposits and payments will be provided following an expression of interest. Please note that no cash payments to the Parish Office will be accepted. If you have any issues making online payments or with the cost of the retreat, please contact Katie.

New Song gatherings, Washington

New Song is a monthly family-friendly gathering focused on creating a space for prayer and worship, building a community to explore faith, love one another, and inspire hope in our daily lives. All are welcome!

We meet every 2nd Sunday of the Month from 4.00pm at the Our Blessed Lady Immaculate Parish Room (next to St Joseph's school), Washington Village, NE38 7HU. Next event is **Sunday 13th October at 4pm**. A small group from Durham Martyrs will be attending and you're very welcome too!

Contact details and further information: Email: newsongne@gmail.com.

Instagram: @newsongne.

Forthcoming Concerts at St. Godric's

Anglo-German Youth Orchestra Concert at St Godric's – 12th October



Don't forget ... next Saturday (October 12th at 7pm) we'll be welcoming the Buxtehude Youth Symphony Orchestra from Germany, here at St Godric's performing alongside our own Durham Music Youth Orchestra. This event promises to create harmony not only through music but also through cultural exchange, uniting young people from different backgrounds in a powerful celebration of artistry and friendship. Tickets: Adults: £5 and Children (5-15): £2

All proceeds will support the Durham Martyrs' Parish Support Fund, which helps local families in financial need, and the Mark Jon Bolderson Percussion Foundation, which provides aid to young music students. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit: <https://northernsecrets.co.uk/durhamconcert/>

Tuesday, 15th October, St. Godric's

The internationally renowned Cologne Girls' Choir will be in concert in St Godric's Church at 8.00pm, Tuesday 15th October 2024. More information to follow.

Mass Intentions for the Week

6th October 2024

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 5 October	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Bob Collinson Anniversary, and Alan Codling (Illness)
Sunday 6 October	9.00am Rose Carr Anniversary 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Bill and Joan Hamilton and deceased members of the Ward, Wright and Moran Families
Monday 7 October	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 8 October	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Colin and Estelle Wild	NO MASS
Wednesday 9 October	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am – Anniversary Remembrances of Thomas Coulthard and Joe Lane 12.00 Funeral Service of the late John Wood
Thursday 10 October	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Trudie Jones Birthday Remembrance	NO MASS OR SERVICE
Friday 11 October	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Oliver Tong
Saturday 12 October	NO MASS	5.00pm – Vigil Mass Philip Gibson Birthday Remembrance and Kevin Royal Anniversary
Sunday 13 October	9.00am – Special Intention (MT) and Sarah Nurowski 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Thomas Coulthard (SVP)

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	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	NO MASS	10.00am and 6.30pm