

*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 11<sup>th</sup> October 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**

**Priest:**

Fr. Colm Hayden

**Parish Secretary**

Marjorie Towers **07391 529 827**

(Tuesday-Friday, 8.30am- 4.00pm)

**Hospital Chaplain**

Fr. Paul Tully - 01388 818544

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

For bereavement support, please contact the Parish Secretary

**Congratulations to Dan Murray on his recent appointment as head at St. Cuthbert's Catholic High School in Newcastle. Dan has been a great support to many students and parents in our parish over the years whilst at St. Leonard's. He is also chair of governors to the Federated schools of St. Thomas More and St. Joseph's. We wish Dan well and I know he will do a great job. Well done Dan.**

**The Hardship Fund will be given importance at all Masses this weekend. Again, a big thank you to the parish team running with this.**

**Our Listening Support Group are also getting into their stride. More from them soon.**

**Tough times! It's a clarion call for us, as parishioners, to keep eyes and ears open to those most vulnerable.**

## Feast Days

Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> October	St. Wilfrid Bp
Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> October	St. Edward the Confessor, King
Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> October	St. Callistus
Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> October	St. Teresa of Avila V,D
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October	St. Margaret Mary Alacoque V/St. Hedwig Rel
Saturday, 17 <sup>th</sup> October	St. Ignatius of Antioch Bp, M

## 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](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 David Miller who died this week. His funeral details have not yet been finalised.

Sympathy also to Betty Eccles and family on the loss of her brother-in-law Raymond. *Requiescant in pace.*

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

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

## Anniversaries

James Lyons	Ellen Fisher

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](mailto:frpaultully@outlook.com)

**St. Joseph's RCVA Primary School** will be open on Thursday evenings between 4pm and 6pm for tours of the school for parents and carers considering a place for their child. Unfortunately we are unable to offer an open morning due to coronavirus restrictions. If you would like to visit the school please email [stjosephgilesgate@durhamlearning.net](mailto:stjosephgilesgate@durhamlearning.net) to book an appointment.

**St Thomas More RCVA Primary School** will be open on Monday evenings between 4pm and 6pm for tours of the school for parents and carers considering a place for their child. Unfortunately we are unable to offer an open morning due to coronavirus restrictions. If you would like to visit the school please email [stthomasmore@durhamlearning.net](mailto:stthomasmore@durhamlearning.net) to book an appointment.

### **St. Godric's Catholic Primary School - Admissions 2021**

St. Godric's Catholic Primary School would like to invite you to join them on a virtual tour of their super school. Please see video on our school website. If you have any questions then please contact the school office on 0191 3847452.

### **Second Collection - next weekend**

There will be a second collection next weekend, **17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> October for World Mission Sunday**. This collection is **not eligible** for Diocesan Gift Aid, so if you wish to contribute, please put your donation in the basket at the back of church. You can also donate online at [www.mission.org.uk](http://www.mission.org.uk) Thank you.



### **Parish Baptism Programme**

It has been agreed that the Baptism Programme can re-commence over the coming months. We had to cancel the Programme arranged for March, owing to the pandemic, which was disappointing for the 10 families who had signed up for it.

Mrs. Christine Coxon will be contacting these families to explain how we propose to offer the Programme in accordance with the current restrictions and Public Health and Safety Guidelines.

If you would like to register for the Programme, please contact the parish secretary in the first instance, and she will send you a Registration Form.

### **Prisoners' Sunday and Homelessness Sunday**

This year we mark Prisoners' Sunday on 11<sup>th</sup> October, which begins a week of prayer not only for prisoners, but also for victims of crime, families, those working in prisons and others. For more information, to make a donation or to access the prayer leaflets, please visit the website: [www.prisonersweek.org](http://www.prisonersweek.org)

We also mark Homelessness Sunday today and we are asked to keep those people who are sleeping rough in our prayers too:

God of compassion,  
your love for humanity was revealed in Jesus,  
whose earthly life began in the poverty of a stable  
and ended in the pain and isolation of the cross:  
we hold before you those who are homeless and cold  
especially in the bitter weather.  
Draw near and comfort them in spirit  
and bless those who work to provide them  
with shelter, food and friendship.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.  
Amen.

## **October the Month of the Rosary**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 there will be a 'Rosary Whirlwind' across the British Isles. This will involve people across the country praying the rosary at 8 pm. To sign up a group from your parish to be placed on the virtual map, access the website: [www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk](http://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk)

On the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020, the diocese will be taking part in a Rosary Rally, with different dioceses from across the country having a designated time slot to ensure the rosary is prayed continuously throughout the day from 9 am to 9 pm. For more information register at [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk)

## **Justice and Peace AGM**

The Justice and Peace Co-ordinating Council will be having its AGM by Zoom on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

We will be reporting on the progress made so far on the priorities agreed at our last AGM around embedding the Social and Environmental Justice policy into the Diocese and securing the future management of the Justice and Peace refugee project. There will also be opportunities to join the Council and vote in our new officers for the next year and set our priorities for the coming year. We are hoping to have a keynote speaker to talk to us about Catholic Integral Ecology.

We really hope that people from across the Diocese with an interest in Justice and Peace will sign up to join us. Please email [lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com](mailto:lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com) to register your interest. Joining details will be sent out nearer the date.

## **Justice and Peace Refugee Project**

While the Refugee Project remains closed physically it continues to provide much-needed support to hundreds of Refugees and Asylum Seekers and their families.

This has been made possible by a one-off grant from the Albert Gubay Foundation and the ongoing generosity of parishes and individuals in our Diocese. We have been able to continue the successful supermarket voucher scheme, sending digital vouchers to the mobile phones of clients so they can purchase goods to help them cope during the current crisis. The grant will be spent by October, so we will then need to reappraise our approach. We are working carefully to prepare for the safe re-opening of the project in some form.

We are delighted to report that we have appointed Sara Harris to the post of Project Co-ordinator. Sara brings with her a wealth of experience in the voluntary sector and has already started to use her skills to support the asylum seekers and refugees we serve.

## Coming to Mass

Face masks continue 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](mailto:secretary.stjandstg@btconnect.com) requesting a place. In accordance with Government Guidelines, and **each time you reserve a place, whether by telephone or email**, she will need your **name and a contact number for track and trace purposes, should this become necessary. If you leave a voicemail message, please leave your number as well.**

**Change to booking system - For Saturday and Sunday Masses, the deadline for requesting a place at Mass is 2.00pm on Friday. You no longer need to book a place at the weekday Masses, but will have to give your contact details to the stewards on arrival.**

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.

### **Please note:**

In line with the launch of the Government's NHS Covid-19 Track and Trace App, we have posters with the QR code at the entrances to both of our churches. Parishioners can scan the QR code using their mobile phones to help with contract tracing. This system will work alongside our booking in process.

Also, we need to keep the church doors open to help with fresh air circulation, so as the weather gets colder, people may wish to dress warmly.

### **Parish Finance**

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 that it should be applied to the General Fund.

## **DURHAM MARTYRS' PARISH HARDSHIP FUND**

A heartfelt thanks to the many parishioners who have given so generously to the Parish Hardship Fund. However, we know that the economic impact of the Coronavirus is far from over. Indeed when the furlough scheme ends many more jobs are likely to go. Consequently we are asking that if you are able to donate further to the fund please think about doing so as the need is going to grow over the forthcoming weeks and months.

We are also asking for your assistance in spreading the word around the parish about the existence of the Hardship Fund. We are concerned that there may well be families in need of support who are unaware of this parish-based avenue of help.

To access the Fund, applicants should complete the application form which is available on the parish website, or by contacting the parish secretary on 07391 529827. There is also a confidential email - [durhamsaints@outlook.com](mailto:durhamsaints@outlook.com)

### **How to give to the Hardship Fund**

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 that it is for the Hardship Fund. Once again, thank you for your support.



St Vincent  
de Paul Society  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action

### **SVP Awareness Month 2020**

Traditionally the SVP runs an awareness month programme in September to coincide with the feast days of Frederic Ozanam on the 9<sup>th</sup> and St Vincent de Paul on the 27<sup>th</sup>. 2020

is not a usual year. Due to Coronavirus there are strict limitations on what members can do.

Every year 10,000 SVP members across England and Wales help 70,000 people in need. This year with Covid 19 crisis loneliness, depression, and food poverty have been on the rise and more people have decided to help by volunteering with the SVP.

We all know the suffering around the country. Yet the problems still keep coming. Unemployment is rising. Poverty, hunger, and homelessness is on the rise. The government rule forbidding landlords from evicting tenants is about to be lifted.

The Durham Martyrs' SVP have been doing vital work during the Covid 19 pandemic. We have been delivering groceries to vulnerable people and providing food to families who are struggling. If there have been things we cannot help with we have asked others in the parish to help us.

In addition we have been phoning or writing to people on their own, providing friendship and someone to talk to. If you know anyone who needs help or would like a phone call please ring Margaret 3869437 or the Parish Secretary 07391529827. The SVP will rise to the challenge, just as we have done since 1833.



# Mass Intentions for the Week

11<sup>th</sup> October 2020

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 10 October	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm David Adams
Sunday 11 October	9.00am Mr. M. A. Abrahams	11.00am The Flunder Family
Monday 12 October	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Tuesday 13 October	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Joe Fewster	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Wednesday 14 October	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Ken Hellyn
Thursday 15 October	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Private Intention (HP)	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Friday 16 October	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Brendan Murphy
Saturday 17 October	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Philip Gibson (Birthday Remembrance)
Sunday 18 October	9.00am Joan Humble	11.00am Claire Aylett (Anniversary)

## St. Cuthbert's

Sunday 11	Monday 12	Tuesday 13	Wed 14	Thursday 15	Friday 16	Saturday 17
10.00am & 6.30pm Mass Pre-booked attendance only	No Mass	12.15pm	7.00pm	5.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am