

*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: 22<sup>nd</sup> February - 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020**  
**Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**

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Welcome back to our teachers and students after, what I hope was, a very relaxed break. I hope Storm Dennis didn't disrupt any holiday plans. We now move into the lovely Season of Lent, which begins next Wednesday (Ash). Do keep an eye to the events in the parish, such as Friday soup, which support various groups within the parish. Mass times and confession times. Reconciliation Services (First Holy Communion and Partnership).

Exposition is as usual at St Godric's, and perhaps Lent affords an opportunity to spend some time in silence before the Blessed Sacrament. It is always very supportive to have others quietly present with you in prayer. You'd be surprised at how helpful this is. Words unnecessary. Just presence.

And on the subject Mass times - Fr Robert Riedling, former PP at Langley Moor, will be taking up residence at St Bede's Presbytery for the next few months, as he completes his studies, before returning to Australia. Most of you will know Fr Robert from his helping out here in the past. He will continue to help here, but his priority is completing his studies, and will only assist with Mass, whenever possible. Can I thank Tim Madeley at the Cafod Office for his welcome to Fr Robert. It highlighted our need, as Parish, to ensure that our buildings across the parish are constantly maintained. Services of Word and Communion will be affected over the coming months of Fr. Roberts residence, so do keep an eye to the bulletin.

Can we also welcome Fr Paul Hopper into the Partnership. Fr Paul is a Spiritan (formerly Holy Ghost Fathers), with wide experience in Australia and Africa. He takes up residence at St Patrick's, Langley Moor as Parish Priest.

"We would rather be ruined than changed. We would rather die in our dread. Than climb the Cross of the moment and let our illusions die."

( W. H. Auden)

## 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, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle
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## What's On

Saturday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Big Brew Coffee Morning, St. Joseph's, 10.30am
Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	*Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm, Jubilee Room, St. Joseph's *Frontier Group, Jubilee Room, 6.00-9.00pm
Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> February	* Signpost Youth Group, Jubilee Room, 5.00-6.30pm * PDG Meeting, Don Bosco Room, 7.15-9.00pm
Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> February	*Lenten Charity Soup Lunch, Don Bosco, 12.00-1.00pm *Film Night, Jubilee Room, 6.00-9.00pm



### Ash Wednesday - 26<sup>th</sup> February

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence, or another act of self-denial and Ash Wednesday Masses and Distribution of Ashes in the parish will be as follows:

St. Godric's School - 9.30am; St. Godric's Church - 10.00am

St. Joseph's Church - 7.00pm

**Parish Baptism Programme** - the first programme of 2020 will take place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's, from 6.30-9.00pm. The programme will be delivered as one session and is for adults only. If you wish to have your child/children Baptised in the parish, you are required to attend our Programme. Please contact the parish secretary to enrol, or for further information.

### Lenten Charity Soup Lunches -

The Bereavement Group will host the first of the Lenten Charity Soup Lunches next **Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February**. The **Inclusive Church Group** will host a lunch on **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March**, and the **Justice and Peace Group** will host on **Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April**. Remaining available dates are: 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Please contact the parish secretary if you wish to host a lunch.



### Fundraising

St. Joseph's Mini Vinnies are holding a coffee and craft morning in school on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 10am, everyone welcome. All donations will be in aid of the Diocesan Refugee Project.

**Big Brew Coffee Morning** - this **Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February** after the morning Mass at St. Joseph's. Mass will be in church, and not in the Jubilee Room.



*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



## Suggestions for a Prayerful Lent

- (i) **Sunrise Services** - Sunrise Services at St. Joseph's will take place each weekday morning at 7.30am beginning Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> February. On Tuesdays and Thursdays you are invited to come and join the children for a ten minute service of Word and Communion in St. Bede's Chapel in St. Godric's School at 8.45a.m. A lovely way for all ages to combine and begin the day together in prayer. This will run from Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February until school finishes for Easter.
- (ii) Each Friday during Lent, one of our parish groups will lead **Stations of the Cross** at 7.00pm in each of our three churches/chapels:
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| Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> February, St. Godric's       | Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> March, St. Godric's |
| Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March, St. Joseph's           | Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> March, St. Joseph's |
| Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> March, St. Bede's Chapel     | Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> April, St. Bede's    |
| Good Friday, 10.00am, Faith and Light at St. Joseph's |  |
- (iii) For our housebound/elderly parishioners who can't always attend our services, there will be a **Mini Triduum** at St. Joseph's on the **Wednesday of Holy Week, 8<sup>th</sup> April, at 2.00pm** followed by tea and a chance to talk.
- (iv) **Lenten Calendar** - Lenten calendars will be available in our churches from this weekend, i.e. in time for Ash Wednesday.
- (v) **Partnership Penitential Service** - to be confirmed.
- (vi) **Bible and Breakfast, Scripture and Toast returns for Lent!** - Please join Dori Berahya, a qualified spiritual director, for an informal discussion of the Sunday Mass readings for all five Sundays in March (1, 8, 15, 22, 29). We are trying a new venue in hopes of hearing better! We will meet at the Bridge Hotel, 40 North Road, after the 9 a.m. Mass at St. Godric's. Feel free to contact Dori with any questions. Mobile: 07 507 788 469 or email: dori0713@aol.com

## SING FOR EAS ER!

Singers are invited to come and sing in the choir for our Easter Services on Good Friday (10<sup>th</sup> April 3pm), Easter Vigil (11<sup>th</sup> April 7pm) and Easter Sunday (12<sup>th</sup> April 10am).

Rehearsals will be held at St. Joseph's as follows:

Easter Vigil - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm - 7.30

Good Friday and Easter Sunday - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 6pm - 7.30

\* *Please note: you do not have to sing at each service, but you will need to attend the rehearsal for the service you wish to sing at.*

\* *There will also be a run through half an hour before each service.*

\* *Further information from Roger McKone, tel. 3862128*

## **Collections for Prisoners being released from Durham and Low Newton Prisons**

Nepacs is a north east charity which has been supporting people affected by imprisonment for over 135 years. Once again during Lent we would like to collect items for Nepacs to make up Toiletry and Homeless Packs for prisoners being released who are in particular need. Our previous collections have been greatly appreciated.

Useful items to contribute to the Toiletry Packs are toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, shower gel, soap, deodorant (roll-on or spray), flannels, combs and wet wipes. Packs for anyone who is homeless on their release also include socks, plasters, waterbottle/flask, bacterial gel, and a dry food pack (coffee, tea bags, hot chocolate powder, cup-a-soup, cereal bars, sugar, stirrer, Mars Bars). In addition, the packs for HMP Low Newton need lip balm and Sanitary Pack (STs, tampons, panty liners), and those for HMP Durham need disposable razors and shaving foam.

## **Faith and Science 'Rock' Day**

A great day was had by all who attended the Faith and Science 'Rock' Day. It was a great day of discussion and debate with some great questions about creation, evolution and why we are here. Katie Flood.



**Ceilidh - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00-10.30pm**

**Bowburn Community Centre**

**Tickets:** £5 admission, free for children under 7 - are available from St. Leonard's Catholic School. *See poster.*

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**Parish of the Durham Martyrs - Holy Land Pilgrimage** - There will be a meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's for those booked on the Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in May. We will be going through the itinerary for our trip and discussing any questions that arise. Fr. Colm looks forward to seeing as many of you there as can attend.

If you have any further questions in the meantime please contact: Mike McNally on 07958 033203, or via e-mail: [mcnallymichael@sky.com](mailto:mcnallymichael@sky.com)

## **Advance Notice**

### **(i) CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

Donating envelopes will be available at the back of our churches over the weekend of **29<sup>th</sup> February/1<sup>st</sup> March**, for return over the weekend of **7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> March**.

**(ii) International Meal** - On Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March there will be an international lunch from 12 noon (after 11am mass) until around 3pm in the Parish room at St. Joseph's. This is open to everyone and everyone is welcome - the idea is to spend some time together, sharing food and getting to know each other a bit more. If possible, it would be good if people would be able to bring some food and drink to share.

It would be also good to get a rough idea of how many people will attend it - to confirm attendance or for any question please send an email to Francesca [fra.germak@gmail.com](mailto:fra.germak@gmail.com)





## DURHAM MARTYRS' YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Co-ordinator - Katie Flood

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Our young people had an amazing weekend at the youth village for the Transcend retreat. We spent the weekend exploring the theme of 'Be Not Afraid' with a chapter of Matthew's Gospel where Peter walks on the water. We also celebrated Mass together, spent time with the Blessed Sacrament and joined a rather competitive quiz night.



This weekend, another group of young people will be attending the Youth 2000 Retreat at Leeds Trinity University thanks to the generous support of our parishioners. Please keep us all in your prayers.



PARISH OF DURHAM MARTYRS  
**MEMORY CAFE**  
OPEN COFFEE MORNING

**SATURDAY 7 MARCH 2020**

**10.30-12.00 HRS**

**JUBILEE ROOM**

**ST JOSEPHS , GILESGATE, DURHAM**

Our Parish Memory Café which is for those affected by dementia and their carers, meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 1 to 3pm. This Café has grown rapidly in numbers over the last two years and to continue meeting this need we require additional volunteers. No special skills are required just the willingness to listen, chat and assist in fun filled activities. If you can spare two hours once a month, even on a rota basis we would be very grateful. If you are interested please come along to our Open Coffee morning, chat to our volunteers and explore the types of activities we carry out during the Cafe.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: GRAHAM DONACHIE 07867503946

# Mass Intentions for the Week



22<sup>nd</sup> February  
1<sup>st</sup> March 2020

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 22 February		10.00am	10.00am Ambrose Tanner 5.00pm Alf Carr (Anniversary) and Belle Blakey
Sunday 23 February		9.00am Brian O'Connor and Alan Bradley 3.00-4.00pm Exposition	11.00am Austin Flynn (Birthday Remembrance)
Monday 24 February	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 25 February	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am	6.30pm - Exposition 7.00pm - Deceased members of the Wright, Ward and Moran Families
Wednesday 26 February ASH WEDNESDAY	9.30am Ash Wednesday Mass	10.00am Ash Wednesday Mass	7.00pm Ash Wednesday Mass
Thursday 27 February	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.30am Exposition 10.00am	9.15am Steve Allan
Friday 28 February	9.15am Vince McPartlin	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 29 February		10.00am	10.00am Special Intention 5.00pm Vince McPartlin and Belle Blakey
Sunday 1 March		9.00am Mary & William Hayden and Patrick Devery 3.00-4.00pm Exposition	11.00am The Conway Family and Rachel Gallon

## St. Cuthbert's

Sun 23	Mon 24	Tue 25	Wed 26	Thurs 27	Fri 28	Sat 29	Sun 01
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	12.15pm and 7.00pm	12.15pm	9.15am	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm