

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 - 16th January 2022

2nd Sunday of the Year

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The two main diocesan and church projects this year are The World Synod of the Laity and the Year of the Eucharist. These were planned pre-pandemic but ironically have been brought into greater focus by the virus. We have had to step up to involve new blood in the parish into many different roles. This has been important to me.

The more senior members who have, and still are, giving of themselves, continue to be invaluable to the continued move forward out of Covid.

The Year of the Eucharist asks how do we reaffirm our commitment to the Mass. The numbers are slowly creeping up again at weekend Masses especially. Important questions might be asked as to our own understanding of the Eucharist. It has communitarian dimension, it is devotional, it is sacrificial and it is celebratory. Perhaps we can consider how we see the Synod and Eucharist as being inseparable. The past two years have allowed expression to both. We can now build on this.

Changes are afoot in both parish and schools. In the parish we are losing Fred and Helen Haywood, as they hope to move nearer their daughter Jenny and husband Craig. Sadly, that move is more imminent with the sale of their house. Both Helen and Fred have been blessings to the parish since their arrival from the South. I thank them for all their self-giving in so many areas of parish life, especially to me as PP.

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.... and some important news from St. Godric's School - the winds of change are also blowing here. Congratulations to Mrs. Catherine Craig, Headteacher at St. Godric's, who has been seconded to the Diocese for two terms acting as Deputy Head of Education. We wish you well Catherine in this new challenge.

Feast Days

Monday, 17 th January	St. Anthony, Ab
Wednesday, 19 th January	St. Wulstan Bp
Thursday, 20 th January	St. Fabian P, M/St. Sebastian M
Friday, 21 st January	St. Agnes V, M

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

Arthur Binks	Teresa Harrison
Bede Murray	Mary Murphy
Colin Armstrong	Peter Barry

Funerals this week

Friday, 21st January: Requiem Mass of Winnie Muldowney, St. Joseph's at 10.00am. *Requiescat in pace.*



Baptism – we welcome into our parish community Louis Spencelayh, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism after our 11.00am Mass at St. Joseph's this Sunday, 16th January.

Mass Attendance and Kneeling during Mass

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.

PEACE SUNDAY, 16th January

Each year we Catholics are asked by the Pope to think about how we can better bring the peace of Christ into our world. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year is: Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace. The Pope wants us to focus on three paths: investing less on military expenditure and more effectively in the education and upbringing of children; creating intergenerational partnerships to create a more healthy politics and greater care for our common home; developing greater justice and dignity for workers in conformity with Catholic social teaching. Each of us, he suggests, from the youngest to the oldest, in our families, schools and groups has a part to play.

Suggestions for ways to implement the Pope's recommendations can be found on Pax Christi's dedicated webpage: <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022> Here there is also an invitation to join a Peace Sunday prayer on zoom. The text of the Pope's message itself can be found at www.vatican.va

On eventbrite.co.uk you can find details of a Peace Sunday webinar: Climate Change and War. This is organised by the Diocese of Leeds Justice and Peace Commission and is to be held on Tuesday 18th January 2022 from 7.30pm to 8.30pm

A prayer for peace

O God of peace, who is peace itself
and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp,
nor a violent mind receive,
grant that those who are one in heart
may persevere in what is good
and that those in conflict
may forget evil and so be healed.

New Year's Resolution – Volunteer for CAFOD

A vital aspect of church is people being willing to share their talents, experience and energy. Could your New Year's resolution be volunteering for CAFOD? We have lots of different ways you can get involved such as:

- **In the parish** - where you will be highlighting CAFOD's work to support communities globally who are living with injustices and in poverty.
- **In local schools** – where you'll deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided.
- **Coordinating volunteers** to help us support, encourage and bring together a small group of volunteers.

If you'd like to know more about volunteering for CAFOD, please get in touch with them by phoning Mark Maughan on 07779804243 or email him at mmaughan@cafod.org.uk

Mass Intentions for the Week



16th January 2022

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 15 January	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Vigil Mass John Doyle and Pauline Inglis
Sunday 16 January	9.00am Stephen Coyne & Angela Williams	11.00am Zdzislaw Szpanbrunker and a Special Intention (AB)
Monday 17 January	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Tuesday 18 January	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Deceased priests of the Diocese	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Wednesday 19 January	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Peter Reid and Bede Murray
Thursday 20 January	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Arthur Binks	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Friday 21 January	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	10.00am Requiem Mass of Winnie Muldowney
Saturday 22 January	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Vigil Mass Kathleen Traynor (Armagh, Ireland)
Sunday 23 January	9.00am Joan Holt	11.00am David Elliot Birthday Remembrance and Joe Lyons

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 16	Mon 17	Tue 18	Wed 19	Thurs 20	Fri 21	Sat 22	Sun 23
10.00am and 6.30pm (Pre booked attendance required for both Masses)	12.15pm	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	9.15am	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm (Pre booked attendance required for both Masses)