

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 Sunday, 27th March 2022

St. Joseph's hosted a day of prayer for priests in our episcopal area. Over a dozen priests gathered for Exposition, Rosary, Gospel reflection, Reconciliation and a shared lunch.

The changing face of priesthood in the diocese was evidenced in the multi-national backgrounds of many present. Also obvious was the number of priests who are members of religious orders. This gave a rich variety to the sharing and hopes for the future.

The process of Synodality is concluding soon and the feedback indicates a very positive and constructive response. Thank you to all of you in the parish for your contributions to this process.

A number of sacramental programmes are gearing up to return. They have been greatly missed and its good that so many of the catechists are also back, and in good health.

Keep those precautions going regarding Covid. This variant packs a punch.

Feast Days

Saturday, 2 nd April	St. Francis of Paola Rel
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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	Tony Twomey
Irene Jack	Meg Dixon
George Sutton	Margaret Charlton
Betty McGurk	Ian Hamilton
Colin Wild	Ken Riddle
Sheila Owens	

Anniversaries

Mary Lennon	



Funeral this week

The Funeral Service of the late Philip Grainger will take place on Tuesday, 29th March in St. Godric's Church at 11.15am.

Forthcoming Funerals (both are Requiem Masses)

Nellie Stoker - Wednesday, 6th April, 10.00am at St. Joseph's

Mary Hughes – Friday, 8th April, 10.00am at St. Joseph's

Baptism – we welcome into our parish community Maddison Bussey, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism after the 9.00am Mass at St. Godric's, this Sunday, 27th March.



Audrey Lane and family would like to thank parishioners for their cards, flowers, prayers and Mass intentions received during their recent bereavement. Your care and concern is very much appreciated.

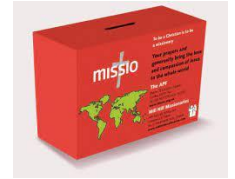
Parish Council - The PPC will meet on Tuesday 12th April. If you have any items you would like to be considered for discussion, please email Marjorie by Thursday 7th April.

Baptism

The Parish Baptism Programme will recommence after Easter on Monday 16th May. Parents who wish to attend the programme please contact Mrs M Towers, Parish Secretary for further details.

Ss. Godric and Bede

Red mission boxes for St. Bede's will be collected and emptied in the usual way during March. Please bring those for St. Godric's Church to Sunday Mass before the end of March.



Many thanks to all who are continuing to support our Church family around the world in this very worthwhile way.



The Season of Lent Stations of the Cross

The Justice and Peace group Stations of the Cross at St. Godric's on 1st April are 'Journeying with Refugees' Stations, which include reflections from young people from St Gregory's School, Bath.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during Lent

There will be Exposition every Sunday afternoon during Lent at St. Godric's church from 3.00-4.00pm.

Everyone welcome.

St. Leonard's School – Spring Concert

The concert, with extracts from Mozart's Requiem, will take place in the Sports Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 5th April. Tickets, including refreshments, £5.00/£2.50 under 19. To buy tickets online go to: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-leonards-catholic-school>

Afternoon Tea at St Leonard's Catholic School

The 'Faith in Action' pupils at St Leonard's Catholic School would love to invite all parishioners to an afternoon tea at the school from 12:25-1:25 at the school on **Thursday 7th April**. This is for anyone in the local community who may be eating lunch alone and would like to spend time with the pupils and others in the parish.

This will be led by students who are working towards their faith in action award – an award which recognises the efforts of young people who consistently help out at the school or local community/parish. Afternoon tea provided for all. If you would be interested in attending please email aainsley@st-leonards.durham.sch.uk ASAP so that we have numbers for the food and drink. The students would love to see you!

Catholic Herald and Magnificat

We are pleased to let you know that the digital Holy Week and April issues are available, free, at the following link: www.magnificat.com/april
For individual subscriptions to MAGNIFICAT please visit: <https://catholicherald.co.uk/magnificat/>

SONGS FOR UKRAINE

A recital to raise money for The Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal Disasters Emergency Committee - **Saturday 14th May at 7.00pm**, Elvet Methodist Church, 8 Old Elvet, Durham DH1 3HL

Beautiful songs by Purcell, Handel, Fauré, Sibelius and Strauss.

Kim Porter – Mezzo-Soprano
Alex Chisholm-Loxley - Piano
Helen Roche - Violin

Tickets £15 available at the door for cash only or for tickets in advance please email kim@kimportermusic.com by Thursday 12th May.

Friends of the Finchale Camino

We hope you enjoyed the walk last Saturday. You might know that this walk was organised by the [Association of the Friends of the Finchale Camino](#). You can find some information about us on facebook in the link above.

For example, if you are up to it, Carmen Agut, one of the members of the association, is organising another walk:

26th March

At 11.00 Starting at Croxdale. We'll meet outside Daleside Arms Pub. (Bus Number 6. "Corner Shop" stop) If the weather is bad or we are tired, we can stop at Binchester Blocks (there is a Number 6 bus stop near), otherwise we'll end at Bishop Auckland (Return by bus)

For more information contact Carmen Agut, who is the person organising it: c.agut@hotmail.co.uk You can also get in touch with Keith Taylor, the president of the association in thefinchalecamino@gmail.com He'll be able to give you more information about the Camino Inglés in England and in Spain and send you leaflets and documentation.

Finally, feel free to get in touch with me if you have any questions. You can follow us on [facebook](#)

If you would like to join the Friends of the Finchale Camino, please email Penny Johnson at penelope.johnson@durham.ac.uk and she will send you the necessary forms.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR GIFT AID DONORS

Firstly, thank you for your fantastic support, especially considering the last couple of years when things have been so difficult for everyone. Thank you in particular to people normally paying via envelope who were able to switch to bank standing order to make their donations. This has been very gratefully appreciated by the parish and also simplifies the process.

INCOME TAX

As the parish's financial year is drawing to a close, we will soon be compiling our Gift Aid return. If any Gift Aid donors now believe that they will not have paid sufficient income tax to cover the Gift Aid on their donations (25p for every £1 donated) then please let me know as soon as possible.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If any donors have changed address in the last year and have not already informed me, could I please ask if you also let me know about these changes ASAP.

ENVELOPES 2022/23

I hope to deliver these shortly, if you have not received yours by the end of March or if you have any queries please let me know.

Esther Robson. Mobile: 07969 528874. Email: estherrobson@ymail.com

Many thanks again for your unwavering support.

PAYING PARISH OFFERTORY DONATIONS BY BANK STANDING ORDER (NON GIFT AID)

Following recent enquiries, any parishioners not in a position to join the Gift Aid scheme but who would like to make offertory donations by bank standing order please also contact me.

We know that this is a very convenient way for most people to donate and will be happy to provide the relevant information. Many thanks.

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Don't forget to turn your clock forward 1 hour at 1.00am this Sunday, 27th March to take us into British Summer time.

Mass Intentions for the Week

27th March 2022

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 26 March	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Vigil Mass Deceased members of the Power Family
Sunday 27 March	9.00am The Sick of the Parish and Pat & Vin Frain 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Peggy Thompson and in thanksgiving for 63 years of marriage (Ann and Bob)
Monday 28 March	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Tuesday 29 March	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am – Peter & Catherine McLoughlin 11.15am – Funeral Service of Philip Grainger	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Wednesday 30 March	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Frederick Seeber and Constantine Campbell
Thursday 31 March	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Hannah Creigan	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Friday 1 April	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Peggy Quinn and Les Conroy
Saturday 2 April	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Vigil Mass Tony & Maura Murphy and David Adams
Sunday 3 April	9.00am Stephen Coyne and Brenda & Fred Graney	11.00am John West Cassie Childs and Joe Lane

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 27	Mon 28	Tue 29	Wed 30	Thurs 31	Fri 01 April	Sat 2	Sun 3
10.00am and 6.30pm (Pre booked attendance required for both Masses)	No Mass	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	9.15am	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm (no pre- booking necessary from now onwards)