

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 18th October **29th 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)

The second wave of Covid is now descending on most European countries. A bit scary. I'm sure we're all wondering when this state of heightened anxiety will ever end. How can one pick the positives out of all this negativity? The constant question now is 'should we lockdown, or shouldn't we?'. How many arguments have you had trying to answer that one? Tempers can become raw. Perhaps the best advice I received recently was from a young GP, who wisely said, "there is no best way to handle the virus. We are struggling with something we've never had to deal with before." Sounds simple, but like all sound advice, it can be all too obvious.

For the time being, we are keeping it simple in the parish, and will continue to do so until otherwise advised. Our Health and Safety team are doing a brilliant job. Again, a big thank you.

Our sacramental programmes are returning in a very restricted format and so be it. Slowly we crawl forward.

Our Mass attendance numbers continue to rise. Isn't it absolutely wonderful that we can actually gather as a worshipping community at all, especially in the light of the lockdowns of other social gatherings.

"All men commend patience, though few are willing to practice it." Thomas a Kempis .

Our teaching staff in primary and secondary schools continue with their selfless commitment. Our many frontline workers in our parish also. Well done to all. And might I add a special thank you to the families of those parishioners involved in frontline work for their quiet support in being there for these frontline warriors.

Feast Days

Monday, 19 th October	St. Paul of the Cross P and Ss John de Brébeuf P, Isaac Jogues P and Companions MM
Thursday, 22 nd October	St. John Paul II Pp
Friday, 23 rd October	St. John of Capistrano
Saturday, 24 th October	St. Anthony Mary Claret 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 number is 07391 529 827.



Funeral this week - the Requiem Mass of the late David Miller will take place at St. Godric's on **Thursday, 22nd October at 10.30am**. Please do not try to attend if you haven't been invited by the family.

Prayers - please keep in your prayers:

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

Anniversaries

Claire Aylett	

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

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 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 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 - this weekend

There will be a second collection this weekend, **17th/18th 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 an envelope marked "World Mission Sunday" and put it in the basket at the back of church. You can also donate online at 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.



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RESULTS - October 2020 DRAW

1 st (£50)	No. 11
Mrs. Ratki	St. Bernadette's, Wallsend
M. A. Williams	St. Mary Magdalene, Seaham
2 nd (£25)	No. 163
K. Ahern	St. Bernadette's, Wallsend

With many thanks for your continued support.

October the Month of the Rosary

On 31st October, 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



Gardening Day - St. Joseph's

On **Saturday 31st October** we intend having a Gardening Day, the principal aim of which will be to collect the fallen leaves. Please bring a pair of gloves and if possible your own tools to help reduce the chances of spreading the virus. Start time will be 0900 hours but please come along anytime during the day when you have some free time. As we will be working in the open social distancing should not be an issue. I look forward to seeing you, don't forget many hands make light work.

If you are unable to join us on 31st October please feel free to do some leaf collecting at any other time. It is hoped that there will be a skip available in the carpark at the rear of the church. Thank you on behalf of the Health & Safety/Buildings Committee.

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 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.**

Booking system - For Saturday and Sunday Masses, the **deadline for requesting a place at Mass is 2.00pm on Friday.** Please continue to book in for Mass. **Some people are not booking in and just turning up at some of our weekend Masses. This gives extra work to the stewards and you run the risk of being turned away if the church is full.**

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 contact 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

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

18th October 2020

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
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)
Monday 19 October	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Tuesday 20 October	9.30.am - Exposition 10.00am Keith Heslop	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Wednesday 21 October	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Maura Cullen
Thursday 22 October	10.30am Requiem Mass of David Miller	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Friday 23 October	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am In thanksgiving for Golden Wedding (Chris and Joy Savage)
Saturday 24 October	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Jim Freely
Sunday 25 October	9.00am Susan Michiels (Birthday Remembrance)	11.00am The Oliver Family

St. Cuthbert's

Sunday 18	Monday 19	Tuesday 20	Wed 21	Thursday 22	Friday 23	Saturday 24
10.00am & 6.30pm Mass Pre-booked attendance only	No Mass	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am