

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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I seem to be writing about loss and departure over the past few weeks. Sadly, I am continuing in this vein this weekend as well. As you will read in another part of this bulletin, Katie Flood has announced her departure from the parish in the Autumn.

We are all saddened by her decision but understand the reasons. Katie's talents are obvious to all of us and ironically these shone out, not just with the young of the parish, but with the housebound during the lockdown. She led the parish team who distributed the parish pack with such success during those dark months of isolation.

Obviously, Katie's contribution to all our schools goes without saying. Yes, you will be a big miss Katie, but we all know that you will be successful on whatever road you choose to travel now.

Last Sunday was the 50th anniversary of a bleak day in the history of 'The Troubles'. However, wonderful initiatives of reconciliation have been part of those 50 years. You might like to watch a powerful presentation by Pope Francis' biographer, Austin Ivereigh, at the launch of one such initiative. You can get it on YouTube. Leanne will also have the link on the parish website. Its title is "4 Corners Festival".

We are easing off restrictions in church but this implies more responsibility on your part. Please help us to ensure a safe return to church for all. Thanks.

Feast Days

Tuesday, 8 th February	St. Jerome Emiliani P/St. Josephine Bakhita V
Thursday, 10 th February	St. Scholastica V
Friday, 11 th February	Our Lady of Lourdes

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	Tony Twomey
Tony Collinson	Meg Dixon
Irene Jack	Margaret Charlton
George Sutton	Ian Hamilton
Betty McGurk	Ken Riddle

Anniversaries

Laura Mulvaney	Matt Hirst
Stephen Coyne	John Hirst
Noel Reid	John Carroll
John Power	Betty Larmour



Funerals this week

Wednesday, 9th February, the Requiem Mass of Alan McNamee will take place in St. Joseph's at 10.00am.

Baptism – we welcome into our parish community Faith Edith Duncan, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism after our 9.00am Mass at St. Godric's this Sunday, 6th February.



– Elizabeth Wilson and family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and Mass intentions received during her recent bereavement. It is much appreciated.

Parish Council

The PPC met on Tuesday evening and the summary of the meeting can be found on the Parish website and on the church notice boards.

Confirmation 2022

From Friday 28th - Sunday 30th January, 26 young people and our parish volunteers travelled to the Youth Village to begin a journey of discovery (and face some rather strong gale force winds).

Amid the falling trees and power cuts, we explored questions of faith, prayer and learnt about the Holy Spirit working in our lives. As well as art and music workshops and our practical teamwork competitions we also shared in times of reflection and were blessed to be able to spend time in Exposition. Thanks to all who made the Weekend possible, Br. Paul and our parish volunteers, YMT and our young people.

Please keep the Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they continue on this special journey of faith and discovery over the next few months.



Katie Flood, Youth Ministry Coordinator



St. Joseph's Primary School Gilesgate - Appeal for donations for Outdoor Play

We are in the process of becoming an OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) school, and are looking to provide the children with opportunities to learn outdoors through play and to develop their confidence. We are graciously asking for donations of:

- used games and toys suitable for use outside (things that will survive all weathers)
- dressing up clothes
- plastic pots, pans, plates, bowls spoons to use in a mud kitchen area.

We would be extremely grateful for any items received. Donations can be left in the entrance of St .Joseph's primary school (next-door to St Joseph's Church) Monday – Friday.

Many thanks, the staff, and children of St Joseph's Primary School.

Monday Mass in St. Francis Friary (Tenter House)

There is now a public Mass in the chapel of the new friary on Mondays at 8.00am (the door will be open by 7.45am).

Due to the small size of the chapel and the continuing need for some social distancing, numbers will be limited, and you're asked to book before coming.

You can book a place by phoning the friary on 0191 3293660 or by emailing Br Paul at brpaulcoleman@gmail.com



Durham Martyrs' Parish Meetings for the Synod are given below. They will all take place at St. Joseph's, Gilesgate in the Jubilee Room. If you wish to come along, you only need to attend one of the meetings.

Tuesday, 8th February 6-7.30pm	Sunday, 13th February 1-2.30pm	Tuesday, 15th February 6-7.30pm
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DIGNITY, AGENCY, POWER - 27th February, 3.30pm-18.00

A special event for Church Action on Poverty Sunday, organised by Church Action on Poverty North East at Waddington Street United Reformed Church Durham, DH1 4BG. **Register at:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/church-action-on-poverty-sunday-north-east-event-tickets-220589799027>

About this event

The event will include:

- The launch of Church Action on Poverty's new national 'Dignity, Agency, Power' strategy by our Director Niall Cooper
- Discussion in small groups
- Shared worship

The event will be attended by the leader of Durham County Council, the Anglican Bishop of Durham, the Catholic Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, and regional leaders of Methodist, United Reformed, Baptist and independent Churches. The meeting will be both in-person and on Zoom. Please select how you wish to attend when you make your booking. The Zoom link will be sent to you before the event takes place.

A note from Katie...

I wanted to update you all on some news regarding my role as Youth Ministry Coordinator at the Parish of the Durham Martyrs. I have made the difficult decision, that it is time to move on to a new stage in my life and will therefore be leaving my role in the parish at the end of October.

I will also be leaving Durham as I have been offered a wonderful opportunity, at the beginning of 2023, to work with on my creative practice with one of my friends, an artist, in America.

This was not a decision that was made easily and I will very much miss everyone that I have had the privilege to work with over the past 3½-4 years. Everyone in the parish has been so welcoming and supportive and I really do feel like one of the Durham Martyrs' family.

As I will not be moving on until October, this means we still have many exciting months ahead of us and I look forward to the wonderful joys that 2022 will provide.

I will be staying until the end of the Confirmation programme, so I can complete this stage of the candidates' journey with them.

Finally, a big thank you to you all for your support during my time here in Durham. It would be wonderful if you can keep me in your prayers during this time of change and also ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the future of our parish ministry.

I will definitely be back to visit as Durham and the parish community have become my second home!

Thanks and God bless, Katie Flood, Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

An invitation from the Hexham and Newcastle Lourdes Hospitalité:

All are welcome to a Mass at St Aloysius, Hebburn on 11th February at 7pm to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes which is also World Day of Prayer the Sick.

A note from Jesuits in Britain - Journey through Lent

Lent begins in just over three weeks, on Ash Wednesday, 2nd March, and since some of you joined us for Lent 2021, we thought you might like to hear in advance about this year's Lent Retreat:

We invite you to journey through Lent with St. Ignatius of Loyola, the Spanish courtier-turned-priest whose adventures 500 years ago provide an example of how personal change and fulfilment is possible, even in the most challenging of circumstances.

You can follow the retreat online on your laptop, PC or mobile phone, using the www.onlineprayer.net website, or the ISC app, or by signing up to daily emails.

You will be able to pray daily with Scripture, music, images and episodes from the life of Ignatius.

You can also deepen your experience of the transformative power of Ignatius, by sharing the fruits of your prayer and your own faith experiences in weekly groups, either in person or online. [Read more >>](#)

[Sign up for daily emails](#)

Pilgrimage to Fatima 7th to 21st July 2022.

Places are still available. 14 nights staying at the Hotel Avenida De Fatima in Fatima. Price includes: Return flights from Manchester to Lisbon, hotel accommodation on half board basis, all airport transfers in UK and Portugal, several excursions (Coimbra, Lisbon), and full spiritual program led by Bishop Emeritus Seamus Cunningham. 20kg Luggage allowance and 10kg hand luggage. Price for a double room £1,100 per person. No single rooms available. Travel insurance not included nor any Covid testing required.

For more information or to book please contact: Siobhan Kyriacou on 07737 423 770 or 0191 526 0744. E-mail: siobhankyriacou@sky.com

Change of Mass Time

Please note that the **Friday morning Mass at St. Joseph's on 11th February has been moved to the earlier time of 9.00am**

Mass Intentions for the Week



6th February 2022

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 5 February	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Vigil Mass Alan McNamee
Sunday 6 February	9.00am The intentions of Margaret and Andrea Fish and Family	11.00am Peter Reid and the Oliver Family
Monday 7 February	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Tuesday 8 February	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Stephen Coyne 1 st Anniversary	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Wednesday 9 February	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	10.00am Requiem Mass of Alan McNamee
Thursday 10 February	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Mary and Joseph Ward	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Friday 11 February	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.00am Norman Wilson
Saturday 12 February	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Vigil Mass David Adams
Sunday 13 February	9.00am Brian O'Connor	11.00am Bryan Moran and Winnie Muldowney

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 6	Mon 7	Tue 8	Wed 9	Thurs 10	Fri 11	Sat 12	Sun 13
10.00am and 6.30pm (Pre booked attendance required for both Masses)	12.15pm	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am and Nuptial Mass at 3.00pm	10.00am and 6.30pm (Pre booked attendance required for both Masses)