

*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: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year**

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For bereavement support, please contact the Parish Secretary

I am not going to add to the constant bombardment of negative news you receive regularly, but the need to close our two churches is without doubt the most important decision we have to cope with now as a parish. Thank you all for your support in this difficult decision.

The constant message from our medical guides especially Professor Chris Witty, is very clear, that staying at home is the one, and only, way to protect ourselves. Our moral responsibility also is to stand with our hard-working health workers, and do our bit in the national effort.

And while our stewards, our Ministers of Word and Eucharist also have been terrific, they too must not be put in vulnerable positions at this dangerous time. Covid is proving very elusive, and very aggressive now. The risks to our wellbeing are higher than ever since Covid-19 first arrived in February. Many sacrifices are now being made by so many to stay at home, isn't it also our responsibility to stand in solidarity with our greatly stretched NHS and not add to their massive workload.

Of course, we miss the spiritual and mental support which our churches give, but please God, this will be a short-term closure helping to circuit break. The call to share in the sufferings of Christ takes many forms and our willingness to sacrifice so much of what is so dear to us as a community will be important in helping the national effort until the vaccine is readily available to all.

“Although the church administers Christ’s grace through the Sacraments, and although she provides healthcare services in the remotest corner of the planet, she is not an expert in the prevention or cure of the pandemic. She helps with the sick, but she is not an expert.” Pope Francis.

## Feast Days

Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Wulstan Bp
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Fabian P, M and St. Sebastian M
Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> January	St. Agnes V, M
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	St. Vincent, Deacon, M

## Parish Buildings

The Parish Office, Presbyteries and all meeting rooms continue to be officially closed to all visitors and 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.



**Sympathy** - we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Pamela Neall, whose Funeral Service will take place at Durham Crematorium on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am. *Requiescat in pace.*

### Funerals this week

- the late Audrie Walsh, whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Godric's on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am, followed by cremation in Durham. Her reception into church will be at 6.00pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January,
- the late Eileen Ingleby, whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 11.00am followed by cremation in Durham. Her reception into church will be at 5.00pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January.

**Please do not try to attend any of the above if you have not been invited by the family, as restrictions still apply.**

**Our Churches remain closed** until further notice for all services except funerals.

We will review the situation again on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, looking at the number of cases in our area and taking Government advice. We will keep you informed through our website and social media.

**Prayers** - please keep in your prayers:

Sheila Owens	Nellie Stoker
John Copple	Sheila Wressell
Tom Oliver	Margaret Nancarrow
Betty McGurk	

## Anniversaries

Teresa Harrison	Bede Murray
Arthur Binks	Mary Murphy
Joyce Hadfied	Ethel Craggs

**PEACE SUNDAY** is this Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> January. This year Pope Francis asks us to think about “A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace”. He calls on us to “strive daily, in concrete and practical ways, to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another”.

Join Pax Christi on Zoom to reflect on Pope Francis’ World Peace Day message, 6-7pm Saturday 16 January. Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/peace-sunday-2021-national-liturgy-tickets-133225849101>

**Northern Catholic Calendar and Ordo** - We have a greatly reduced number of Northern Catholic Calendars and a few copies of the Ordo available for £3 and £5 respectively. They can’t be left at the back of church but if anyone wants a copy please let Marjorie know.



## TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL – 200 CLUB RESULTS - January 2021

<b>1<sup>st</sup> (£50)</b>	<b>No. 31</b>
Mrs. A. Kelly	All Saints, Lanchester
W. Welsh	St. Bernadette, Wallsend
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> (£25)</b>	<b>No. 140</b>
F. Duffy	St. Joseph, Stanley
Monica Fleming	St. Mary, Bishop Auckland

*With many thanks for your continued support*

## **News from the Partnership - Retreat in Daily Life: 24<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> January**

The retreat brings the experience of an individually guided retreat to you, fitting around your work and study commitments. It involves roughly 30 min daily personal prayer & 30 min daily one-to-one meeting with a guide for 5 days. There is an opening (Sunday evening) and closing meeting (Friday) to top and tail the retreat and evening workshops exploring how to live out faith in this complex world. The workshop on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> will be 'Ignatian Spirituality', part of the Finchale Partnership's series on Spirituality. This year, all meetings and workshops will be held online, via Zoom or other platforms. Contact Fr Andrew Downie - email: [andrew.j.downie@durham.ac.uk](mailto:andrew.j.downie@durham.ac.uk), tel.: 0191 384 3442

## **Gilesgate Covid19 Support Group Urgent Appeal**

### **Toiletries for Patients in Co. Durham**

Due to an increased demand for their services, local hospitals are in immediate need of toiletries for patients at this difficult time. Please help the NHS by donating:

Toothpaste	Toothbrushes
Shower Gel	Shampoo
Combs/brushes	Flannels
Shaving cream	Razors

Collection points for donations are:

St. Cuthbert's Church, Old Elvet - contact Fr. Andrew Downie on 3843442

Sainsbury's, Cheveley Park, Belmont

Sainsbury's, Sunderland Road, Gilesgate

To avoid contagion, please do not take your donations to the hospital.

### **Mass Intentions**

You will see from the following page that Fr. Colm will say Mass privately for all the intentions which have been arranged over the period of church closure.

However, if you would prefer to be present for your particular intention, please contact Marjorie and she will re-arrange it.

# Mass Intentions for the Week



17<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**THERE WILL NOT BE ANY MASSES THIS WEEK**

Fr. Colm will say Mass for the following intentions at his daily private Masses:

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January  
Ambrose Burnside (Anniversary)

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January  
Bede Murray  
Deceased members of the Finn and Harrison Families  
Eileen Ingleby

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January  
Priest's Intention

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January  
Requiem Mass of Audrie Walsh

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January  
Arthur Binks (Anniversary)  
Mary Cusack

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January  
In thanksgiving for all who ensured our churches have been open

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January  
Requiem Mass of Eileen Ingleby

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January  
Bob Collinson Birthday Remembrance

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January  
Deceased members of the Brattesani Family  
Fiona Stevens and Oliver Lanigan

## St. Cuthbert's

Sun 17	Mon 18	Tue 19	Wed 20	Thurs 21	Fri 22	Sat 23	Sun 24
10.00am and 6.30pm (Pre booked attendance only)	No Mass	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	2.30pm Requiem Mass (by invitation only)	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm (Pre booked attendance only)