

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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Sunday, 24th November - The Feast of Christ the King

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An excellent night on Wednesday with the Russian Choir. Thanks to all who made it happen, the hosting families in particular. Thanks also to Rachel Kelly, who came to our rescue again and provided an excellent meal, which our Russian friends very much appreciated.

Best wishes to our Confirmation Group this Sunday. Thanks to our catechists for their hard work of preparation.

Articles in bulletin. A number of you have asked for some fairly lengthy articles to be published. Unfortunately, because of limited space, it is impossible to publish them. I appreciate the marvellous intentions of the articles, but I am sure you will all appreciate the difficulties. Thanks.

The Partnership meeting on Property and Community Development at St. Leonard's was very good in that it showed common areas of challenge for all our parish communities in the Durham area - not just city centre.

Confession:

St. Godric's

Saturday: 10.30am-11.00am

St. Joseph's

Saturday: 9.15am-9.45am and 4.15pm-4.45pm

Feast Days

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| Saturday, 23 rd November | St. Clement 1 Pp, M and St. Columban Ab |
| Monday, 25 th November | St. Catherine of Alexandria V, M |
| Tuesday, 26 th November | St. Leonard of Porto Maurizio Rel |
| Wednesday, 27 th November | St. Catherine Labouré |
| Saturday, 30 th November | St. Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland |

What's On

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| Tuesday, 26 th Nov | Liturgy Group Meeting, Don Bosco Room, 7.30-9.00pm |
| Wednesday, 27 th Nov | (i) Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm (ii) Frontier Group, Jubilee Room, 6.00-9.00pm (iii) Liturgy - Welcomers' Meeting, Don Bosco, 7.30-8.30pm |
| Thursday, 28 th Nov | Film Night - Jubilee Room, 6.30-9.30pm |
| Sunday, 1 st December | Christmas Music Rehearsal, Don Bosco, 6.00-7.30pm |



St. Joseph's School - Toiletry Collection for the Durham Foodbank

The collection will run until the middle of December and the adults at the Foodbank have told us that they particularly have shortages of men's toiletries. We would be very appreciative if you are able to support our collection, we will leave a box in the porch area of St Joseph's church for any donations. Thank you, St. Joseph's Mini Vinnies.

Youth Sunday - today on Youth Sunday, we celebrate the gift of young people in our Church and renew our commitment to encourage and support them. Please pray for the young people in our parish and throughout the diocese, and for those who work with them. Today's second collection is in support of the Youth ministry Team, our diocesan youth service (www.ymt.org). This special collection is **ineligible for Diocesan Gift Aid**. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please use one of the charity envelopes provided by the Youth Ministry Trust, which are available at the back of our churches.

Confirmation - A reminder that candidates must be seated by 2.45pm this Sunday 24th November for the Confirmation Mass. Candidates involved with music with Katie must be at church for 2.15pm.



Bible and Breakfast, Scripture and Toast

Karen Kilby, Bede Professor of Catholic Theology, and Dori Berahya, a qualified spiritual director, will be leading a casual and informal discussion group for the four Sundays of Advent (1, 8, 15, and 22 December), immediately after 9:00 Mass in St. Godric's. We will meet in the nearby Cosy Club restaurant, where we will reflect together on the readings for the day and their significance in our lives today. For more information, feel free to contact Dori at dori0713@aol.com



Christmas Poinsettias

Once again we are hoping to decorate St. Joseph's church with poinsettias sponsored in memory of deceased family and friends. The cost per poinsettia will be £5 and any profit left will be used towards buying the flowers needed to decorate the church throughout the year. A box will be at the back of church from 9th November until 2nd December. Please place your money in an envelope and write the name of the person/persons or family you would like to be remembered on the front. Thank you. Clare Thompson.

Red Sunday - Coffee Morning - St. Godric's Church, 24th November

There will be a coffee morning with tombola and raffle following the 9.00am Mass this Sunday at St. Godric's Church to raise funds for **Aid to the Church in Need**. All are welcome.

Important Safeguarding Announcement

DBS Drop-in Session - Sunday 24th November

For those who need to bring their DBS up to date, there is a drop-in session from the Diocese this Sunday 24th November around the 11.00 mass, starting at 10.15 am and again immediately after the end of Mass. It will be located in the **Don Bosco** room at St. Joseph's Church. DBS forms will be available and can be completed with the support of the administrative team. Please bring along original ID documents (including proof of any name changes) to verify your application.

Advent Charity Soup Lunches

The parish Justice and Peace Group will host a lunch on 6th December, the Inclusive Church Group on 13th December and the SVP on 20th December. Thank you all.



The St. Godric's Steering Committee would like to say a tremendous thank you to those who contributed so much time and effort to preparing the church for the four nights of Lumière. Your efforts were much appreciated and commented on by our 1664 visitors. They loved how beautiful the church looked, how lovely it was to add a prayer to the prayer tree, they enjoyed live music one evening. The feeling of tranquility gave respite from the noise and bustle outside.

There were numerous compliments on the warmth of the welcome throughout the building and in our wonderful cafe. Home baking was never more appreciated, especially when served with such friendliness! The temperature in the Saint John Boste room was also a huge attraction!

Fervent thanks from the official stewards who popped in regularly from the cold! So, once again, **THANK YOU** all for sharing your multiple skills and abilities to demonstrate what a wonderful, co-operative parish we have!

News from our Schools

Congratulations to both St. Thomas More and St. Leonard's schools, on gaining **GOOD** ratings during their recent Ofsted Inspections.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE AND MASS AT ST. LEONARDS CHOIR AND MUSIC GROUP - Attention ALL parishioners!

Would you like to sing with the joint parish choir and music group at Christmas? If yes then you would be most welcome to join our relaxed and friendly rehearsals. All parishioners who enjoy singing are welcome to join us.

When?

For Christmas Morning: Sundays 1st and 8th December at 6.00-7.30pm

For Christmas Eve and Carol Service: Sunday 15th December at 6.00-7.30pm.

Where?:

Jubilee Room St. Joseph's Church



SUNRISE SERVICE

A CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING EXTRA FOR ADVENT!

Sunrise Services: St. Bede's Chapel and St. Joseph's.

10 minute services will take place in St. Bede's Chapel in St. Godric's School on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8.45a.m. beginning Tuesday, December 3rd and will continue until the end of term. Come and help the children appreciate the real meaning of Christmas preparations! All welcome.

Services will also take place in the Jubilee Room at **St. Joseph's** at 7.30am Monday to Friday, 2nd to 20th December inclusive. Please note that there will be no Sunrise Service on Christmas Eve. Also, there **will not** be any Sunrise Services at St. Godric's.



Christingle Service and celebration

Sunday 15th December at 4pm will be the annual Christingle celebration as part of our Advent preparation. Letters will come home through schools or collect one at church from the first Sunday of Advent. We are in need of a new team to organise and make the oranges, full training will be given! Please get in touch via the parish secretary.

Christingle Band

We need plenty of young singers and musicians to join the christingle band. If you would like to sing or play your instrument then please give your contact details to Marjorie or send a text to 0756 1309847 and let us know about your talents.

Liturgy -

Dates for the forthcoming review meetings to the end of 2019 are as follows:-

Welcoming - 27th November 2019

Intercession Writing - 4th December 2019

Eucharistic Ministers - 11th December 2019

All meetings will be held at 7.30pm in the Don Bosco Room at St. Joseph's as that offers the best parking, access and meeting facilities. If you are involved in these ministries we really need your knowledge and support so please come along to the appropriate meeting / meetings. Thank you in advance. *The Liturgy Group*

Asylum Seekers Collection - our usual monthly collection for Asylum Seekers will take place **next weekend, 30th November/1st December**. Thank you for your continued and generous support.

Ushaw - A Day of Reflection with Sr. Rosarie Spence RSM
Wednesday, 27th November, 10.30am-3.30pm

An opportunity to step aside, experience different ways of praying and enjoy a time of personal prayer. Cost £10 including tea/coffee at the beginning and end of the day.

Lunch may be purchased in the Refectory. Book at www.ushaw.org

Fundraising - Peru

A parishioner, Anne Black, has very kindly spent 7 weeks knitting a full Nativity set for me to raffle for my Peru fund raising. I will be selling tickets for this before and after the 9am Mass at St Godric's on 1st December and 8th December. The raffle will then be drawn and the winner announced in the Newsletter on 15th December. Marjorie has very kindly offered to sell tickets through the parish office, if anyone from St. Joseph's would like to buy a ticket. I will also be selling special homemade Advent cookies alongside the raffle on each Sunday.

Once again, I am so very grateful for, and so touched by, all the generosity and support I have been shown since I spoke at all the Masses at the beginning of September. Many, many thanks, Jenny Grehan-Bradley.

News from the Partnership

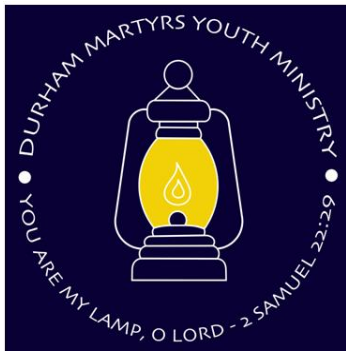
Evening Prayer (Solemn Vespers): To mark the First Sunday of Advent, Solemn Vespers will be celebrated at 4.30pm on Sunday 1st December in St. Cuthbert's Chapel, Ushaw College. The Finchale Partnership will be co-ordinating the celebration of this service, which also marks the launch of 'The God Who Speaks', a Year of the Word, proclaimed by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Vespers will be celebrated simultaneously at four other locations across the diocese. Mince pies and mulled wine will be available afterwards and everyone is welcome.



Health & Safety Update for church cleaners and food handlers

In order to comply with relevant health and safety legislation (The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations - COSHH) all church cleaning products have been assessed and a form completed stating handling precautions, when using the product, protective clothing, storage, disposal and first aid measures. The main substances used are bleach, general purpose cleaners and glass cleaners. The forms are displayed in the kitchens at St. Godric's and St. Joseph's Churches and should be read by all concerned.

Please be aware that because of limited storage space it is not good practice to store more products than necessary. Also please read the storage advice on the containers to ensure they are stored correctly and in the right place. If anyone requires any further information, please contact a member of the Health & Safety committee.



DURHAM MARTYRS' YOUTH MINISTRY

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I hope this week has been one of warmth and compassion in our hearts, if not in the weather!

For all those who are ill with the travelling maladies, take comfort that you are not alone and remember, Psalm 41:3 "The Lord sustains them on their sickbeds; in their illness you restore them to full health." In prayer, healing can be found - (rest, fluids and TV are also very helpful!)

Our Wednesday, Frontier Youth group will be on this Wednesday from 7 - 9pm - we will have a revision hour from 6pm for all that wish to join us. Open to all in year 9 and above we will have a home-cooked meal for a donation of £1.50



At our Monthly Signpost Youth group we made a beautiful Jesse Tree that will be on display at the Ushaw Christmas Tree Festival from 29th November. The young people made some wonderful ornaments each linked to a piece of scripture, leading up to the birth of Jesus.

Join us this THURSDAY evening from 6pm for our next film night. We will be watching Spike Jonze's *Her* (2013) a film about a lonely writer who falls in love with an artificially intelligent operating system called Samantha. Again this film has a rating of 15 therefore, all over 15's are welcome. There will be food available for a donation and a variety of sweets available to buy. We would love to see you there!

Centre for Catholic Studies

You are warmly invited to the following two public lectures taking place in December. These events are free of charge and everyone is welcome. If you wish to attend, please register via

<https://centreforcatholicstudies.eventbrite.com>

1. Joint Alan Richardson Lecture / Catholic Theology Research Seminar

Monday 2 December 2019

Fr. Stan Chullo, PhD

God in Africa Modernity, Christianity, and Africa's Futures

Prof. Ilo is Research Professor of World Christianity and African Studies at the Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology at DePaul University, Chicago, and is the Alan Richardson Fellow for 2019-20 in the Durham University Department of Theology and Religion. This lecture will take place at 6pm at St. Cuthbert's Catholic Church, Old Elvet, Durham DH1 3HL, and will be preceded by a drinks reception at 5.30pm.

2. Christmas Ushaw Lecture

Tuesday 10 December at Ushaw.

Dr. Anna Rowlands: *Pope Pius XII's Christmas Messages:*

A Dialogue in Mid-Century Catholic Social Thought

5.30pm tea and coffee; 6pm lecture; 7.15pm mulled wine and mince pies.

This lecture will explore Pius XII's wartime Christmas messages, offering a reading of them in the context of wider Catholic attempts to rethink social teaching in a context of crisis in 1940s. Drawing on the work of Simone Weil and Joseph Pieper, the lecture will conclude with some thoughts on potential ways we might engage and develop such mid-century thought in our own context.

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Sunday 24th November - The Feast of Christ the King

**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 |
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| Saturday 23 November | | 10.00am | 10.00am Our Confirmation team and candidates 5.00pm - John Quinn and Dennis Dunlop |
| Sunday 24 November | | 9.00am - - Gloria Hughes (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance) and Austin Hardman 3.00-4.00pm Exposition | 11.00am Audrey Loughlin and Jim Pickering (Birthday Remembrance) |
| Monday 25 November | 9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion | 10.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion | 9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion |
| Tuesday 26 November | 9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion | 10.00am | 6.30pm Exposition 7.00pm Dennis Dunlop |
| Wednesday 27 November | 9.15am Peter & Catherine McLoughlin | 10.00am | 9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion |
| Thursday 28 November | 9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion | 9.30am - Exposition 10.00am | 9.15am John McGurk and Janet Capstick |
| Friday 29 November | 9.15am Vocations to the Priesthood | 10.00am Eleanor & James Murray | 9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion |
| Saturday 30 November | | 10.00am | 10.00am - Special Intention 5.00pm Jane Burnside (Anniversary) and Dennis Dunlop |
| Sunday 1 December 1st of Advent | | 9.00am Eleanor & James Murray 3.00-4.00pm Exposition | 11.00am Fr. Michael Corbett and Isabella Jose |

St. Cuthbert's

| Sun 24 | Mon 25 | Tue 26 | Wed 27 | Thurs 28 | Fri 29 | Sat 30 | Sun 01 December |
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| 10.00am and 6.30pm | 12.15pm | 12.15pm | 7.00pm | 12.15pm and 7.30pm (Deceased members of the Catenian Association) | 12.15pm | 9.15am | 10.00am and 6.30pm |