

*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 - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November** **33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year**

<b>Priest:</b>	Fr. Colm Hayden
<b>Parish Secretary</b>	Marjorie Towers 07391 529 827 (Tuesday-Friday, 8.30am- 4.00pm)
<b>Hospital Chaplain</b>	Fr. Paul Tully - 01388 818544

(Please telephone the Chaplain if you have someone in hospital who would like a visit)

**The news of a vaccine fills us with hope. Let's continue to pray for its success. We may have to wait for it, but it will be worth it.**

**Thanks to all for joining us in private prayer, especially those who joined in both churches.**

**A number of you have asked about Christmas Mass times. We simply have to wait until the present lockdown is over before a decision can be made.**

**What is certain is that it won't be like previous Christmases.**

## Feast Days

Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> November	St. Edmund of Abingdon Bp/St. Margaret of Scotland
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> November	St. Hilda of Whitby, Abbess
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Dedication of the Basilicas/Ss Peter and Paul
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> November	St. Edmund, King M
Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

## 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.

Prayers - please keep in your prayers:

Edward Newcombe	Nellie Stoker
Sheila Owens	Rose Marie Bruno
Sam Clarke	Sheila Wressell

## Anniversaries

Joe Hirst	Sylvia Shaw
Matthew Fletcher	

Please let Marjorie know if you would like your loved one mentioned in the bulletin on their anniversary. The diary for 2021 is now available for anniversaries next year. Please ring or email Marjorie, with your entry.

**Hospital visits:** The University Hospital of North Durham has suspended visiting of patients, with limited exceptions for children's wards, maternity wards and end-of-life patients. However, **the Catholic Chaplain is still able to visit patients**, and to bring them Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick. **If you know of a patient who wishes for a visit from the Catholic Hospital Chaplain, please inform Fr. Paul Tully on 01388 818544 or [frpaultully@outlook.com](mailto:frpaultully@outlook.com)**

## Bishop's Live Streamed Mass

Next Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, at 12.05pm Bishop Robert will live stream a Mass from the cathedral. This will be for all who have died of Covid-19 in recent months.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

During the lockdown, there can be no Mass/services in our churches. However, churches can remain open for private prayer, and below is a note of what arrangements have been made in the parish, commencing on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November.

**At St. Godric's**, there will be private prayer with Exposition on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9.30am-10.30am.

**At St. Joseph's**, there will be private prayer with Exposition on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.30am-10.30am.

Masks will still need to be worn and you will have to give your name and contact details to the steward who is checking people in, but **you do not have to book beforehand**.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Fr. Colm will say a private Mass every day during lockdown and will offer Mass for the list of intentions requested on the back page of this bulletin.

If you would prefer to attend Mass for your intention, please let Marjorie know and it can be moved.



## TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL - 200 CLUB

### Results – November 2020 Draw

1 <sup>st</sup> (£50)	No. 90
Pat Coulson	Ss. Mary & Joseph, Newton Aycliffe
Paula Siou	St. Charles', Gosforth
2 <sup>nd</sup> (£25)	No. 38
Helen Haywood	Parish of the Durham Martyrs
M. Keillor	St. Bernadette's, Wallsend

## News from the Partnership

The Finchale Partnership and the University Chaplaincy have organised a series of events on the Spirituality of the religious orders. The events take place on Zoom.

The third event in our series is The Spirituality of the Benedictines.

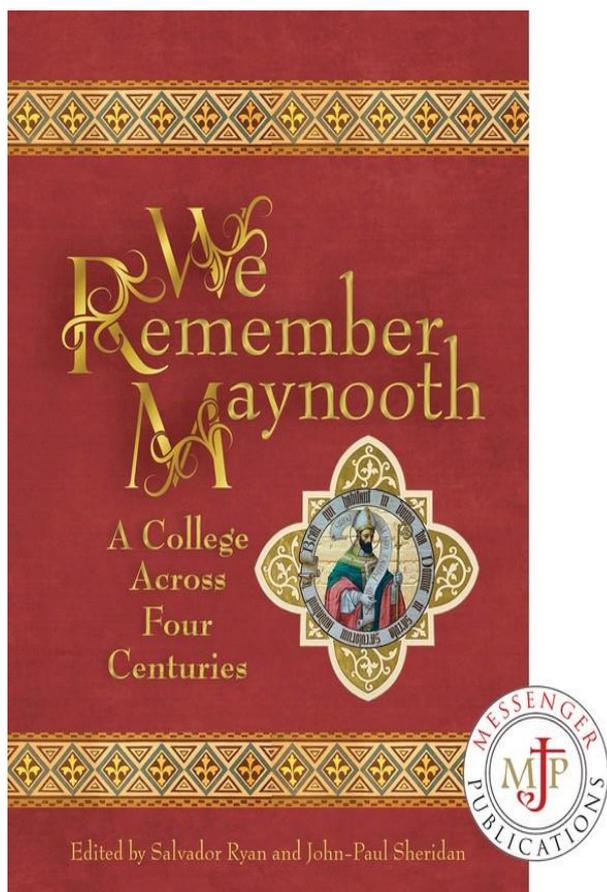
Speaker: Scholastica Jacob was a nun of Stanbrook Abbey, and is now living as a Benedictine in Durham, conducting research at the Centre for Catholic Studies on the experiences of English Benedictine nuns in the early 19th century.

Date: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm

Details of how to join the session are available in the parishes' Facebook groups or by contacting [margaretdoyle1066@sky.com](mailto:margaretdoyle1066@sky.com)

## News from the Centre for Catholic Studies

Online book launch: *We Remember Maynooth: A College Across Four Centuries* edited by Salvador Ryan and John-Paul Sheridan



Please join us for the  
**Virtual Launch of**

## **We Remember Maynooth.**

*A College Across Four Centuries*

Edited by Salvador Ryan & John-Paul Sheridan

7.30 pm

**Tuesday 17 November 2020**

### *Special Guests*

Professor Chris Morash

*Seamus Heaney Professor of Irish Writing, Trinity College Dublin*

Bishop Dermot Farrell

*former President, Maynooth College*

To receive your link to the launch please email Carolanne Henry

[c.henry@messenger.ie](mailto:c.henry@messenger.ie)

## **Minsteracres - Upcoming events, retreats and walks:**

### **November 2020**

**Quiet day** led by Sr. Rosarie Spence RSM on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**, 10.00am to 4.00pm - *An opportunity to step aside, listen to God in scripture and enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the countryside. Coffee and tea are provided. Please bring a packed lunch. £10.*

**Prophecy, Gratitude & Hope** (celebrating the third centenary of Passionist Congregation) on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> (7.00pm) to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November (2.00pm)** - *In 2020 the Passionist Congregation celebrates the third centenary of its foundation. We will honour this with a special retreat during which we will explore key elements of the Passionist tradition and spirituality and reflect on the message of the Word of the Cross for the world of today. £140.*

**Walking retreat** led by the Minsteracres Retreat Team on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**, 10.00am to 5.00pm - *Enjoy a walk of seven to ten miles. £10*

**Advent retreat** led by the Minsteracres Retreat Team on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> (7.00pm) to 29<sup>th</sup> November (2.00pm)** - *This Advent retreat offers space to prepare for the coming of the Lord. It will be conducted in Taizé style with Scripture reflections, Taizé chants and times of silence. £140.*

Minsteracres is a great space for self-led groups. Why not talk to us about booking space? Call us 01434 673248, or email [info@minsteracres.org](mailto:info@minsteracres.org). Find out more at [www.minsteracres.org](http://www.minsteracres.org).

**Ushaw - Volunteer Appeal** - Would you like the chance to work as a volunteer in a beautiful and historic setting? As one of the North East's most stunning and historic attractions, Ushaw is appealing for volunteers to help drive forward its return to glory. Set in a 500-acre estate near Durham City, it was built as a Catholic seminary and trained priests for over two centuries from 1808 to 2011. Trustees, together with an enthusiastic team of volunteers, are now working to turn Ushaw into a unique cultural attraction, events venue, business hub and conference centre which last year had 38,000 visitors. More volunteers are needed to help with major plans to widen Ushaw's appeal as one of the most beautiful and inspirational places in England.

Volunteer opportunities are open to all and Ushaw welcomes enquiries from anyone interested in joining our team, irrespective of the time they can commit each month. Ushaw offers a broad range of high quality volunteer roles and is looking for stewards, tour guides, shop assistants, gardeners, administration support, and sacristans. Volunteers are fully supported and receive an induction and training. For more information, email [volunteer-recruitment@ushaw.org](mailto:volunteer-recruitment@ushaw.org), call 0191 334 5119, or visit the website at [www.ushaw.org](http://www.ushaw.org).

**Appeal from the Northern Cross:** Could you help to support the ‘Northern Cross’, our diocesan newspaper? The annual cost is £36 for a paper edition through the post, or £20 for an online version. The November edition is available now.

Following our recent appeal, we are delighted to report that the future of the paper is looking more optimistic. This is due entirely to the positive response that we have received from parishioners right across Hexham and Newcastle. That initial appeal has already generated over 300 subscribers and means that the threat of closure is no longer imminent. Accordingly we wish to offer a heart-felt thank you to our 300+ subscribers whose support has meant that Northern Cross is able to continue.

However, the Coronavirus is, unfortunately, going to be part of our life for some time to come. In order to secure the long-term future of the paper we do need to build a significantly larger subscription base, hence this follow-up letter of appeal. In our original letter a target figure of 2,020 subscribers was proposed.

While this remains the longer-term aim we are now focussing on a more realistic, and we believe achievable, target of 1,000. This figure is based upon a much more detailed financial-analysis which incorporates the substantial volunteer input now being put into the production and delivery of the paper. The 300+ subscribers to date means that we have made a good start towards the 1,000 milestone. We feel confident that with your support we will get there.

What exactly are we asking?

1. That you consider taking out an individual annual subscription to Northern Cross (details below).
2. That you help us to publicise the subscription model to friends and fellow parishioners.
3. Christmas is approaching: why not think of buying a year’s subscription as a Christmas present for someone?

Please email [editor@northerncross.org.uk](mailto:editor@northerncross.org.uk) or call 01429 274 408 for more information. You can pay by cheque made out to Northern Cross and posted to: c/o WM Fortune & Son, Collingwood House, Church Square, Hartlepool, TS24 7EN or make a BACS transfer to: Northern Cross. Account number: 81602292. Sort code: 40-43-11

With all best wishes,

Fr. Dennis Tindall  
Chairman, Board of Northern Cross

# Mass Intentions for the Week

15<sup>th</sup> November 2020

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 14 November	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER David Adams (To be said privately by Fr. Colm)
Sunday 15 November	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER  Maura Cullen (To be said privately by Fr. Colm)	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER  Joseph and Kathleen Glennon (To be said privately by Fr. Com))
Monday 16 November	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Tuesday 17 November	9.30am - 10.30am Private Prayer with Exposition The McPartlin Family (To be said privately by Fr. Colm)	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Wednesday 18 November	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.30am - 10.30am Private Prayer with Exposition Deceased members of the Binks and Thompson Families (To be said privately by Fr. Colm)
Thursday 19 November	9.30am - 10.30am Private Prayer with Exposition Deceased members of the Hoban Family (To be said privately by Fr. Colm)	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Friday 20 November	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.30am - 10.30am Private Prayer with Exposition Brendan Murphy and Frank Dowdle (To be said privately by Fr. Colm)
Saturday 21 November	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER Deceased Members of the Hunter and Equi Families (To be said privately by Fr. Colm)
Sunday 22 November	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER Jim Cullen (To be said privately by Fr. Colm)	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER Austin Flynn (Anniversary) (To be said privately by Fr. Colm)

## St. Cuthbert's

Sunday 15	Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wed 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20	Saturday 21
Private Mass	Private Mass	5.00-6.00pm Private Prayer	Private Mass	5.00-6.00pm Private Prayer	Private Mass	9.30-10.30am Private Prayer