

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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Well done to the Mini Vinnies for hosting an great coffee morning for the Diocesan Refugee Project on Thursday morning at St. Josephs School. The occasion was made all the more special with the presence of Lady Mayoress of Durham, Katie Corrigan. Katie is herself, a past pupil of St Josephs.

The Bishop met with all the priests of the Vicariate last Thursday. Each partnership Dean gave an update on their respective Partnerships. We were the last of the four Vicariates to meet with Bishop Robert, and there seems no similar level of experience throughout the Diocese. Progress is definitely being made.

Worth watching: Checkpoint on Chanel 4. Brilliant work done by Durham Constabulary or crime reduction.

Worth reading: Landmark England Review on affects of poverty on health. Sir Michael Marmot's review on life expectancy of the poorer, northern population especially, is quite shocking.

Confession:

St. Godric's

Saturday: 10.30am-11.00am

St. Joseph's

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

Feast Days

Wednesday, 4 th March	St. Casimir
Saturday, 7 th March	Ss. Perpetua and Felicity MM

What's On

Tuesday, 3 rd March	Liturgy Group Meeting, Don Bosco, 7.30-9.00pm
Wed, 4 th March	* Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm, Jubilee Room, St. Joseph's * Ladies Circle, Don Bosco Room, 1.30-3.00pm * SVP/TCC Meeting, Don Bosco Room, 6.30-8.00pm
Thursday, 5 th March	* Coffee Morning, St. Godric's Church, 10.30 am * Prayer Group, Don Bosco Room, 6.30-8.00pm
Friday, 6 th March	Soup Lunch, St. Joseph's, Don Bosco Room, 12-1.00pm
Saturday, 7 th March	Inclusive Church Coffee Morning, Jubilee Room, 10.30am
Sunday, 8 th March	International Meal, Jubilee Room, 12.00-3.00pm



Sympathy - we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Anne Marie Melvin who passed away this week. Funeral arrangements are not known at this time. *Requiescat in pace.*

Lenten Charity Soup Lunches - the Homeless Project Team will host a soup lunch on **Friday, 6th March**. The Inclusive Church Group will provide soup on 13th March, the SVP on 20th March and Justice and Peace on 3rd April. The remaining free date is 27th March.

Asylum Seekers - our usual food collection for asylum seekers will take place **this weekend**. Thank you for your continued generosity.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY, 6th MARCH

Donating envelopes will be available at the back of our churches over this weekend, for return over the weekend of **7th/8th March**.

Fundraising - Our next coffee morning will be held in St. Bede's Room in St. Godric's School after the 9.15 Mass on **Friday 6th March**. All proceeds are for Women in Need in India. Everyone is very welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL

If anyone has any agenda items for discussion at the Parish Council meeting to be held on 10th March, could they please send them to the Parish Secretary by **5th March**.

Traidcraft Exchange Raffle Prize Winners

Fair Trade Sauvignon Blanc	521-525	Melanie
Sauvignon Blanc	876-880	Angela
Easter Egg	941-945	Erica
Dates	471-475	Reid
Green & Black Chocolates		Marjorie - claimed
Green & Black Chocolates	761-765	Robertshaw
Fair Trade Garlands & Bag	791-795	Osborne
Divine Mints	581-585	P. Baldrige
Pure Happiness Bundle	556-560	J. Barrett
Champagne Bundle		Eoin - claimed
Scented Candle	731-735	D. Bradley

You can collect your prize from the Piety Shop in St. Joseph's porch.

International Meal - On Sunday, 8th March there will be an international lunch from 12 noon (after 11am mass) until around 3pm in the Parish room at St. Joseph's. This is open to everyone and everyone is welcome - the idea is to spend some time together, sharing food and getting to know each other a bit more. If possible, it would be good if people would be able to bring some food and drink to share. It would be also good to get a rough idea of how many people will attend it - to confirm attendance or for any question please send an email to Francesca fra.germak@gmail.com



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

SVP Sudan Appeal

A big thank you to everyone who supported the appeal. We raised £3,215. It will make a real difference to SVP in Sudan.

SVP Tea and Film Afternoon

Film afternoons will begin again in the Jubilee Room on **Wednesday, 18th March** from 1.30-4.00pm. We would love to see you. Lifts available. Please ring Margaret - 386 9437, or Helen - 384 5843.



Missio Red Boxes

St. Joseph's - Please bring your boxes or money to weekend Masses during March. Or contact Alison or John Balmer on 01913665372 to have them collected. Your box doesn't have to be full, every little helps.

Ss. Godric and Bede - Red boxes for St. Bede's will be collected and emptied in the usual way **throughout March**. Please bring those for St. Godric's Church to Sunday Mass **before the end of March**.

A big thank you to sponsors and contributors for your generosity.

The
Season
of
Lent



Suggestions for a Prayerful Lent

- (i) **Sunrise Services** - Sunrise Services at St. Joseph's will take place each weekday morning at 7.30am. On Tuesdays and Thursdays you are invited to come and join the children for a ten minute service of Word and Communion in St. Bede's Chapel in St. Godric's School at 8.45a.m. A lovely way for all ages to combine and begin the day together in prayer. This will run until school finishes for Easter.
- (ii) Each Friday during Lent, one of our parish groups will lead **Stations of the Cross** at 7.00pm in each of our three churches/chapels:
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| Friday, 28 th February | St. Godric's | The Liturgy Group |
| Friday, 6 th March | St. Joseph's | The Inclusive Church |
| Friday, 13 th March | St. Bede's Chapel | Maria and Prayer Group |
| Friday, 20 th March | St. Godric's | Justice and Peace |
| Friday, 27 th March | St. Joseph's | The SVP |
| Friday, 3 rd April | St. Bede's Chapel | St. Bede's Community |
| Good Friday, 10 th April - Faith and Light at St. Joseph's | | |
- (iii) For our housebound/elderly parishioners who can't always attend our services, there will be a **Mini Triduum** at St. Joseph's on the **Wednesday of Holy Week, 8th April, at 2.00pm** followed by tea and a chance to talk.
- (iv) **Partnership Penitential Service** - to be confirmed.
- (v) **Bible and Breakfast, Scripture and Toast returns for Lent!** - We will be meeting at the Bridge Hotel, 40 North Road after the 9 a.m. Mass at St. Godric's every Sunday in March. Please join us for an informal discussion of the Sunday Mass readings. Questions? Contact Dori. Mobile: 07 507 788 469 or email: dori0713@aol.com

SING FOR EASER!

Singers are invited to come and sing in the choir for our Easter Services on Good Friday (10th April 3pm), Easter Vigil (11th April 7pm) and Easter Sunday (12th April 10am).

Rehearsals will be held at St. Joseph's as follows:

Easter Vigil - Sunday 29th March, 6pm - 7.30

Good Friday and Easter Sunday - Sunday 5th April, 6pm - 7.30

* *Please note: you do not have to sing at each service, but you will need to attend the rehearsal for the service you wish to sing at.*

* *There will also be a run through half an hour before each service.*

* *Further information from Roger McKone, tel. 3862128*

Gift Aid Envelopes - Those who donate using weekly envelopes will find their new box of envelopes for 2020/21 at the back of either St. Josephs or St. Godric's. Will you please collect your box as soon as possible. If your box is not at the church you frequent please let me know. Many thanks. Brian Harland 0191 386 2149.

News from the Centre for Catholic Studies

Bishop Dunn Memorial Lecture: Tuesday 10th March 2020

This lecture is held in memory of Bishop Kevin Dunn, the 12th Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, who was a great supporter of the development of Catholic theology and Catholic studies at Durham. He personally backed the fundraising campaign for the establishment of the Bede Chair of Catholic Theology at Durham—held by Prof. Karen Kilby and the first such post in the UK since the Reformation—and had a clear sense of the regional, national, and international significance of this development. We hold a lecture every year in his memory.

Pride and Providence: Reflecting with St. Augustine on our Political Malaise by Sr. Margaret Atkins OSA (Augustinian Sisters, Boarbank Hall, Cumbria). 5.30pm drinks for 6pm lecture at Ushaw. Entry is free of charge and all are welcome. Details and registration are available via <https://centreforcatholicstudies.eventbrite.com> or 0191 334 1656. If you need help with transport between Durham City and Ushaw, please register by 10am on Thursday 5 March. *See poster.*

News from Durham County Council

The Friends of the Camino have organised another pilgrimage walk from Finchale Priory to Durham Cathedral this year. This year's event is to be held on Saturday 21st March and you can book a place on the walk at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/camino-walk-organised-by-friends-of-the-camino-tickets-96402842497>



Gala Concert with the Durham Constabulary Male Voice and Essex Constabulary choirs, St Godric's Church Saturday 28th March 7.00pm. Tickets £7.00/5.00 concessions are now on sale at both churches.

A Prayer of Love in Old Age

Do not ask me to remember. Do not try to make me understand.
Let me rest and know you're with me. Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.
I'm confused beyond your concept. I am sad and sick and lost.
All I know is that I need you to be with me at all cost.
Do not lose your patience with me. Do not scold or curse my cry.
I can't help being different, though I try.
Just remember that I need you, that the best of me is gone.
Please don't fail to stand beside me. Love me till my life is done.



PARISH OF DURHAM MARTYRS
MEMORY CAFE
OPEN COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 7 MARCH 2020

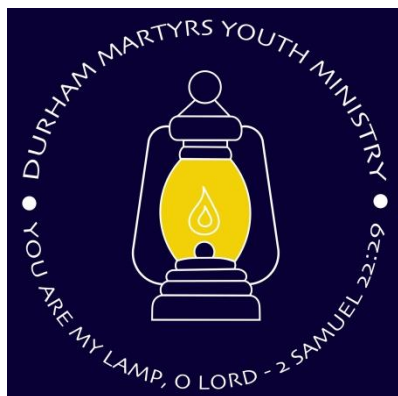
10.30-12.00 HRS

JUBILEE ROOM

ST JOSEPHS , GILESGATE, DURHAM

Our Parish Memory Café which is for those affected by dementia and their carers, meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 1 to 3pm. This Café has grown rapidly in numbers over the last two years and to continue meeting this need we require additional volunteers. No special skills are required just the willingness to listen, chat and assist in fun filled activities. If you can spare two hours once a month, even on a rota basis we would be very grateful. If you are interested please come along to our Open Coffee morning, chat to our volunteers and explore the types of activities we carry out during the Café.

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DURHAM MARTYRS' YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Co-ordinator - Katie Flood

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Mobile: 07483 369 561

This weekend away has given me a chance to step back from the busyness of life and reflection my relationship with God, which needs healing. My favourite part of the weekend was the healing service, as for the first time, I felt Christ burning in my heart.

Gemma

I had a wonderful time in the Leeds Retreat over Half Term. I really liked that I could explore my faith and learn what it truly means to be part of the Church.

Jennifer

Leeds Retreat 2020 has opened my heart and mind to the power and mercy of God. All around me was utter love and joy towards God and it made me realise how amazing and supportive He is. I especially loved the prayer ministry as it was so peaceful and inspiring.

Megan



Thank you to all who supported our fundraising efforts and helped our young people attend this amazing retreat! Here are some photos from the weekend and some reflections written by our young people.



The weekend was a great opportunity to meet new people and get to know God in a new way. The opportunity for praise and worship left me feeling reenergised and my faith stronger. I particularly enjoyed prayer ministry and the healing service as I felt something new.

Leeds

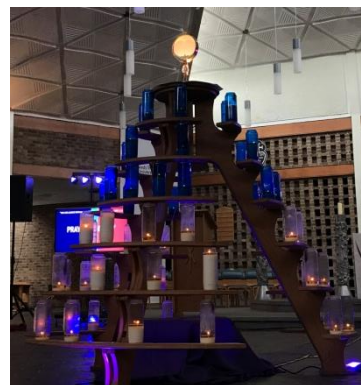
Youth 2000

Retreat

21st -23rd

February

2020



I returned to the Youth 2000 Retreat this year and once again our young people were a credit to both St Leonard's School and parish. They have so much to teach us about faith, trust and courage. Personal highlights for me were : God reaffirming He speaks to us anywhere when I received an offer from a lovely Irish Traveller lady who prayed for me in the bathroom! Reading at the opening evening Mass, hearing an amazing run of talks including one on holiness, Prayer ministry, a beautiful reconciliation and healing service, experiencing the Lectio Divina through art, and sneaking off to the chapel to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament instead of going to another workshop and realising whilst I was sitting there that Exposition was happening in St Godric's at the exact same time. It was comforting feeling that link to home and I remembered you all as I sat there with Jesus in a love filled silence.

Leanne

Mass Intentions for the Week



29th February -
8th March 2020

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
Saturday 29 February		10.00am	10.00am Special Intention 5.00pm - Vince McPartlin and Belle Blakey
Sunday 1 March		9.00am Mary and William Hayden and Patrick Devery 3.00-4.00pm Exposition	11.00am The Conway Family and Rachel Gallon
Monday 2 March	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 3 March	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am Terri and Ken Riddle	6.30pm - Exposition 7.00pm Deceased Priests of the Diocese
Wednesday 4 March	9.15am Vocations to the Priesthood	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Thursday 5 March	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.30am Exposition 10.00am	9.15am The sick of the Parish
Friday 6 March	9.15am Special Intention	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 7 March		10.00am Annete Kaluza (1 st Anniversary)	10.00am NO MASS OR SERVICE 5.00pm - Jane Burnside (Birthday Remembrance)
Sunday 8 March		9.00am The Condron and Michiels Families 3.00-4.00pm Exposition	11.00am All children with Leukemia and other cancers

See below for St. Cuthbert's Mass times

Sun 1	Mon 2	Tue 3	Wed 4	Thurs 5	Fri 6	Sat 7	Sun 8
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm and 2.15pm (Requiem Mass)	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm