

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 31st May - Pentecost



Priest:

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Parish Secretary

Marjorie Towers **07391 529 827**

Office hours 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)

SVP Confidential number 07596 821 0

For bereavement support, please contact the Parish Secretary

No definite dates for church re-opening have been set, as yet. The obvious plan would be to initially open one church for prayer. Then at some future date, open for Mass.

As you can imagine, this will be very complicated. Your health, however, is a priority. And so, the specifics of these plans are being worked on at a co-ordinated level throughout the country, the diocese, the Partnership and the parish. Of course, one of our most challenging tasks is the possible implementation of whatever plans being made without the presence of our senior and vulnerable parishioners and clergy.

And so, can I ask those in that under-70 age bracket - and there are not a great number - please be on alert to prepare. Thanks.

The phasing out of lockdown is to be welcome but we are most certainly not out of the woods. There are issues that continue to be a concern for all of us, such as the continuing mental strain on some. The financial strain seems less obvious now, but down the road this might become more obvious. While "Stay Alert" is a social distancing slogan, it must take on a deeper meaning for us, as members of a Christian Community. Wonderful expressions of care have already been shown in our parish, so please, do not ease up on that care. Thanks.

Sadly, Dennis Hawley passed away last weekend. A faithful presence at our 11.00am Mass. Despite having to use a voice box to speak, he never showed the slightest self pity. A gentleman to the end. May he rest in peace.

Feast Days

Monday, 1 st June	Mary, Mother of the Church
Tuesday, 2 nd June	Ss. Marcellinus and Peter MM
Wednesday, 3 rd June	St. Charles Lwanga & Companions MM
Thursday, 4 th June	St. Our Lord Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest
Friday, 5 th June	St. Boniface Bp, M
Saturday, 6 th June	St. Norbert Bp

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 new number is 07391 529 827.

If you would like to join the Parish Contact Team as a volunteer, or if you know of - or you are - a vulnerable person who needs assistance, please ring Katie on 07483 369 561.



Sympathy - we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Dennis Hawley, who recently passed away.

Requiescat in pace.

Mass Intentions this week

Sunday, 31 st May	Cara Armstrong McKay and Vera Hannigan
Monday, 1 st June	Priest's Intention
Tuesday, 2 nd June	The Murray Family
Wednesday, 3 rd June	Brian O'Connor
Thursday, 4 th June	Moira and Suzanne Kelly
Friday, 5 th June	Ray Elliot
Saturday, 6 th June	Jack and Marie Bradley

There are quite a lot of Mass Intention slots available throughout the second half of June, July and beyond. Please contact Marjorie if you would like to put a Mass in for someone.

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

Parish Finances During Lockdown - If you wish to make a payment by **bank transfer**, please contact your bank and ask them to make a bank transfer of the amount you wish to donate to the following account:

Bank: HSBC

Sort code: 40-34-45

Account Number: 51179306

Account Name: DHN Durham The Durham Martyrs

By cheque or cash (please make cheques payable to 'Parish of the Durham Martyrs')

Send your donation to our Parish Treasurer, Mr. Fred Haywood at:

The Beeches, Grove House Drive, Gilesgate, Durham, DH1 1UP.

Thank you, Fred Haywood.

Thank You The family of the late Agnes Henderson would like to thank the parishioners who took Holy Communion to Agnes when she was in St. Aidan's Care Home, with special thanks to Pat Quigley.

Mass and prayer available online

<http://walsingham.org.uk/live-stream> - Live Mass at 12 noon every day

<https://mass-online.org/daily-holy-mass-live-online/> - Live Masses throughout the day from around the world

<https://www.churchservices.tv> - Mass, Rosary and prayer throughout the day

There will also be the following available on our social media and YouTube channel:

Live Rosary every Weekday - 10:30am. Live Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every weekday. Also, Fr. Colm will be saying Mass privately at 10.00am on Sunday mornings, so please join him in prayer.

WORD SEARCH - ONLY FOOLS AND HORSES

The listed words can all be found in the grid - running forwards, backwards, up, own and diagonally - EXCEPT ONE!

Last week, the word that wasn't in the grid was SPATULA.

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L	E	U	Q	A	R	M	Y	L
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BOYCIE
CASSANDRA
DEL BOY
DENZIL
GRANDAD

MARLENE
RAQUEL
RODNEY
TRIGGER
UNCLE ALBERT