

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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As we enter Holy Week can I ask that you join us as we gather, especially at St. Leonard's, as one parish. We have very few opportunities to do this, and particularly so over recent years. It will be a time for us to gather as a single community to remember those who are no longer with us. Our parish team and school have worked hard to enable us to gather. Thanks to all.

First Confessions took place this week. Thanks to our schools and catechists. It would enrich the children's preparation and appreciation for First only Communion if they can be a part of the Sunday gathering for Mass, especially leading up to their big day.

A warm welcome to Brother John to our parish. Br. John joins Br. Paul at Tenter House as the second member of their growing community of Capuchins.

As this bulletin is for Easter, can I wish you all a very Happy Easter.

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.



Funerals this week

Edith Quinn – Funeral Service, Tuesday, 12th April, 12.30pm at St. Godric's
Julia Ridley – Requiem Mass, Wednesday, 13th April, 12.15pm at St. Joseph's

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Sheila Owens	Tony Collinson
Meg Dixon	George Sutton
Betty McGurk	Colin Wild
Tony Twomey	Margaret Charlton
Ian Hamilton	Ken Riddle

Anniversaries (12th April - 1st May)

Katherine Harrington	Vincent Reid
Jenny Clough	Annie Thompson
Clare Kenniford	Sheila Collinson
Stanley Young	Sarah Makepeace
John Cammiss	Catherine Bell
Elizabeth Birney	Roland Edgerton



The parish office will be closed from Thursday 14th April at 4.00pm until Tuesday, 26th April at 8.30am. The next parish bulletin will be over the weekend of 30th April/1st May

Forthcoming Baptisms

We welcome the following children into our parish community:

Oliver Hugo Facey will receive the Sacrament of Baptism during the 11.00am Mass on Sunday, 24th April, in St Joseph's Church.

Sophie and Nathan Heslop will receive the Sacrament of Baptism after the 9.00am Mass at St. Godric's, on Sunday 1st May.



The Stations of the Cross.

St. Godric's School would like to extend an invitation to any parishioners who would like to join our Stations of the Cross on the morning of Tuesday 12th April at 9:15 am in the Prayer Garden. It would be wonderful to welcome any new or returning faces to join our R.E. Ambassadors during this time of Holy Week.

Relaxing of restrictions

The Bishop has advised that we can relax more of the restrictions in our churches, and only a few restrictions remain:

- **Hand sanitiser – to continue to be used on entry and exit**
- **Masks – can be worn if wished, and should be worn when singing**
- **Ventilation of buildings – to continue during services**

The restrictions on space have been removed so the capacity of our churches can be as they were pre-pandemic. We can also kneel forward if we wish, but please be mindful of people around you who may be anxious.

We can use our meeting rooms again – please make bookings for these by contacting Marjorie and she will hold the central record.

We can also use the kitchen facilities for refreshments (tea, coffee, biscuits, cakes etc) as long as the food safety guidelines are followed. We are unable to prepare and serve meals for the present time, as additional food safety preparation training is needed and will be arranged soon.

Sacrament of Reconciliation – If you wish to make a confession, Fr Colm will hear it at 4.30pm – before the Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's. On arrival, please let one of the stewards know, and they will alert Fr. Colm.

Easter Services

Due to the continuing COVID risk, Easter services will be in a simple shorter format again this year.

The weekend Masses for Palm, or Passion Sunday will be as usual, and there will be palm crosses for you but there will be no procession and no blessing of the congregation with holy water. **The wearing of face masks is strongly encouraged for the safety of everyone.**

Unfortunately, this means there will be

- No washing of feet on Holy Thursday
- No watching at the Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday
- No kissing of the cross on Good Friday
- No candles for the congregation on Holy Saturday
- No blessing of the congregation with holy water on Easter Sunday
- No candles for the congregation on Easter Sunday

The Mass times are:

Day	Date	Time	Church
Holy Thursday	14 April	7pm	St. Godric's
Good Friday	15 April	3pm	St. Joseph's
Holy Saturday	16 April	7pm	St. Leonard's School
Easter Sunday	17 April	10am	St. Leonard's School

Note from the Bereavement Group



Over the past year, our group has kept in contact with bereaved families by way of phone calls, Christmas Cards, prayer leaflets and once again this year, Easter cards.

On Palm Sunday, we will also light a parish candle in both churches to represent our prayers for those who have suffered any kind of grief and loss during the year since March 2021. We hope that in the coming months we will be able offer home visits again and have our annual Celebration of Lives Mass.

Support for Ukraine

From Easter weekend onwards there will be prayer cards and candles on sale after Masses, with all funds raised going to the DEC appeal. The prayer cards have been designed by our young people in our schools and would make a great prayer station in your home.

We would also like to thank everyone who has contributed so generously to our parish collection for Ukraine. At the last count, £1,842.57 had been received.



Durham Martyrs' Walking Group – April 2022

Our next walk will be the popular 'Bluebell Walk' through Houghall Woods. Due to Easter, this will be later in the month than usual and will take place on **Saturday 30th April**.

The varied walk will take us through attractive woodland (hopefully filled with bluebells!), open areas and riverbank. The route is a distance of 3.1 miles, all well walked, but some of the paths in the woods are uneven with a number of steps.

The walk starts at **10am** at the end of Houghall Lane (small parking area or parking available amongst trees at The Pump House). For those who would like a longer walk, meet at St Joseph's car park at 9.30 am and we will walk down to Houghall via Old Durham and Maiden Castle. It would be very helpful if you could let Marjorie know if you plan to join us so that we know who to expect.

Advance notice – our walk on 21st May will be at Pittington and will be led by Ian Baillie – more info to follow.

New Catholic Newspaper – The Catholic Post

We have received some free copies of a new monthly Catholic newspaper, which provides news from around the country and beyond. The paper is carbon neutral too. If you take a copy and like it, you can give feedback to the editor John Clawson at editor@catholicpost.co.uk



Afternoon tea at St. Leonard's School Thursday 7th April

This was a brilliant idea which worked even better than I expected! Thanks go to Amber Ainsley and her colleague Megan along with the Faith in Action students. They were such a lovely bunch of students, all well-mannered and clearly caring about what they were doing.

The lunches were beautifully presented and just the right size. Many thanks go to Luke the St. Leonard's chef for putting them up for us.

We were each given a most appropriate reading and a well thought out prayer to take home.

The only disappointment, which I think every one of us shared was that only two of us guests came despite there being many, many more similarly placed living and dining alone in our Church community. I do hope that this not discourage the students from either repeating this exercise or other activities by which they could meet members of our community who would benefit from that contact. Anything which enables young people to practise their Faith in the community is certain to be a valuable activity. Phil Sanderson

RENEW – CAFOD Young Adult Event, don't miss it! - Get ready for a day of social action and climate justice with CAFOD, in Central London, on **Saturday 23 April 2022 from 11am**. The day will be a gathering for 18–30-year-olds based in England and Wales, interested in CAFOD's advocacy, policy, and campaigning work. Whether you have never heard of CAFOD, or you've been part of CAFOD your whole life, we invite you to join us for an opportunity to learn about global food systems, its links to the climate crisis and poverty, how these problems can be addressed and the role that the Catholic Church can play. Register here:

<https://cafodyoungadulteventtickets.eventbrite.co.uk> If travelling to the event is an issue, please get in touch and we can see what we can do.

With thanks, Kate Eastmond Email: keastmond@cafod.org.uk

W: <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Campaign-with-us/CAFOD-Champions>

SVP Vinnie Camp - Holy Island Vinnie Camp 2022 – Volunteers needed urgently

Holy Island Camp will be running holidays for children in 2022. Our helpers are all volunteers and in order to go ahead successfully in 2022 we urgently need new volunteers to help in the kitchens, preparing food, washing up and clearing the dining hall. We also need caretaking staff who would be able to carry out a cleaning role. More information to follow in in next bulletin.

Please visit our website : <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island/about-camp> for more information.

Mass Intentions for the Week

10th April 2022
Holy Week

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 9 April	10.00am NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Vigil Mass Les and Nora Finlay and Michael Oliver (Illness)
Sunday 10 April PALM SUNDAY	9.00am Brian O'Connor	11.00am Joe and Kathleen Cosgrove and Jim Kelly
Monday 11 April	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Tuesday 12 April	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am – Ena and John McBride 12.30pm Funeral Service of Edith Quinn	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Wednesday 13 April	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	12.15pm – Requiem Mass of Julia Ridley
Thursday 14 April HOLY THURSDAY	7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Godric's	
Friday 15 April GOOD FRIDAY	3.00pm The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ at St. Joseph's	
Saturday 16 April HOLY SATURDAY	7.00pm Easter Vigil Mass at St. Leonard's	
Sunday 17 April EASTER SUNDAY	10.00am Easter Sunday Mass at St. Leonard's	

St. Cuthbert's -

Sun 10	Mon 11	Tue 12	Wed 13	Thurs 14 April Holy Thursday	Fri 15 Good Friday	Sat 16 Easter Vigil	Sun 17 Easter Sunday
10.00am and 6.30pm	No Mass	12.15pm	7.00pm	7.00p.m Mass of the Lord's Supper	3.00pm Celebration of The Passion	8.30pm Easter Vigil	10.00am (No evening Mass)

Mass Intentions for the Week

18th April 2022

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Monday 18 April	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Tuesday 19 April	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Bill Ince and Valerie Ann Hamilton	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Wednesday 20 April	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Tom and Mrs. Lovat and the Harrington, Lennon and March Families
Thursday 21 April	9.30am- Exposition 10.00am In thanksgiving (BT)	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Friday 22 April	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Special Intention (BT, F)
Saturday 23 April	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Vigil Mass Jack and Marie Bradley and Sheila Collinson Anniversary
Sunday 24 April	9.00am Patrick Morley	11.00am Liam Hayden and Edward Slowikowski

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 17	Mon 18	Tue 19	Wed 20	Thurs 21	Fri 22	Sat 23	Sun 24
10.00am No evening Mass	No Mass	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	No Mass	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm

Mass Intentions for the Week



25th April 2022

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Monday 25 April	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Tuesday 26 April	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Bill Ince and Valerie Ann Hamilton	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Wednesday 27 April	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Peter and Catherine McLoughlin and Joyce Haslam
Thursday 28 April	9.30am- Exposition 10.00am In thanksgiving – the Lewis family	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Friday 29 April	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.00am Hannah Mary and Ken Drane
Saturday 30 April	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Vigil Mass Elizabeth Birney and Deceased members of the Brennan and Rooney families
Sunday 01 May	9.00am Lucy Hunt	11.00am Dennis O'Connell, Julia Riordan and Liam Hayden

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 24	Mon 25	Tue 26	Wed 27	Thurs 28	Fri 29	Sat 30	Sun 01
10.00am and 6.30pm	No Mass	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm

The above times may not be accurate, please refer to the website

www.stcuthberts-durham.org.uk