

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
The Baptism of The Lord



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We journey into the new year with some degree of optimism that Covid won't destabilise as last year. Caution is still asked of us, especially in church. Please, do support our marvellous stewards by abiding by the very basic requirements. The one metre distance must be maintained and being seated at all times is most helpful.

Please do not heed what other churches may be doing if a more relaxed approach is taken. We have a duty of care. Thank you.

And speaking of thanks, can I use this opportunity to thank you all for your kindness to me over Christmas. The gifts, the cards, all deeply appreciated.

As I was in Scotland for the wonderful wedding of Paddy Reilly-O'Donnell and Cecily Walker, I didn't get the chance to wish you all a peaceful new year, so let's pray that, above all, it will be moving to a post-Covid year.

Feast Days

Tuesday, 11 th January	St. Aelred of Rievaulx Ab
Wednesday, 12 th January	St. Benet Biscop Ab
Thursday, 13 th January	St. Hilary Bp, 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:



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

Anniversaries

Nancy Edgerton	Rafele Mequa
Bessie Hirst	Frank Wilson



Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Norman Wilson, who passed away on New Year's Eve. His Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on Wednesday, 26th January at 10.00am followed by cremation in Durham.

- and also to the family and friends of the late Winnie Muldowney, who passed away on 3rd January. Her Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on Friday, 21st January at 10.00am followed by burial in Belmont Cemetery.

Requiescant in pace.

Mass Attendance and Kneeling during Mass

We had very good attendances at our Christmas Masses, with many more families able to join us for our services. Now that we are able to use each bench, we must be mindful of the distance between people in front and behind, so it is important that **you do not kneel forward**. This is the case even if the row in front is empty, as we need to set this in our minds as a habit.

We are seeing more people coming to our churches for the first time in a long time so we need to show that we are following our Parish guidelines for the safety of all. Thank you for your continuing support.

Durham Martyrs Walking Group – January 2022

Our next walk will be Shincliffe Bridge Circular Walk on Saturday 15th January, meeting at St. Joseph's car park and setting off at 10am. A relatively short and gentle walk to get us started off in the New Year!

We will walk from the church down to Old Durham and along well surfaced pathways and riverside footpaths to Shincliffe Bridge with potential for a refreshment stop at the Rose Tree then returning via Maiden Castle along the opposite side of the river then Gilesgate bank back to the start. Estimated distance 5-6miles. Please let Marjorie know if you plan to attend so that we know who to expect.



Christina Reid would like to thank everyone for their prayers, Mass offering, cards, donations to the SVP and kindness shown on the sad loss of Peter. God bless you all.



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1 st (£50)	No. 154
Catherine Trainor	Parish of the Durham Martyrs
Mrs. Dunwoodie	Sacred Heart & St. Cuthbert's, Amble
2 nd (£25)	No. 178
A. Brown	St. Cuthbert's, Kenton

With many thanks for your continued support

Change of Mass Time

Please note that the Friday morning Mass at St. Joseph's on 14th January has been moved to the earlier time of 9.00am

Mass Intentions for the Week



9th January 2022

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 8 January	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Vigil Mass Special Intention (SP)
Sunday 9 January	9.00am Intentions of Br. Paul and his community of Capuchin Friars	11.00am Intentions of Br. Paul and his community of Capuchin Friars
Monday 10 January	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Tuesday 11 January	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am John Marshall	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Wednesday 12 January	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am John and Winnie Muldowney
Thursday 13 January	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Peter Reid	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Friday 14 January	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.00am Peter Reid
Saturday 15 January	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Vigil Mass John Doyle
Sunday 16 January	9.00am Stephen Coyne & Angela Williams	11.00am Zdzislaw Szpanbrunker

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 9	Mon 10	Tue 11	Wed 12	Thurs 13	Fri 14	Sat 16	Sun 16
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)