

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 – 20th February 2022

7th Sunday of the Year

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

We're getting there; delighted to see the return of many. You are all so welcome back.

Synod meetings went very well. Thanks Katie for excellent facilitation.

We head into Lent cautiously but also hopeful. As a preparation, there will be film event next Friday 25th at 6.30pm, when I hope to lead an evening of Lenten preparation by way of film. Forgiveness and Redemption will be the themes. All welcome.

We hope to begin soon the Alpha Course. If you know of anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, or indeed anyone who wishes to reawaken aspects of The Faith in themselves, please let me know.

Feast Days

Monday, 21 st February	St. Peter Damian Bp, D
Tuesday, 22 nd February	The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle
Wednesday, 23 rd February	St. Polycarp Bp, M

Parish Contact

The parish secretary can be contacted by email – secretary.stjandstg@btconnect.com and mobile on all parish matters. The number is 07391 529 827. Please do not ring the parish landline as the office is not manned full time at present.

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Nellie Stoker	Tony Twomey
Tony Collinson	Meg Dixon
Irene Jack	Margaret Charlton
George Sutton	Ian Hamilton
Betty McGurk	Ken Riddle
Cassie Childs	Colin Wild

Anniversaries

Catherine Hannigan	Billy March
Doreen Power	Anne-Marie Melvin



Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Hannah Mary Drane who passed away this week. Her Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on Wednesday, 9th March, at 10.00am followed by burial in Belmont Cemetery.

We also extend our sympathy to Pat Oliver and family on the loss of her brother, George Morris. *Requiescant in pace.*

Pre-Lent Event

There will be a pre-Lent exploration on Forgiveness and Redemption through the medium of cinema next Friday, 25th February, in St. Joseph's at 6.30pm led by Fr. Colm.

The Season of Lent - Stations of the Cross

As the commencement of the Season of Lent is just under two weeks away, (Ash Wednesday is on 2nd March), Fr. Colm is asking if any of our groups would like to host a Friday evening. Dates would be 4th, 11th, 18th, an 25th March and the 2nd and 9th of April. Please let Marjorie know if you are interested.



St Vincent
de Paul Society
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Turning Concern into Action

TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL – 200 CLUB RESULTS – February 2022

1 st (£50)	No. 141
John Stubbs	Ss. Mary & Joseph, Newton Aycliffe
2 nd (£25)	No. 91
Joan Mooney	St. Edwards, Whitley Bay
Bethany King	St. Mary's, Bishop Auckland



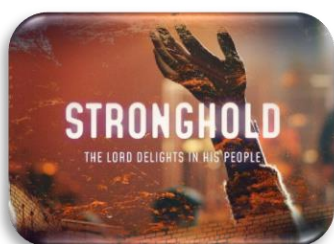
DHN Synod Communications Group

Join the Conversation... Last weekend, Partnerships across the Diocese sent people to join Bishop Robert for a morning of prayer, talking and listening, and to feedback on what they have heard during the last few months of our Diocesan Synod process. There was a lot of energy in the room, a joyful atmosphere, and people described “an overwhelming feeling of the Holy Spirit at work”; “It has been uplifting and inspiring.”; “So many people with so many really good things to talk about..”; “Coming along today has been a real joy.”

Bishop Robert said, “We’ve had a very fruitful morning... we go forward trusting each other, and with a confidence in the joy and power of the Gospel”.

If you’ve not been part of the conversation yet, there is one more opportunity at 7 pm on Wednesday 23rd February. There will be an online gathering where you can join in to add your voice to the Synod. To register and Join the Conversation, visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/synod-join-the-conversation/>

Stronghold Festival



From 2nd - 5th June, Craig Lodge House of Prayer in Dalmally, Scotland, are hosting the Stronghold Festival.

This is an opportunity for anyone between the ages of 16 - 35 to gather with other young Catholics around the country and celebrate with worship and praise.

Centred around the Blessed Sacrament and the celebration of the Holy Mass, the festival is an opportunity to open yourself up to the workings of the Holy Spirit in your life!

Accommodation is camping in the grounds of the house (if you don't have a tent or camping gear do not worry, we can help with this!!) and all meals are provided.

Transport will be in the form of car sharing/minibus and is yet to be confirmed. Tickets are £100 and include accommodation, meals and transport.

If you would like to attend the festival, early bird tickets are only available for a short time, so please provide a deposit of £25 and your name, contact details, medical/dietary requirements and allergies to youth.durhammartyrs@rcdhn.org.uk or to the parish office by Tuesday 1st March at the latest.

You can learn more about the festival at <https://www.strongholdfestival.com/festival>

Centre for Catholic Studies

- (i) **Wednesday 23rd February**
Prof. Tonya Moutray (Russell Sage College in Troy, NY, and Visiting Fellow at Durham Residential Research Library):
'Fugitive Virgins': Refugee Women Religious in British Culture, 1792–1815
6pm lecture, preceded by a 5.30pm drinks reception
At Ushaw (Historic House, Chapel, and Gardens), 4 miles west of Durham City – DH7 7DW. All are welcome! If you wish to attend, please register at <https://centreforcatholicstudies.eventbrite.com>

- (ii) **Tuesday, 8th March**
You are warmly invited to the annual Bishop Dunn Memorial lecture – an important and central event in the Centre for Catholic Studies (CCS) calendar. We are delighted that Archbishop John Wilson will be our speaker, and that the event this year can be in person at Ushaw college. We very much hope that you will be able to join us.

Archbishop John Wilson.

Is the Gospel Really Good News?

Evangelisation and Catechesis in the 21st century.

6pm lecture, preceded by a 5.30pm drinks reception.

At Ushaw (Historic House, Chapel, and Gardens), 4 miles west of Durham City – DH7 7DW. Attendance is free of charge and all are welcome. If you wish to attend, please register at <https://centreforcatholicstudies.eventbrite.com> or leave a message on +44 (0) 191 334 1656.

Help with transport between Durham City and Ushaw is available – if you would like to register for this, please register for the lecture, selecting the “with transport” ticket type, by 10am on Thursday 3 March.

Vicariate for Faith and Mission

The Vicariate for Faith and Mission has now produced the first part of the booklet of Lenten reflections.

The dedicated Lenten reflection page on the diocesan website can be found here: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/liturgy-prayer/#seasonal>

Last year’s Lenten booklet was very well received. The past couple of years have probably felt like a very long Lent to many people, so now is a very appropriate liturgical season to express and engage fully with our tribulations. The reflections have been contributed by a mix of clergy, religious and lay people to express the richness and variety of our diocesan community.

Churches Together ‘Women’s World day of Prayer’, Friday, 4th March

There are two events in our parish area:

- North Road Methodist Church at 10.30am
- Carrville Methodist Church at 1.00pm.

All are welcome.

Chess the Musical – Durham Gala Theatre

Durham Musical Theatre Company (featuring Miss Haggart from St. Joseph’s School), will be performing ‘Chess’ at Durham Gala Theatre from Tuesday 29th March-Saturday 2nd April. The show will be at 7.00pm, with 2.00pm Matinées on Wednesday and Saturday. Tickets are £17 - £19.50 and available from the Gala Theatre and also from their website: <https://galadurham.co.uk/galapost/chess-the-musical/>

Change of Mass time - the Friday morning Mass at St. Joseph’s on 25th February, has been moved to the earlier time of 9.00am

Mass Intentions for the Week

20th February 2022

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 19 February	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Vigil Mass Peter Reid
Sunday 20 February	9.00am The sick of the Parish	11.00am Alf Carr Anniversary and Clare Louise McCann Anniversary
Monday 21 February	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Tuesday 22 February	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Peter & Catherin McLoughlin and Stella Wild	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Wednesday 23 February	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Margaret Huffam and Joyce and Tony Black
Thursday 24 February	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Kathleen Ward RIP and Marie Cryer	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Friday 25 February	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.00am Winnie Muldowney and Cassie Childs (Illness)
Saturday 26 February	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Vigil Mass Joseph and Elizabeth Murphy
Sunday 27 February	9.00am Patrick Frobisher Anniversary	11.00am Austin Flynn Birthday Remembrance and Anne-Marie Melvin Anniversary

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 20	Mon 21	Tue 22	Wed 23	Thurs 24	Fri 25	Sat 26	Sun 27
10.00am and 6.30pm (Pre booked attendance required for both Masses)	12.15pm	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm (Pre booked attendance required for both Masses)