

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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Our first group of First Communicants were welcomed at St. Joseph's and St. Godric's in the rarefied atmosphere of restricted numbers. The made for a very different celebration. Yes, the full churches were a miss, yet as some pointed out, there was something lovely in the simplicity of the occasions.

Thanks to all who made them happen – the teachers, catechists, church stewards, parents and the two priests – Fr. Andrew from St. Cuthbert's and Fr. Paul Douthwaite from St. Patrick's, Langley Moor.

We cautiously move towards normality with church services. Thanks for your continued co-operation.

Feast Days

Wednesday, 12 th May	Ss. Nereus and Achilles MM/St. Pancras M
Thursday, 13 th May	The Ascension of The Lord
Friday, 14 th May	St. Mattias Apostle

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 Owens	Nellie Stoker
John Copple	Margaret Nancarrow
Sheila Patterson	Rory McArthur
Kathleen Garbutt	Meg Dixon
Tom Wilkinson	Kevin Crilley

Anniversaries

John Pickles	

Booking in for Weekend Masses

Please continue to book in for our three weekend Masses as we are still restricted to 44 and 59 places at St. Godric's and St. Joseph's respectively. Also, it would be of great help, if you are acting as a Minister, that you book in too, as you still need to be counted as an attendee for our weekly statistics. The deadline for booking in is **2.00pm on Friday afternoon**.

Holy Day of Obligation – Thursday, 13th May

On Thursday 13th May we will celebrate the Ascension of the Lord and there will be Mass at St. Godric's at 10.00am and at St. Joseph's at 7.00pm. Although we don't usually book in for weekday masses, you will need to book in for these Masses in the normal way. Bookings have been coming in steadily this week but there are still places available at both the 10.00am and 7.00pm Masses.

Please remember to give your name and contact number if you leave a voicemail and also if you send text message.



Parish Bulletin

Following the decision to no longer distribute the bi-weekly packs, it has been decided that we will print the bulletin each week with effect from next weekend, 15th/16th May. These will be available at St. Joseph's and St. Godric's as you come into Mass. Please take a copy home with you. If you know someone who isn't online and would appreciate a copy, please take one for them too.

Job Vacancy

St. Thomas More RCVA Primary School

A Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant is required for 6.25 hours per week, term time only. For an application form and further details please contact the school office. Application packs can be collected from the school office or alternatively emailed to you by request at stthomasmore@durhamlearning.net Closing date: 9.00am on Friday 14th May and interviews will be held on Wednesday, 19th May.



Congratulations to Margaret and Dennis Robinson who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Prayer in the month of May

At the heart of the Holy Father's wish, the month of May will be dedicated to a **marathon of prayer** from the theme "*From the whole Church the prayer to God went up incessantly*" (Acts 12:5). The initiative will involve in a special way all the Sanctuaries of the world, so that they become promoters to the faithful, families and communities of the recitation of the Rosary to invoke the end of the pandemic.

Thirty representative shrines, scattered all over the world, will guide the Marian prayer, which will be broadcast live on the official channels of the Holy See at 18.00 (Rome time – 17.00 BST) every day. Pope Francis opened this great prayer on May 1st and will end it on May 31st.

Press release from the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelisation (21 April 2021)

The Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle welcomes Pope Francis' invitation to Catholics and 30 Marian Shrines around the world, including the Shrine at Walsingham, to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham was selected to start the month of prayer on Saturday 1 May. [Read more here](#) about the Marathon of Prayer in our Diocese and the resources available.

News from Sanctuary 21 – Thy Kingdom Come

We at Sanctuary 21, are excited to invite you to the re-launch of our prayer room with 'Thy Kingdom Come', a global 10-day movement of prayer and worship. Thy Kingdom Come's aim is to assemble Christians from across the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our cities and nations and for many to come to know Jesus as Saviour.

Our hope is to fill this wonderful city with worship and intercession and see greater unity amidst the churches in Durham. So as the body of Christ we may be more effective in our ministry together and encourage each other in love. This will be taking place between 13th – 22nd May, with various online and in person events, we would love to see you there!

Timetable:

Thursday 13th May: Online prayer, Harp and Bowl, 7:30-9pm

Friday 14th May: Online prayer gathering, 7:30-8:30pm

Saturday 15th May: Sanctuary 21 Prayer rooms open, 9am-9pm

Sunday 16th May: Rest!

Monday 17th May: Online prayer gathering, 7:30-8:30pm

Tuesday 18th May: S21 Prayer rooms open, 9am-9pm

Wednesday 19th May: S21 Prayer rooms open, 9am-9pm

Thursday 20th May: Online prayer, Harp and Bowl, 7:30-9pm

Friday 21st May: Rest!

Saturday 22nd May: In person prayer walk, 3.00-5.00pm Meet at S21

All events will be managed safely, in relation to Covid guidelines.

You can find more info about Thy Kingdom Come on their website here:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/about-us>

and more about us at Sanctuary 21, house of prayer here:

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/durham>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact:

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Mary's Meals – Pray in May

Since our humble beginnings, Mary's Meals, named after Mary the Mother of Jesus, has been built on a foundation of prayer and the many little acts of love from those who support us. This May, the month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in prayer to celebrate the wonderful work of Mary's Meals and give thanks that we are now reaching more than 1.8 million children with a nutritious meal in 19 countries every school day. We also pray for God's continued blessing on our beautiful mission, that through His providence it will always flourish, enabling us to reach more hungry children. You will find inspirational resources for our Pray In May campaign, including our prayer card, on [our website](#). Thank you for remembering Mary's Meals in your prayers. God bless you all. *Fran Lawson, Marys Meals*

Mass Intentions for the Week

9th May 2021

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 8 May	10.00am First Holy Communion Celebration	10.00am First Holy Communion Celebration 5.00pm Vigil Mass Philip Hunter (Birthday Remembrance) David Adams and Majeed Ahmad
Sunday 9 May	9.00am Gloria Hughes Anniversary	11.00am The Oliver Family
Monday 10 May	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Tuesday 11 May	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Jim & Mary Bygroves Deceased members of the Hennessy Family	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
Wednesday 12 May	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Anne-Marie Melvin
Thursday 13 May ASCENSION OF THE LORD	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Peter & Catherine McLoughlin Agnes Rantso	7.00pm Ascension Mass
Friday 14 May	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	9.00am Exposition 10.00am Michael Oliver
Saturday 15 May	NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER	5.00pm Vigil Mass Liam Hayden
Sunday 16 May	9.00am Lucy Hunt	11.00am Past and present members of the Ladies Circle

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 9	Mon 10	Tue 11	Wed 12	Thurs 13	Fri 14	Sat 15	Sun 16
10.00am and 6.30pm (Pre booked attendance only)	No Mass	12.15pm	7.00pm (Vigil Mass for Ascension)	12.15pm Ascension Mass	12.15pm	8.30am	10.00am and 6.30pm (Pre booked attendance only)