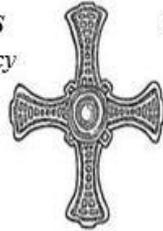


The Parish of the Durham Martyrs
*Incorporating the Churches of Our Lady of Mercy
& St. Godric, St. Joseph and St. Bede*

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It's nice to be back after a relaxing break at home. Covid dominates at home too, where restrictions are quite severe. Like here, a sense of optimism is underpinned by an impatience to get beyond the virus and back to some kind of normality.

We march forward as a parish into the winter months. Schools return and we hope and pray that our church services will soon be as vibrant as pre-pandemic.

Catching up with delayed marriages and baptisms will be a priority.

Feast Days

Monday, 13 th September	St. John Chrysostom Bp, D
Tuesday, 14 th September	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wednesday, 15 th September	Our Lady of Sorrows
Thursday, 16 th September	Ss. Cornelius Pp and Cyprian Bp, MM
Friday, 17 th September	St. Robert Bellarmine Bp, D

Parish Contact

The parish secretary can be contacted by email – secretary.stjandstg@btconnect.com and mobile on all parish matters. The number is 07391 529 827. Please do not ring the parish landline as the office is not manned at present.

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Sheila Patterson	Breda Gallagher
Kathleen Garbutt	Meg Dixon
Mary Heslop	Eddie McKeown
Tony Collinson	Ann Close
Helen Moody	

Anniversaries

Lily Dodds	Brian Fletcher
Mary Bowes	Ellie Wilson
Carmel Nolan	

Booking in for Mass

Please continue to book in for our weekend Masses until further notice – we will let you know as soon as there is a change. Booking usually closes on Fridays at 12.00 noon. However, could you please book for the next two weekends (18th/19th and 25th/26th September) as the parish office will close on Thursday 16th September until Tuesday 28th September). **You can book in from Monday 13th September and booking will close on Wednesday 15th September at 12.00noon**



Congratulations – to Sean Kelly and Emily Welch-Davison who will celebrate their marriage on Saturday, 18th September in St. Godric's Church.

Car parking at St. Godric's – restrictions on using the car park have now been lifted, but for security purposes, the gate must be locked as soon as possible after Mass. It must not be left open.

Confirmation - September 2021

We are excited to launch a new Confirmation programme this month for young people in year 9 or above. The new programme is centred around community, accompaniment and discipleship. It will be structured differently to the programs that have existed before in both our parish and beyond. As well as looking for potential candidates to journey towards Confirmation, we are also looking for a wide variety of parish volunteers, including:

People who can cook/bake - each session will be centred around a meal. If you can help make this happen we want to hear from you!

People who can lead prayer/activities - Prayer is an important element of the programme, not just experiencing prayer but also helping our young people develop their own prayer lives and help them to grow in their ability to lead prayer themselves.

People who can accompany - The inspiration for this programme has come from Christus Vivit where we are called to accompany young people throughout their journey of faith. We are hoping to allocate one accompanier with each young person, someone who can simply walk with them on their journey. If you enjoy listening and hearing people's stories or feel called to be a listening ear this may be the role for you — get in touch!

For more details about the programme, or about any of the roles mentioned above, email Katie at youth.durhammartyrs@rcdhn.org.uk



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TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL 200 CLUB RESULTS – September 2021

1 st (£50)	No. 181
G. Rafferty	St. Edwards, Whitley Bay
W. Welsh	St. Bernadette, Wallsend
2 nd (£25)	No. 175
B. Lowes	All Saints, Lanchester

With many thanks for your continued support

From the Diocese

(i) The Vicariate for Faith and Mission is running a series of online SYCAMORE courses throughout the year. Join us for a taster session on Sunday, 19th September at 4.00pm on Zoom.

What is Sycamore? - Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter.

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(ii) Blessed John Ingram Petition

Blessed John Ingram (1565 – 1594) is a local reformation martyr who was executed on Gateshead High Street for ministering to the faithful of this region. During his ministry, he was assisted and sheltered by local aristocrats, but was eventually apprehended and convicted on a charge of high treason. We ask you to please pray for the canonisation of this dedicated and selfless martyr.

An on-line petition has been set up to gain support for his cause. For the petition and more information on Blessed John Ingram, please go to: <https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/cause-of-canonisation-of-blessed-john-ingram>.

(iii) Love Christmas

Looking for a way to spread love, hope and kindness in your community this Christmas? Love Christmas is a national initiative to do just this. Together we are mobilising volunteers through local churches to sponsor and deliver a million Christmas Boxes to the most vulnerable and isolated. By partnering together, you will be joining thousands of churches from across the UK. It is easy for parishes to take part and it is an effective way to let your neighbourhood know that your parish cares! Join the Love Christmas webinar on Wednesday 6th October, 11am - 12pm to hear more and to find out how to get involved. Sign up here: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4917266>

(iv) FIRST STEPS – Exploring the Catholic Faith Online - Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? Join us on a journey this Autumn and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you. It may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church. We gather weekly via Zoom and invite you to come along to find out more. Starts Wednesday 22nd September at 7pm. If you are interested to find out more, you can enquire/register using the [Online Enquiry Form](#) or email adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

Change of Mass Time

The morning Mass on Friday, 17th September at St. Joseph's will be at the earlier time of 9.00am

Mass Intentions for the Week



12th September 2021

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 11 September	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Vigil Mass The intentions of John Curtin
Sunday 12 September	9.00am Theresa Heslop Anniversary	11.00am Una Murphy
Monday 13 September	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Tuesday 14 September	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Peter & Catherine McLoughlin and Stella Wild	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Wednesday 15 September	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Marie Taylor
Thursday 16 September	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am In thanksgiving (BT)	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Friday 17 September	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.00am Mary Malyan Birthday Remembrance and Nancy Shaw
Saturday 18 September	1.30pm Marriage Service of Sean Kelly and Emily Welch-Davison	5.00pm Vigil Mass David Adams
Sunday 19 September	9.00am Kitty Malone	11.00am Mary Hedges

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 12	Mon 13	Tue 14	Wed 15	Thurs 16	Fri 17	Sat 18	Sun 19
10.00am (Pre booked attendance 10.00 only)	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm (Pre booked attendance 10.00 only)