

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 – 27th February 2022

8th Sunday of the Year

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Office hours: Tuesday-Friday, 8.30am-4.00pm

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(Please telephone Fr. Paul if you have someone in hospital)

It seems that we stumble from one crisis to another. The people of the Ukraine ask for our prayers. We will do just that this Saturday evening at 6.30pm, when we will have a vigil of prayer for peace at St. Joseph's. You are very welcome to join us.

We continue our journey out of lockdown by relaxing our restrictions. Can we use both sides of the church for the weekday Masses at St. Joseph's.

Reconciliation: confessions are available before the 5.00pm Mass. Just pop into the sacristy and ask. The confessionals are not quite ready yet.

We are setting up new rotas for Ministries of Word and Communion. Can those who were on the rotas in the past please let us know via the Parish Secretary or myself if you are available to return. Can you help bringing Communion to the sick? Again, let me or the Parish Secretary know if you can. Thanks.

Feast Days

Tuesday, 1 st March	St. David Bp, Patron of Wales
Wednesday, 2 nd March	Ash Wednesday
Friday, 4 th March	St. Casimir

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:



Nellie Stoker	Tony Twomey
Tony Collinson	Meg Dixon
Irene Jack	Margaret Charlton
George Sutton	Ian Hamilton
Betty McGurk	Ken Riddle
Cassie Childs	Colin Wild

Anniversaries

Jack Bradley	Cara Armstrong McKay
Patricia Grainger	Isabella Eccles
Mary Lennon	Anne-Marie Melvin



Baptism – we welcome into our parish community Ida Barrie Jones, who will be Baptised after the 11.00am Mass at St. Joseph's, this Sunday, 27th February.

Car Parking on Mill Lane

It has been pointed out that some people are parking on the yellow lines right up to the entrance to the church car park, and this makes it dangerous for anyone leaving the car park, as it is not possible to see if the road is clear when turning right or left. **Please note - there is a sign indicating that parking is prohibited from 8.00am-4.00pm, Monday to Friday.** If you are waiting for school children, please use St. Joseph's very large car park, or park further along Mill Lane.

If you are attending Mass at weekends, please give some consideration to others, and to avoid any accidents, do not park right up to the entrance of the car park. Thank you.



Prayer Vigil for Peace

Please come along and join Fr. Colm in this prayer vigil for peace in St. Joseph's Church on Saturday, 26th February at 6.30pm. All welcome.

The family of Alan McNamee would like to thank everyone for their kind words, prayers, cards and mass intentions received in the last few weeks, they are all very much appreciated.



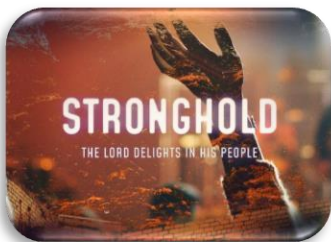
The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 2nd March. This is a Holy Day of Obligation with fasting and abstinence. There will be a 10.00am Mass at St Godric's and a 7.00pm Mass at St Joseph's.

Stations of the Cross – please let Marjorie know if you or your group would like to host a Friday evening. Dates would be 4th, 11th, 18th, an 25th March and the 2nd and 9th of April.

Vacancy - Head of Finance

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a new Head of Finance. The role will be based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle, and agile working is available. Full-time or 30 hours a week. Closing date for applications: 12th March 2022. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us 0191 243 3301

Stronghold Festival



From 2nd - 5th June, Craig Lodge House of Prayer in Dalmally, Scotland, are hosting the Stronghold Festival. This is an opportunity for anyone between the ages of 16 - 35 to gather with other young Catholics around the country and celebrate with worship and praise.

Centred around the Blessed Sacrament and the celebration of the Holy Mass, the festival is an opportunity to open yourself up to the workings of the Holy Spirit in your life! Accommodation is camping in the grounds of the house (if you don't have a tent or camping gear do not worry, we can help with this!!) and all meals are provided.

Transport will be in the form of car sharing/minibus and is yet to be confirmed. Tickets are £100 and include accommodation, meals and transport.

If you would like to attend the festival, early bird tickets are only available for a short time, so please provide a deposit of £25 and your name, contact details, medical/dietary requirements and allergies to youth.durhammartyrs@rcdhn.org.uk or to the parish office by Tuesday 1st March at the latest. You can learn more about the festival at <https://www.strongholdfestival.com/festival>

Re-opening of Parish Piety Shops

We are pleased to announce that we can re-open both the Piety Shop at St. Joseph's and the one at St. Godric's with effect from next weekend, 5th/6th March.

Public Lecture

Towards a Politics of Communion: The Common Good in Challenging Times

Thursday, 3rd March at 7.00pm in St. Cuthbert's Church

A public lecture by Professor Anna Rowlands, St Hilda Professor of Catholic Social Thought and Practice at Durham University's Centre for Catholic Studies. Prof Rowlands has written on issues of social justice including forced migration, is a regular contributor to Radio 4's *Thought for the Day*, and was a member of the panel that presented Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Fratelli Tutti*.

Everyone is welcome. If you can't make it in person, the event will also be live-streamed on our YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/4zGrmTlgPWA>



Synod 2021-23: Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to Synod discussions across the Finchale Partnership.

Our Partnership summary has now been submitted to the Diocese, and you can read the summary at www.stcuthberts-durham.org.uk/the-finchale-partnership/synod-2021-23-meetings-across-the-finchale-partnership

Vicariate for Faith and Mission

The Vicariate for Faith and Mission has now produced the first part of the booklet of Lenten reflections.

The dedicated Lenten reflection page on the diocesan website can be found here: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/liturgy-prayer/#seasonal>

The reflections have been contributed by a mix of clergy, religious and lay people to express the richness and variety of our diocesan community.



Sycamore for Lent

Note from Mike Weetman, Co-ordinator for Sycamore
Vicariate for Faith and Mission

"We are pilgrims 'journeying together' whose listening and speaking is that of those who seek and not that of those who believe they have found."

This quote leapt out at me when I attended Synod meeting.

I have been extremely privileged to host two online sycamore.fm get togethers. Sycamore opens up the heart of the Christian message and helps people to grow in faith. The films give an inspiring vision of Catholic Christianity. They involve some clear teaching and thought-provoking testimonies. The discussion groups, even online, help people grow in friendship and build a sense of community.

This was evident in the people who took part. They showed an amazing openness and willingness to share and listen to each other's stories. It epitomised the "journeying together" in the quote above.

I invite you to join me on such a journey this Lenten season. We will gather online each Sunday from 6th March to 10th April at 4.00pm until 5.15pm. Why not invite a friend to come along too? This is a free course. Please register [here](#).

To contact the Administration team:

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News from Cafod

Family Fast Day – Friday 11th March – for more information please follow this link, [Family Fast Day](#)

Family Fast Day Envelopes – will be available at the back of our churches over the weekend of 5th/6th March. You can also donate online.

Community Walk Against Hunger – Sign up to Walk Against Hunger this Lent and you'll help communities thrive in even the most difficult environments. Follow this link for more information. [Walk Against Hunger](#)

Date for the Diary

You are warmly invited to a public lecture, which will be held in person at Durham Cathedral.

Professor Edgardo Colón-Emeric (Dean of Duke Divinity School).

Joy and Hope for the 2020s: The relevance of Oscar Romero for the times we are in.

Thursday 24th March 2022 - 7pm lecture, preceded by a 6.30pm drinks reception at Prior's Hall, Durham Cathedral.

All are welcome and attendance is free of charge. If you wish to attend, please register at <https://centreforcatholicstudies.eventbrite.com> or telephone 0191 334 1656.

Early registration is advised as space is limited.

You might also wish to join in an optional Evensong prior to the lecture to celebrate the Feast day of St. Oscar Romero. Durham Cathedral 5.15 – 6 pm.

Mass Intentions for the Week

27th February 2022

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 26 February	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Vigil Mass Joseph & Elizabeth Murphy
Sunday 27 February	9.00am Patrick Frobisher Anniversary	11.00am Austin Flynn Birthday Remembrance and Anne-Marie Melvin Anniversary
Monday 28 February	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Tuesday 1 March	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Cara Armstrong McKay and Family	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Wednesday 2 March ASH WEDNESDAY	10.00am Ash Wednesday Mass	7.00pm Ash Wednesday Mass
Thursday 3 March	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Lapsed Catholics	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Friday 4 March	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.30am 10.00am Vera Ratton
Saturday 5 March	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Vigil Mass John and Olive Doyle
Sunday 6 March	9.00am The Michiels and Condron Family	11.00am Hugh and Sibby Conway and Eric Smith

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 27	Mon 28	Tue 01 March	Wed 2 ASH WEDNESDAY	Thurs 3	Fri 4	Sat 5	Sun 6
10.00am and 6.30pm (Pre booked attendance required for both Masses)	12.15pm	12.15pm	12.15pm and 7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am and 11.00am (Extraordinary Form)	10.00am and 6.30pm (Pre booked attendance required for both Masses)