

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 30th August **22nd 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

Can I take this opportunity to thank Fr. Stephen Botto for his support at St. Godric's over the years. Fr Stephen, and fellow Mill Hill Fathers, have endeared themselves to our parish community. Together with Fr. David Bingham RIP, Fr. Frank Graham, the Mill Hill community have provided regular daily Mass at St Godric's, Confessions on Saturday and as with the late Fr. Bingham, have been involved with the parish community at St. Godric's. We wish Fr Stephen a speedy recovery to full health again.

The Mill Hill Fathers have taken responsibility for St. Mary's, Sunderland for which we wish them good luck. We also wish Fr. Mark Lyden-Smith our support and prayers as he succeeds Fr. Bill O'Gorman as pp of St. Michael's, Houghton-le-Spring. Fr. Bill will remain in residence at St. Michaels, and Fr. Mark will reside at St. Mary Magdalen's, Seaham. Fr. Bill has been a friend to many in this parish for many years now, so we wish him well in retirement.

We continue adjusting to Covid restrictions. Thanks again to our volunteers for their invaluable support, and time, as they ensure your safety in church. These are difficult times, but we are getting into a rhythm of adjusting to the required changes. My apologies to some ministers of Holy Communion and the Word if I have put you in a vulnerable position by asking you to carry on with your ministry in these testing times. I now realise that you have been unfairly placed in a difficult position by having to refuse for the health risks you fear. We are on a learning curve all the time, and we will get back to some normality when the Covid threat has lifted. Stay safe.

Feast Days

Saturday, 29 th August	The Passion of John the Baptist
Thursday, 3 rd September	St. Gregory the Great Pp, D
Friday, 4 th September	The Translation of St. Cuthbert
Saturday, 5 th September	St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) Rel

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.



Sympathy - we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Mary Bates who passed away this week. Her funeral is being arranged for a date during week commencing 7th September and details will be in next week's bulletin. *Requiescat in pace.*

Attendance at Funerals - Owing to the Government restrictions on numbers currently in place, numbers attending should be minimised, and capped at 30 people. Guidance states that only the following should attend: members of the deceased person's household, close family members, and close friends who have been invited by the family, keeping the total to 30. Please do not try to attend if you haven't been invited by the family.

Prayers - please keep in your prayers:

Julie Thompson	Nellie Stoker
Edward Newcombe	Rose Marie Bruno

Anniversaries

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

Church Re-opening

Face masks are 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, she will need your **name and a contact number for track and trace purposes, should this become necessary.**

For Mass the capacity of our churches is limited to about 20% of the norm. For **Saturday, Sunday, and Tuesday Masses**, the deadline for requesting a place at Mass is 4.00pm on Friday and for Masses on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, you can make your request up to 4.00pm the day before.

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.

Private Prayer - 31st August - Cancelled

Owing to it being Bank Holiday Monday, Private Prayer at St. Godric's has been cancelled.

Mass cancelled - the Tuesday morning Mass scheduled for Tuesday, 1st September, at St. Godric's, has been cancelled.

Parish Finance

Now that our churches are happily open for Mass again many parishioners are choosing to attend one of the weekday masses rather than the Sunday Masses with their larger attendances. 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 if it should be applied to the General Fund or the Hardship Fund. *Thanks, Fred Haywood.*

The Parish During Lockdown

Covid 19 has challenged and affected us all in many different ways. The Liturgy Group is proposing to document what has been happening in the Parish during this period. This could be in the form of personal testimonies, recorded in any medium and could include artwork, poetry, photographs, in fact anything which reflects the feeling and actions of the people of the Parish during this period. We are looking for a wide range of material from all age groups. This would be an important addition to parish history and could form the basis of a future exhibition.

Any materials can be marked 'Church History Information' and posted or put through the letterbox at the parish office or alternatively, sent by email.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (September 1st) and the Season of Creation (1st September - October 4th)

Pope Francis has established 1st September as World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and encourages us to use this day to pray for our common home. He invites us to "reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live." Tuesday 1st September also marks the beginning of the Season of Creation, an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles. Please find prayer resources and information about the World Day of Prayer and the Season of Creation on the CAFOD website at <https://cafod.org.uk/News/UK-news/Celebrate-World-Day-of-Prayer>. Please find below Pope Francis' prayer for our earth to include in your prayers during this season.

A prayer for our earth

All powerful God, you are present in the universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with your peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle, for justice, love and peace. Amen

Mass Intentions for the Week



30th August 2020

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 29 August	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Ray Elliot (Birthday Remembrance) Peter and Catherine McLoughlin
Sunday 30 August	9.00am Sosama Alexander Terrie Riddle	11.00am Joseph and Kathleen Glennon Olga Oliver
Monday 31 August (Bank Holiday)	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Tuesday 1 September	NO MASS	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Wednesday 2 September	2.00-3.00pm Private Prayer with Exposition	10.00am Ken Drane (40 th Anniversary) Pat Kearns
Thursday 3 September	10.00am Brian O'Connor Susan Hamilton	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Friday 4 September	2.00-3.00pm Private Prayer with Exposition	10.00am Private Intention (HMD)
Saturday 5 September	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Janet Graham
Sunday 6 September	9.00am Terrie Riddle	11.00am Alex Morgan

St. Cuthbert's August/September

Sunday 30	Monday 31	Tuesday 01	Wednesday 2	Thursday 3	Friday 4	Saturday 5
10.00am Mass Pre-booked attendance only	No Mass	12.00pm Private Mass	9.15am Public Mass	5.15pm Public Mass	8.30am Private Mass	9.15am Public Mass