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 - 2nd - 10th November 2019
Sunday 3rd November - 31st Sunday of the Year

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We are now in the season of Remembrance.

"It has been said, 'time heals all wounds.' I do not agree. The wounds remain. In time, the mind, protecting its sanity, covers them with scar tissue and the pain lessens. But it is never gone." Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy. And so these sobering words from a mother, who should know, are a stark reminder of this month being especially precious in the Church's calendar. None of us are saints. None of us would want to be around those who are saints for too long! We struggle on, hoping to gain some semblance of holiness - whatever that word actually means! But we are encouraged to go for it, and in going for it, to remember those relatives and friends who also tried.

There are many ways to help us remember. In faith, we have a real privilege and strength. We have the Mass, at which the dead are always given a special mention. The Blessed Sacrament is the Eucharist and is there for all of us to avail daily. We can come to St. Godric's in quiet remembrance, pray for our loved ones. There will be reminders at the altar of those who died in War, but there are candles to light, prayers to pray and staying in the silence of our own thoughts and memories of those we fondly remember, and perhaps more challenging, remembering those who still need healing of relationship. All a part of this wonderful time of year.

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The First Time Percy Came Back, by Mary Oliver

"Yes it's all different," he said. "You're going to be very surprised."

But I wasn't thinking of that. I only wanted to hold him.

"Listen," he said, "I miss that too. And now you'll be telling stories of my coming back and they won't be false, and they won't be true, but they'll be real".

And then, as he used to, he said "Let's go!" and we walked down the beach together.

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Confession:

St. Godric's Saturday: 10.30am-11.00am
St. Joseph's Saturday: 9.15am-9.45am and 4.15pm-4.45pm

Feast Days

Saturday, 2nd November	**Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed**
Monday, 4th November	**St. Charles Borromeo Bp**
Thursday, 5th November	**St. Willibrord Bp**
Saturday, 9th November	**The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

What's On

Saturday, 2nd Nov	**Faith and Light, 2.30-4.30pm, Jubilee Room**
Sunday, 3rd November	**Music Rehearsal, Don Bosco, 6.00-7.00pm**
Wednesday, 6th Nov	**(i) Wednesday Lunch, 12.00-1.00pm , St. Joseph's** **(ii) Ladies Circle, 1.30pm, Don Bosco Room** **(iii) Frontier Group, 6.00-9.00pm, Jubilee Room** **(iv) Liturgy Group, Don Bosco Room, 7.30pm**
Thursday, 7th Nov	**Coffee Morning, St. Godric's Church, 10.30am**
Sunday, 10th November	**Music Rehearsal, Don Bosco, 6.00-7.00pm**

Sympathy - we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Dennis Cummings and the late Pat Hodgson who both sadly passed away this week.

Funeral Arrangements
Dennis Cummings, Tuesday 12th November at Durham Crematorium, 11.30am

Pat Hodgson, Requiem Mass, St. Joseph's, Tuesday, 5th November at 2.30pm followed by burial at Sherburn Cemetery. *Requiescant in pace*.

Baptism - we welcome into our parish community Gabriella Harvey and Poppy Hogarth, who will both be Baptised after the 11.00am Mass this Sunday, 3rd November, at St. Joseph's.

Bible and Breakfast, Scripture and Toast
Karen Kilby, Bede Professor of Catholic Theology, and Dori Berahya, a qualified spiritual director, will be leading a discussion group for the four Sundays of Advent (1, 8, 15, and 22 December), immediately after 9:00 mass in St Godric's. The group will convene in the nearby Cosy Club restaurant, where we will reflect together on the readings for the day and their significance in our lives today, in line with the Bishop's year of The God Who Speaks. For more information, feel free to contact Dori at dori0713@aol.com

Memorial Sunday - our annual Memorial Sunday Mass will take place on **Sunday 17th November** at St. Joseph's at 3.00pm. All parishioners who have been bereaved during the year November 2018-November 2019 have received a personal invitation from Fr. Colm to come along and light a candle in remembrance of their loved ones. Fr. Colm will light three larger candles (one for each Mass centre) which represent the deceased members of our parish and our families and friends. These will remain on the altar and be lit at every Mass until they are burnt out.

Please come along to the Mass, and join us for seasonal refreshments in the Don Bosco Room afterwards. Everyone welcome.

Parish Council - the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 19th November. If you have any items which you would like to be discussed, please let Marjorie know by **13th November**.

Confirmation preparation
Our candidates now only have one more session of preparation on 11th November at 6pm, before the celebration of the Sacrament on Sunday 24th November at 3pm, at St Joseph's. The Bishop will be Confirming our young people and they have done a lot of planning of their Confirmation Mass. Please keep them in their prayers over the next few weeks. Look out for the display about their chosen patron saints, we are sure that you will be inspired by the holy men and women they have chosen as examples of faith.

News from St. Godric's Steering Group
St. Godric's church now has a digital projector and screen which can be used to project the output from a Windows or Apple laptop. Do any parishioners have a spare iPad (of any vintage as long as it has a Lightning connector) which they could donate to the parish so that it could be operated directly and more simply from a dedicated tablet? If you are able to help please contact the parish secretary.

RUSSIAN CHOIR CONCERT
WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 7.OOPM 2019 ST GODRIC'S CHURCH
Tickets now on sale - £10/free for unwaged. As last year we also are asking for help with accommodation for the members of the choir on the evening of the 20th. If you are able to help in this regard please let me or Marjorie know. *Joe Hughes*

Asylum Seekers Project - our usual monthly parish collection of tinned food will take place over **this** weekend, **2nd/3rd November**. Thank you for your continued and generous support.

Important Safeguarding Announcement
DBS Drop-in Session - Sunday 24th November
Anyone who is helping out within the church in roles that require a Disclosure and Barring Service certificate must have a re-check every three years. By the end of March 2020 those volunteers who do not have a current DBS certificate will be asked to step down from their role until their DBS check has been completed.

To help avoid this happening we have been successful in obtaining another drop-in session from the Diocese for Sunday 24th November around the 11.00 mass, starting at 10.15 am and again immediately after the end of mass. It will be located in the Don Bosco room at St Joseph's Church. DBS forms will be available and can be completed with the support of the administrative team. Please bring along original ID documents (including proof of any name changes) to verify your application. If you are unsure about whether you need to attend, or you would like to complete forms in advance, please contact Dennis Bradley (St Joseph's) or Kathleen Murray (St Godric's). Further information will be provided nearer the date of the session.

Red Sunday - Coffee Morning - St. Godric's Church, 24th November
There will be a coffee morning with tombola and raffle following the 9.00am Mass at St. Godric's Church to raise funds for **Aid to the Church in Need**. All are welcome.

Advent Charity Soup Lunches
We will hold our annual Advent Charity Soup Lunches on the following Friday's in December - 6th, 13th and 20th December.

Please let Marjorie know whether your group would like to host one:

Tales from an Emperor's Navel - Wednesday, November 13th at 1.30pm
Following the usual Lunch Club, we are delighted to present an illustrated talk in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's, by James (John) Gilman, formally of her Majesty's Intelligence Service, John writes, "I hope this will attract some interest! An ancient Chinese sage once said that it was better to be a flea in the navel of the Emperor of China than king of a barbarian horde at the city gates. I spent my first few years embedded in the emperor's navel and was very glad of the experience, so have used this as the title of my memoirs!"
Everyone welcome! Come and enjoy what promises to be a fascinating afternoon!

Public Lecture Organised by the Centre for Catholic Studies (CCS), Durham University

Tuesday 12 November : Public Lecture by **Bishop Robert Byrne, CO:** *Newman: A Saint for Our Time*. At St. Cuthbert's Catholic Church, Old Elvet, Durham. 6.30pm Vespers, 7pm Lecture, 8.15pm Drinks, 8.45pm Close. Organised in conjunction with Durham University Catholic Chaplaincy. Entry is free of charge. Space at this lecture is limited so registration **is essential via** https://centreforcatholicstudies.eventbrite.com or by telephoning the CCS on 0191 334 1656.

Minsteracres:

Coming up at Minsteracres:

The God who Speaks – Year of the Word

Friday 15th (7.00pm) – Saturday 16th November (5.00pm); Music – Word – Prayer, Preparing for "***The God who Speaks: Year of the Word***" with Paul Inwood. Cost of £65 (NB. Saturday only 10.00am – 5.00pm including lunch & refreshments £25).

For more information and bookings, visit our website, email: info@minsteracres.org or call us on 01434 673248.

Saturday 16th November, 10.00am – 5.00pm; **Walking Retreat** with the Minsteracres team. Enjoy a walk of seven to ten miles through the beautiful countryside around Minsteracres, with time for prayer, reflection and sharing of the beauty of creation. Bring suitable walking boots, warm weatherproof clothing and packed lunch.

Wednesday 20th November, 10.00am – 4.00pm; **Quiet Day** with Sr. Rosarie Spence RSM. This day offers 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.

Tuesday 26th November, Registration 9.00am, Holy Mass 12.00 noon. **The Gift of Living in The Divine Will** with Tony Hickey. A one day Conference studying the fulfilment of the '*Fiat Voluntas Tua*' on earth as it is in Heaven, as presented in the writings of Luisa Piccarreta.

Friday 29th November (7.00pm) – Sunday 1 December (2.00pm); Advent retreat with Pat Kennedy. The time is now. Will you come? How willing are you to be in the manger? Pat Kennedy works with the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle in Adult Formation, training of the permanent diaconate and charismatic renewal.

For more information about Minsteracres and our full programme visit our website or call us on 01434 673248.

DURHAM MARTYRS' YOUTH MINISTRY

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I hope you have all had a wonderful week, whether working, relaxing at home, revising at home or enjoying the holidays somewhere else! A great term is ahead of us filled with wonderful activities and opportunities for all ages!

Join us at 'The Garden'
Prayer group for those 18 - 35 yrs
Thursday 14th November , Jubilee room, St Joseph's, 7 - 9pm
Food, prayer, scripture and community!

Youth Ministry Conference at St Mary's Cathedral
9th November, 1-3pm open to all!
Katie Prejean McGrady is the guest speaker - anyone joining us will be in for a treat!

If you are interested in joining us at this event drop me an email/give me a call.

Katie Flood

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Exposition at St. Godric's Monday – Saturday afternoons from 2.00pm-3.00pm and on Sundays, from 3.00-4.00pm

	St Bede's/St Godric's School	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 2 November		**10.00am** Frank & Bernard McGoay	**10.00am** Claire Faith Segovia **5.00pm** Philip Gibson and Keith Heslop
Sunday 3 November		**9.00am** Frank & Bernard McGoay **3.00-4.00pm Exposition**	**11.00am** Special Intention (BF)
Monday 4 November	**9.15am** Service of Word & Holy Communion	**10.00am** Service of Word & Holy Communion	**9.15am** Service of Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 5 November	**9.15am** Service of Word & Holy Communion	**10.00am** Bill Hannigan	**2.30pm Requiem Mass of Pat Hodgson**
Wednesday 6 November	**9.15am** Susannah and George Michiels	**10.00am**	**9.15am** Service of Word & Holy Communion
Thursday 7 November	**9.15am** Service of Word & Holy Communion	**9.30am - Exposition 10.00am** Special Intention (BF)	**9.15am** Emily Gibbon (Illness)
Friday 8 November	**9.15am** Deceased Priests of the Diocese	**10.00am**	**9.15am** Service of Word & Holy Communion **7.00pm Mass for Martin McHale**
Saturday 9 November		**10.00am**	**10.00am** Deceased members of the Gibbon Family **5.00pm** - David Adams
Sunday 10 November		**9.00am** Special Intention (BF) **3.00-4.00pm Exposition**	**11.00am** Bernard Murphy

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 3	Mon 4	Tue 5	Wed 6	Thurs 7	Fri 8	Sat 9	Sun 10
10.00am and 6.30pm	**12.15pm**	**12.15pm**	**7.00am and 12.15pm**	**7.00am and 12.15pm**	**12.15pm**	**10.00am (Mass for the Bereaved)**	10.00am and 6.30pm