

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 – 23rd January 2022

3rd Sunday of the Year

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

Sadly, Alan McNamee left us. His death was not a surprise as he had been struggling with his health for some time now. However, his contribution to our parish was great: Traidcraft, Rota lists, and he was a regular presence at all parish activities, especially the Eucharist, for which he had a deep love. May rest in peace.

Our first Confirmation session was very well attended this week. It's just great being able to return to important sacramental preparation again.

I think sighs of relief are being breathed generally as we move towards a more normal way of life.

Keep an eye to updates on the Synod of the Laity and year of the Eucharist.

Feast Days

Monday, 24 th January	St. Frances de Sales Bp, D
Tuesday, 25 th January	The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
Wednesday, 26 th January	Ss. Timothy and Titus Bps
Thursday, 27 th January	St. Angela Merici V
Friday, 28 th January	St. Agnes V, M/St. Gregory of Narek Ab, D

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:



Tony Collinson	Meg Dixon
Irene Jack	James Pallister
George Sutton	Ian Hamilton
Betty McGurk	Ken Riddle
Eric Smith	Tony Twomey

Anniversaries

Joyce Hadfield	Ethel Craggs
Harry Eccles	Esther Newcombe
Veronica Pareira	Thomas Loughlin



Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Alan McNamee, who passed away this week. His Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on Wednesday, 9th February, at 10.00am. *Requiescat in pace.*

Funerals this week

Wednesday, 26th January: Requiem Mass of Norman Wilson, St. Joseph's at 10.00am. *Requiescat in pace.*



Baptism – we welcome into our parish community Samuel Wynne-Williams, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism after our 11.00am Mass at St. Joseph's this Sunday, 23rd January.

Parish Council

The PPC will meet for the first time this year on Tuesday 1st February. If you have any items you would like to be considered for discussion, please email Marjorie by Thursday 27th January.



Synod 2021/23

Pope Francis has invited us all to take part in a process of discussion and listening about how we are journeying together in the church. The Finchale Partnership will be contributing to the views of the Diocese, and the whole church, leading to the Synod of Bishops in October 2023. To help us bring together the views of the Partnership you are invited to a meeting where you will be able to hear about the discussions in each of our parishes, and you'll have the chance to share your own views too. This will help us to prepare the summary we need to send to the Diocese. The meeting will be at 7.00pm on Thursday 3rd February. Due to the current COVID situation we will be meeting on Zoom and the joining details are available in your parish Facebook Group or from margaretdoyle1066@sky.com. If you aren't able to attend an on-line meeting you can still contribute your views, by contacting Katie Flood on youth.durhammartyrs@rcdhn.org.uk

Durham Martyrs' Parish Meetings for the Synod are given below. They will all take place at St. Joseph's, Gilesgate in the Jubilee Room:

Tuesday, 8th February 6-7.30pm	Sunday, 13th February 1-2.30pm	Tuesday, 15th February 6-7.30pm
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First Holy Communion Programme

Preparations are underway for this year's First Holy Communicants. An information meeting, led by Katie Flood, will take place on Thursday 27th January to give parents a greater understanding of the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr. Colm is then celebrating a talk-through Mass on Sunday 6th February to further develop the children's understanding of the Mass. We ask you to keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Diocesan Job Vacancies

Health and Safety Officer to co-ordinate and manage all aspects of health and safety across the Diocese.

Senior Administrator to manage and provide high quality administration support for the Department for Education.

Both positions are full-time and permanent. For further information and details of how to apply please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk or contact us on 0191 243 3301

Change of Mass Time - the Friday morning Mass at St. Joseph's on 28th January has been moved to the earlier time of 9.00am

Mass Intentions for the Week

23rd January 2022

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 22 January	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Vigil Mass Kathleen Traynor (Armagh, Ireland)
Sunday 23 January	9.00am Joan Holt	11.00am David Elliot Birthday Remembrance and Joe Lyons
Monday 24 January	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Tuesday 25 January	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Susannah Michiels	5.00pm Reception of the late Norman Wilson
Wednesday 26 January	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	10.00am Requiem Mass of Norman Wilson
Thursday 27 January	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Peter and Catherine McLoughlin	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Friday 28 January	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.00am Winnie Muldowney
Saturday 29 January	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Vigil Mass Thomas and Audrey Loughlin Gerald and Mary Lennon Philip Hunter Anniversary
Sunday 30 January	9.00am Kathleen Greenwell	11.00am Charles and Theresa Burnside and Peter Flanagan

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 23	Mon 24	Tue 25	Wed 26	Thurs 27	Fri 28	Sat 29	Sun 30
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)