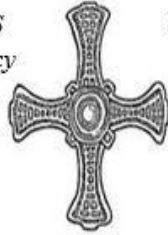


***The Parish of the Durham Martyrs***  
*Incorporating the Churches of Our Lady of Mercy  
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## Parish Newsletter – Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Parish Secretary:	Mrs. M. D. Towers
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Retreating with fellow clergy this week is always a joy, if only to catch up and reflect. The numbers are less and the hair is more grey. Yet, their vast years of ministering to their people continues to inspire. The challenge for the younger priests is great but they are a strong unit. Young and old mixed so well. The retreat was ably led by the Jesuits now residing in Newcastle. Their Ignatian spirituality never loses its relevance.

We sadly lost Kath Dawson this week. Kath was florist par excellence over the years and ran a regular course in the parish on flower display. Kath has been living in the south of England with her daughter over recent years. May she rest in peace.

Thank you to those who have signed up to continue their ministries in the parish

## Feast Days

Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Bede the Venerable P, D
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May	The Ascension of the Lord – Holy Day of Obligation
Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Augustine of Canterbury Bp

## Parish Contact

The parish secretary can be contacted by email – [secretary.stjandstg@btconnect.com](mailto: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:



Colin Wild	Tony Twomey
George Sutton	Meg Dixon
Betty McGurk	Ian Hamilton
Tom Oliver	Ken Riddle

## Anniversaries

Joyce Hook	Dennis Hawley
Stephen Dawson	Christina Taylor
Jack Wressell	Jake Thompson



**Sympathy** – we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Kath Dawson, who died this week. She was a long-time parishioner and florist at St. Joseph's until she moved to Hinckley to be near her family.

## Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May - Ascension of The Lord – Holy Day of Obligation

There will be Mass at 10.00am at St. Godric's and at 7.00pm at St. Joseph's.

## Ministers of The Eucharist and Ministers of The Word

As the lifting of Covid restrictions in church continues, Fr. Colm would like to invite all Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word who were active in their ministry pre-pandemic to re-join the rota.

If you feel ready to resume, please let Fr. Colm or Marjorie know, so that you can be included in the next rota which starts at the beginning of July.

For Ministers of the Eucharist, this would be an opportunity for you to renew your commitment, as we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, when the annual Renewal of Commitment takes place during Mass.

## HEALTH & SAFETY OF PARISH WORKERS AND PREMISES

All Parishioners who have access keys to the Jubilee Room at St Joseph's, please read:

Will all people using the room please observe the correct locking procedure:

When you have opened the door with the key, turn the key the opposite way to lock the door before you enter. Take the key out and press the handle to make sure the door is locked.

Upon leaving, PLEASE check that the door is securely LOCKED once you have left the building.

Thank you

Buildings Committee.



### Gala Concert for Ukraine

Many thanks to all who supported our concert last Sunday. The Durham Police Male Voice Choir gave us an evening of marvellous singing as they celebrated their first outing since the pandemic. A special word of thanks to their conductor Matthew Grehan-Bradley who also treated us to a solo. Thanks to those who

helped on the night. At the end there was a retiring collection for Ukraine which realised the fantastic total of £1,017. Thank you also to Katie and Leanne for taking photographs.



### Jubilee Celebrations

The SVP invite you to an afternoon tea to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 2,30pm in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's.

We would love you to come and share your memories of the coronation with us. Any photos you have would be great. Lifts are available. Just ring Margaret on 386 9437, or Helen on 384 5843.

Hoping to see you on 5<sup>th</sup> June.



### Laudato Si' Anniversary Mass

May 22<sup>nd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> is Laudato Si' week. Our diocese will mark the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical with a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bishop Robert will preside and Fr. Chris Hughes will give the homily on hearing the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth.

“O God of the poor,  
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature  
as we journey towards your infinite light.” (Pope Francis LS 246)



## TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL – 200 CLUB RESULTS – May 2022

1 <sup>st</sup> (£50)	No. 100
Marie Agnew	St. Mary's Bishop Auckland
Mrs. M. Heron	All Saints Lanchester
2 <sup>nd</sup> (£25)	No. 155
M. Ratki	St. Bernadette's, Wallsend
Michael McNally	Durham Martyrs' Parish

With many thanks for your continued support

### Support Fund

It is perhaps timely to remind our parish community that the Parish Support Fund still continues to operate. We are aware of the significant rise in the cost of energy, the rise in the price of petrol and diesel and the economic impact of the war in Ukraine. Also Covid is still very much with us. The Support Fund was set up, thanks to the generosity of many members of the parish, to provide financial assistance to those in need whether in work or out of work.

Applications are welcome even if you have applied in the past. The procedure remains the same - applications to be sent to the Parish Secretary at [secretary.stjandstg@btconnect.com](mailto:secretary.stjandstg@btconnect.com) or addressed to her at the Parish Office, and you can contact her on the parish mobile **07391 529 827**. If any refugees from Ukraine come to live in our parish applications would be welcome from them.



### Note from the Bereavement Group

Next Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May, the Bereavement Support Group will hold the Celebration of the Lives of Loved Ones Mass at 10.00am in St. Joseph's. This will be our first one since 2019 so we hope that you will be able to join us to remember our loved ones and lay a flower in their memory.

We will be serving refreshments afterwards in the Jubilee room and would love to see you all.



### Platinum Jubilee Weekend - Notice re Bulletin

11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> June.

The Parish Office will be closed from 4.00pm on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June until 8.30am on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June**, owing to the two extra Bank Holidays on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Therefore, the bulletin over the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> May will be a double edition, and the next one will be over the weekend of

If you have any items to go in relating to the first couple of weeks in June, please let Marjorie have them by Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May at the latest.



### NEW Alpha Sessions!

Every Thursday during Term time 6:30 - 8pm - Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's Church. For more Information contact Katie at [youth.durhammartyrs@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:youth.durhammartyrs@rcdhn.org.uk)



### Durham Martyrs Walking Group – June 2022

Our June Walk will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> June and will be a coastal walk at South Shields following the route of the 7k 'Memory Walk' which many of you will be familiar with. Commencing at 10.30am at the entrance to Bents Park South Shields. – more info to follow.

### Vacancies

- The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

**Property Surveyor** – full-time, fixed term contract – 2 years. Flexible working is available.

Closing date for applications: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022

- **IT Project Manager** – full-time. Fixed term contract – 12 months.

Closing date for applications: 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022

Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us 0191 243 3301

**Centre for Catholic Studies** - You are warmly invited to a seminar with Dr Ian Hickey, Mary Immaculate College: **Seamus Heaney and Catholicism**. This will be a hybrid seminar held on **Tuesday 24 May, 3.45pm-5.00pm** in Seminar Room C, Abbey House, Department of Theology and Religion, Palace Green, Durham and on Zoom. If you wish to attend, either in person or online, please register on Eventbrite via <https://centreforcatholicstudies.eventbrite.com> For those wishing to attend online the Zoom link will be sent by email to those who register.

# Mass Intentions for the Week

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 21 May	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Vigil Mass Majeed Ahmed and David Adams
Sunday 22 May	9.00am Michael Oliver 3.00-4.00pm - Exposition	11.00am Isolde Peyrimhoff and Patrick McQuillan
Monday 23 May	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Tuesday 24 May	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am People of the Parish	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Wednesday 25 May	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Deceased members of the Wright, Ward and Moran Families
Thursday 26 May ASCENSION MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Peter & Catherine McLoughlin	7.00pm Ascension Mass
Friday 27 May	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Mary Goodwin and Teresa McBride
Saturday 28 May	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Vigil Mass Hannah Mary and Ken Drane
Sunday 29 May	9.00am Vocations to the Priesthood	11.00am Jack Wressell

## St. Cuthbert's

Sun 22	Mon 23	Tue 24	Wed 25	Thurs 26	Fri 27	Sat 28	Sun 29
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	7.00pm Vigil of the Ascension	12.15pm Solemnity of the Ascension	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm