

*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 - 12<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019**  
**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October - 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**

**Priest:**  
**Parish Secretary**

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Thank you to all who organised last Sunday's Partnership Open Day for the Durham Martyrs. Held at St. Joseph's, it showed the spirit of welcome that is a feature of all our three Mass centres. A special thanks to all who mucked in by way of helping with flowers (stunning) and providing photos of people and events from yesteryear. And to those who simply made visitors welcome with chat, a smile, a cuppa and the mopping up after. All built on a true spirit of what Community is very much about. We hope to continue in this same spirit with the forthcoming Lumiere and return visit of the Russian Choir to St. Godric's.

Sadly, we lost Fr. Bill Rooke this week. Fr. Bill was a voice in the wilderness for the poor. His whole priesthood was dedicated to the marginalised and the needy and he lived his life accordingly. May he rest in peace.

Another stage of the Camino completed. Days of sunshine. Days of heavy rain. Life! People from all over the globe. Journeying with them along this ancient route of Christian pilgrimage. Solidarity doesn't do justice to that sense of belonging that this extraordinary walk is. The English Mass in Compostela with the heartfelt sharings of individual prayers and hopes. The packed Pilgrims Mass celebrated by a bishop as ancient as the route itself, but with a delightful spirit of joy and welcome. All contributed to a memorable week for the four of us from the Parish of the Durham Martyrs. My thanks to Tom, Dennis and Chris for their enriching company and support. I am sure you will be hearing more on this trek later.

## Confession:

St. Godric's

Saturday: 10.30am-11.00am

St. Joseph's

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

## Feast Days

Saturday, 12 <sup>th</sup> October	St. Wilfrid Bp
Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> October	St. Callistus I Pp, M
Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> October	St. Teresa of Avila V, D
Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October	St. Hedwig Rel; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque V
Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> October	St. Ignatius of Antioch Bp, M
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> October	St. Luke, Evangelist
Saturday, 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Ss. John de Brébeuf P, Isaac Jogues P and Companions MM and St. Paul of the Cross P

## What's On

Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	(i) Wednesday Lunch, 12.00-1.00pm , St. Joseph's (ii) Frontier Group, Jubilee Room, 7.00-9.00pm
Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Signpost Youth Event, Jubilee Room, 6.00-8.30pm
Saturday, 19 <sup>th</sup> October	St. Joseph's Gardening Morning, 10.00am-12.00pm



**Sympathy** - We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Kathleen Ann Morris. Her Requiem Mass will be held at St. Godric's on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am, followed by burial in Durham. *Requiescat in pace.*

**Exposition at St. Godric's** - owing to the above funeral, morning Exposition has been cancelled next Thursday.

**Baptism** - we welcome into our parish community Orlagh Oliver, who will be Baptised after the 11.00am Mass this Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> October, at St. Joseph's.



**Homelessness Sunday** - This Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> October, is designated as Homelessness Sunday. In recognition of this we will pray especially for homeless people and for those who work to provide them with shelter, food and friendship. There will be a retiring collection after each Mass to aid the work of our parish homelessness support team who are working in partnership with Sanctuary 21 (Salvation Army).

**Second Collection** - Next Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October, is Mission Sunday and a day of prayer for the evangelisation of the world. This collection is ineligible for diocesan Gift Aid, so if you wish to make a donation, please use one of the Charity's own envelopes which are at the back of church this weekend. Thank you.

**Opportunity of a lifeline!** Can you spare an hour once a month to be a taxi service for some of our older parishioners attending the Wednesday Lunch Club? We would welcome offers from both sides of the Parish. If you can help, please contact Kathleen. (07759130837) THANK YOU!

**Parish Open Afternoon** - Thank you to all who contributed to making our Open Afternoon such a success. Those who cleaned, arranged flowers, provided music, baked, served refreshments, shared memories and came along on the day, your help is much appreciated. Margaret Wallace, on behalf the Parish Council.

### **Friends of St. Leonard's Autumn Term Ceilidh**

**Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> October**, 7.00-10.30pm, Bowburn Community Centre

Tickets £5 (admission free for children under 7) - available from the school. Phone: 384 8575 or email [admin@st-leonards.durham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-leonards.durham.sch.uk) See poster.

### **PRISONS WEEK 13 -19 OCTOBER**

Prisons Week is a week of prayer for the needs of those affected by prisons

- Prisoners and their families
- Victims of crime and their communities
- Those working in the criminal justice system

It was started in 1973, as a Roman Catholic initiative, by Bishop Victor Guazzelli, but is now an ecumenical movement. It's website [www.prisonsworld.org](http://www.prisonsworld.org) has suitable daily prayers.

St. Cuthbert's parish, Durham, are collecting items for NEPACS to make up Toiletry and Homeless Packs for prisoners being released from Low Newton (women). NEPACS is a northeast charity that has been supporting people affected by imprisonment for 135 yrs. Finchale Partnership Outreach Group has recommended that as there are three prisons within our boundaries, parishes might wish to support this collection.

Please put any donations in the box at the back of Church on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Suitable items to contribute are toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, deodorant, flannels, combs etc.

The annual Prisons Week Symposium, will be held at Prior's Hall, Durham Cathedral, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October. 9.30 - 12.45. This is an opportunity to hear experts on the subject and is highly recommended. Admission is free but places need to be booked, see Cathedral website for details about booking.



### **Durham Martyrs Walking Group - Next Walk - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

- 'An Elephant Safari in Newcastle' - Approx 7.5 miles - We will meet at

Durham Railway Station to get the 10.17 train to Newcastle .to follow part of the 'Elmer trail' in support of St. Oswald's Hospice. This walk is suitable for children and young people between 10 - 100!. If you plan to do this walk, please contact the Parish Office and let Marjorie know.

**MISSIO RED BOXES ST. JOSEPH'S** - Pope Francis has declared October to be an Extraordinary Month of Mission, will you please make a special effort to bring your boxes to any weekend Mass, or leave a donation. Old style £1 coins, £5 and £10 notes are still valid for charities to pay into the bank. If necessary please call Alison or John Balmer on 0191 3665372 to have your money collected. Many thanks for your contributions.



## Memory Café Fundraiser

Trish George will be showing and selling some of her lino cut prints on 27<sup>th</sup> October after 11.00am Mass at St Joseph's. Each print will cost £10 and makes an excellent Christmas gift. All proceeds will be donated to supporting the Memory Café.

Information on the Memory Café will also be available for those who might be interested in joining us or who know someone who might like to attend. Please contact Evanna Donachie if you have any questions on [lindaevanna@gmail.com](mailto:lindaevanna@gmail.com).



**St. Joseph's Music Group - Advent and Christmas Music Preview -**  
Please come along and join us if you would like to find out about, and sing through, some of the music for the Advent and Christmas season in St. Joseph's Church (and at St Leonard's on Christmas Day).

All parishioners who enjoy singing are welcome to join us - you do not have to be part of the music group or choir.

### **When?:**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November, 6-7.30pm

### **Where?:**

Jubilee Room - St Joseph's Church

For more information please email [lindaevanna@gmail.com](mailto:lindaevanna@gmail.com)

## **A Thank you from Phil Sanderson**

It has taken a couple of months but finally I am able to say a big thankyou to everyone who kindly contributed to the collection at my wife Diana's funeral in July. The collection in Church raised **£700** and with cheques subsequently received and online donations, I was able to send a grand total of **£1000** to the **Children's Society**. As I said in the Eulogy, this is a charity very dear to both our hearts as, in its former guise of the Church of England Children's Society, their social workers gave us all our three boys to adopt. (Sadly our middle boy died as a result of a 'cot death').

Diana's funeral was memorable for many reasons including the way in which Father Colm helped make the Mass so alive and personal to Diana's character.

Another wonderful contribution was made by our Church musicians and singers. I know that at least one of Diana's chosen pieces was not very well known and thus necessitated some of them having to put time in to rehearse it. Diana had asked that money be left to help further the work of the music group and I look forward to hearing what they do with it. We truly have a wonderful community here at St. Joseph's and also in our broader Parish of the Durham Martyrs.

With love and prayers, Phil Sanderson



### **(ii) Fish and Chip outing to South Shields**

**Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October.** There is a list at the back of church to sign, or contact Margaret White (3869437), or Marjorie. All are welcome.

### **(iii) Film and Tea Afternoon**

**Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October,** in the Jubilee Room, 1.30-3.30pm. We would love to see you. Please contact Helen on 384 5843 if you would like a lift.

(iv) **Working with refugees in the Eastern Mediterranean**

An illustrated fundraising talk by Shirley Mansfield at

St. Joseph's, Gilesgate, Durham, on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.30pm.

*See poster*



**Memorial Sunday** - our annual Memorial Sunday Mass will take place on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November** at St. Joseph's at 3.00pm. All parishioners who have been bereaved during the year November 2018-November 2019 have received a personal invitation from Fr. Colm to come along and light a candle in remembrance of their loved ones. Fr. Colm will light three larger candles (one for each Mass centre) which represent the deceased members of our parish and our families and friends. These will remain on the altar and be lit at every Mass until they are burnt out.

Please come along to the Mass, and join us for seasonal refreshments in the Don Bosco Room afterwards. Everyone welcome.

**Thank You** - Helen Tumelty would like to thank everyone who attended her fundraising event at her home at the end of September. Due to your generosity, £180 has been donated to the Women in India project.

**RUSSIAN CHOIR CONCERT**

**WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 7.00PM 2019 ST GODRIC'S CHURCH**

Tickets go on sale this weekend 12/13 October - £10/free for unwaged.

As last year we also are asking for help with accommodation for the members of the choir on the evening of the 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to help in this regard please let me or Marjorie know. *Joe Hughes*

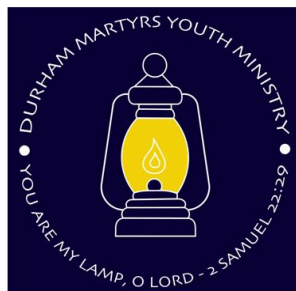


(i) **Fire Safety** - The recent fire drill evacuations gave us a number of learning points, one of which is that we need additional fire wardens. It is intended to hold an evacuation at each weekend mass once a year and there may also be an occasional parish event which requires some warden presence.

If you think you could be a warden we would be pleased to hear from you. Experience is helpful but not necessary as brief training will be given. Please contact either an existing fire warden or the parish secretary or for further details contact John Wells on 07724 714932; [johnwells2911@gmail.com](mailto:johnwells2911@gmail.com)

(ii) **New members wanted** - To try to keep our church property and grounds safe and in good order, the parish buildings and health & safety committee undertake a variety of tasks ranging from practical work such as grounds maintenance and DIY to liaising with contractors, health & safety inspections and project management. We are looking for new members. Experience is helpful but not necessary. If you think you may be able to assist in any of these areas we would be glad to hear from you. Please contact any member of the committee (contact details on health & safety noticeboards at back of churches) or the parish secretary. Further details can be obtained from John Reilly O'Donnell on 0191 3721934; [jarodonnell@hotmail.com](mailto:jarodonnell@hotmail.com)





## DURHAM MARTYRS' YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Co-ordinator - Katie Flood

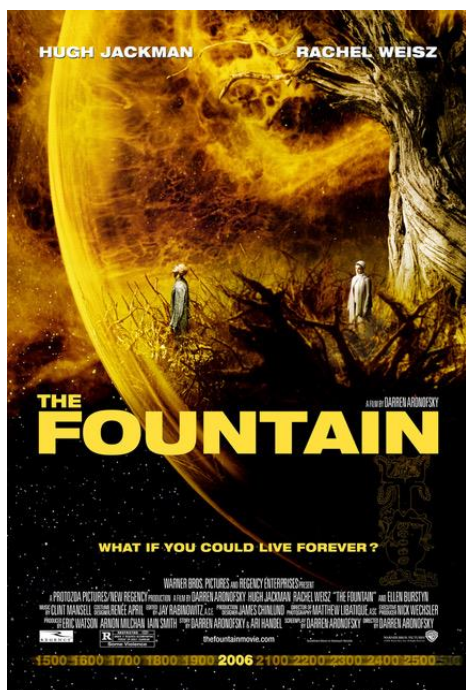
email: [youth.durhammartyrs@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:youth.durhammartyrs@rcdhn.org.uk)

Mobile: 07483 369 561

Our new programme of events has begun in October and the dates are as follows:

**THIS THURSDAY!!** We look forward to welcoming our young people in school years 5+ to Signpost our monthly youth celebration at St Joseph's Church, Gilesgate.

Flyers (and consent forms) will be available from the back of Church after all Masses. There will be food and we are asking for a contribution of £1.50 to cover this cost. We are also fortunate as we will have a guest speaker talking about finding Joy in your life! If you have any questions let me know!



## FRIDAY - 25<sup>th</sup> October - FILM NIGHT

Our new film night series will kick off on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> with a showing of Darren Aronofsky's 'The Fountain'. It follows three stories - one past, one present and one future - about our pursuit of eternity with those we love. This film has a 15 rating, therefore the showing will be open to those aged 15 and above. We will start the showing at 6:15pm and the film will be followed by a time of discussion.

There will be food available for a donation of £2 as well as a variety of sweets and popcorn to buy, if you have any dietary requirements please let me know in advance of the night.

We look forward to seeing you there!!

I will be available following all Masses this weekend for anyone who would like to volunteer or help out at any of our upcoming events.

Please continue to keep all our young people, teachers and those who work in education in your prayers.

5<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October - 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

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 12 October		10.00am	10.00am Fr. Bill Rooke 5.00pm David Adams and Edith Ryan
Sunday 13 October		9.00am - John Moran and Aileen Oliver 3.00-4.00pm Exposition	11.00am The Finn and Harrison Families
Monday 14 October	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 15 October	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am	6.30pm - Exposition 7.00pm Norman Wright
Wednesday 16 October	9.15am Belle Blakey	10.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion 5.00pm Reception of the late Kathleen Morris	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Thursday 17 October	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am Requiem Mass of Kathleen Morris	9.15am Rita Stephenson (Birthday Remembrance)
Friday 18 October	9.15am Special Intention (BF)	10.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.15am - Service of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 19 October		10.00am	10.00am Vocations to the Priesthood 5.00pm Vigil Philip Gibson (Birthday Remembrance)
Sunday 20 October		9.00am Brian O'Connor 3.00-4.00pm Exposition	11.00am Claire Aylett

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 13	Mon 14	Tue 15	Wed 16	Thurs 17	Fri 18	Sat 19	Sun 20
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm

## Prayer for the Homeless

God of compassion,  
your love for humanity was revealed in  
Jesus,  
whose earthly life began in the poverty  
of a stable  
and ended in the pain and isolation of  
the cross:  
we hold before you those who are  
homeless and cold  
especially in this bitter weather.

Draw near and comfort them in spirit  
and bless those who work to provide  
them  
with shelter, food and friendship.

We ask this in Jesus' name.  
Amen.