

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 9th August **19th Sunday of the Year (Year A, part 2)**

Priest:

Parish Secretary

Hospital Chaplain

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

SVP Confidential number 07596 821 0

For bereavement support, please contact the Parish Secretary

Fr. Colm Hayden

Marjorie Towers **07391 529 827**

(Tuesday-Friday, 8.30am- 4.00pm)

Fr. Paul Tully - 01388 818544

Our parish Council continued discussion on the challenges presented by Covid. The Hardship Fund, mental health issues and safeguarding were to the fore.

We slowly move forward and part of moving forward this weekend will be the opening of St. Joseph's for Sunday Mass. Do be patient with our adjusting to these changes, they will take time.

And, they may change again!

Feast Days

Saturday, 8th August	St. Dominic P
Monday, 10th August	St. Laurence, Deacon, M
Tuesday, 11th August	St. Clare of Assisi V
Wednesday, 12th August	St. Jane Frances de Chantal Rel
Thursday, 13th August	Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus P, MM
Friday, 14th August	St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe P, M
Sunday, 16th August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Parish Buildings

The Parish Office, Presbyteries and all church buildings **continue to be officially closed to all visitors** and the **parish secretary** can be contacted by email - secretary.stjandstg@btconnect.com and mobile on all parish matters. The number is 07391 529 827.



Funerals this week

Olga Oliver whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Joseph's on Wednesday, 12th August at 10.00am followed by burial in Belmont Cemetery.

Terri Riddle, whose Requiem Mass will take place at St. Godric's on Tuesday, 11th August at 10.00am.

Attendance at Funerals - Owing to the Government restrictions on numbers currently in place, numbers attending should be minimised, and capped at 30 people. Guidance states that only the following should attend: members of the deceased person's household, close family members, and close friends who have been invited by the family, keeping the total to 30.

Prayers - please keep in your prayers:

Julie Thompson	Nellie Stoker
Edward Newcombe	

Anniversaries

Pauline Pepper	William Birney
Doris Heseltine	

Please let Marjorie know if you would like your loved one mentioned in the bulletin on their anniversary.

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

Church Re-opening

During the first few months you will notice a number of differences when attending church. The experience, although welcomed, will certainly not be what we have enjoyed for many years. Please bear with us during this period.

For example: Face masks are to be worn at all services in St. Godric's and St. Joseph's. Social distancing determines that the number attending any service is restricted.

To ensure that we can safely accommodate you, and have the correct number of Stewards and Eucharistic Ministers at Mass, it will be necessary to contact Marjorie, our parish secretary, either by telephone 07391 529 827 or email secretary.stjandstg@btconnect.com requesting a place. In accordance with Government Guidelines, and each time you reserve a place, she will need your **name and a contact number for track and trace purposes, should this become necessary.**

For Mass the capacity of our churches is limited to about 20% of the norm. For Saturday, Sunday, and Tuesday Masses, the deadline for requesting a place at Mass is 4.00pm on Friday and for Masses on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, you can make your request up to 4.00pm the day before.

At a recent Mass, we had 28 people attending, however only 14 had pre-booked. Please help us to keep you safe, and book your place beforehand.

If you are unable to get a place at a weekend Mass, remember there is Mass during the week. Our obligation to attend Sunday mass is waived at present.

May we take this opportunity of asking those who are vulnerable not to come to mass at present.

The reception of Holy Communion will by necessity have to be controlled and our volunteer stewards will guide you. In order to reduce the risk of Covid 19 following the reception of the Blessed Sacrament, which will be received only in the hand, you will be expected to leave the church immediately, and you are asked to leave the church surrounds immediately.

Parish Finance

A big "Thank you" is due to everyone who, during the period when our churches have been closed, have felt able to continue to support the Parish with your donations towards church funds along with your generous support of the Hardship Fund. It is very much appreciated,

You may be interested to know that during the four-month period when our churches were closed our income has fallen by £2,500 per month. Now that our churches are happily open for Mass again many parishioners are choosing to attend one of the weekday masses rather than the Sunday Masses with their larger attendances. At each of the daily Masses there is now a collection plate at the back of the church on which weekday Mass goers can place their weekly offertory contributions. If you do not yet feel ready to commence attending Mass again, please continue to make your contribution by bank transfer to our bank quoting the following details:

Sort Code 40-34-45 A/C No 51179306

A/C Name DHN Durham The Durham Martyrs

OR by cheque or cash

to Fred Haywood, Parish Treasurer, The Beeches, Grove House Drive, Gilesgate, Durham, DH1 1UP.

Please indicate when you make your donation if it should be applied to the General Fund or the Hardship Fund. *Thanks, Fred Haywood.*

Durham Martyrs Justice and Peace Group

Many thanks to all who have supported the work of the Justice and Peace Group. Through your generosity we have been able to make a payment of £200 to support the work of Adhanur Helping Hands (India).

May we also take this opportunity to offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Terri Riddle. As well as being a very kind and generous person, Terri was also a great supporter of the Justice and Peace Group over many years. She will be sadly missed.

News from the Partnership

NEPACS is a North-East charity which aims to promote a positive future for prisoners, offenders and their relatives by supporting family ties at every stage of the criminal justice system. Some of our parishioners volunteer with NEPACS, and we regularly support their appeal for toiletries and other basic items to help prisoners on their release. A representative of NEPACS will give us a Zoom presentation on the work of the charity on **Thursday 20th August at 7.00pm**. Put the date in your diary now. *Margaret Doyle.*

Mass Intentions for the Week

9th August 2020

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 8 August	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm David Adams
Sunday 9 August	9.00am The McGahon Family	11.00am Charles Burnside Bill Hannigan Doris Heseltine
Monday 10 August	2.00-3.00pm Private Prayer	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Tuesday 11 August	10.00am Requiem Mass of Terrie Riddle	2.00-3.00pm Private Prayer
Wednesday 12 August	2.00-3.00pm Private Prayer	10.00am Requiem Mass of Olga Oliver
Thursday 13 August	10.00am Agnes Lord Terrie Riddle	2.00-3.00pm Private Prayer
Friday 14 August	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	10.00am Olga Oliver Anne-Marie Melvin, Birthday Remembrance
Saturday 15 August	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm William Birney Eileen McKay
Sunday 16 August	9.00am Terry and Lucy McGahon Alf Hanely	11.00am The Burnside Family Olga Oliver