

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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Note from Fr. Colm

The school break brings a well earned rest for our schools staff. Enjoy.
"In learning you will teach, and in teaching you will learn." Phil Collins, singer.

Our best wishes to Bishop Séamus as he celebrates his last Mass as Bishop of the Diocese next Friday.

Our prayers are with Katie and team as they have their retreat this weekend in Leeds.

Again, big thanks to Dominica Moran for the input for readers. 'Speak slowly, speak loudly,' seems to be the important mantra for all readers...and priests!

Our congratulations to Pam and Bernard Plum on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Our sympathies to Chris Brennan on the death of his brother Harry.

Worth a watch: a moving documentary was on BBC4 recently on the extraordinary courage of journalists facing horrific circumstances. The programme is from the Storyville series and is called 'Under the Wire'. It is a wonderful exposure of courage and decency in the midst of the most awful carnage imaginable in Syria. Including the courage of journalist Marie Colvin and photographer Paul Conroy. Sadly, Marie Colvin lost her life in her efforts to

report to the world the tragedy and brutality that was the city of Homs, Syria. The number of journalists killed doubled last year from the previous 12 months. 34 of the 53 were targeted reprisals because of their work. Bless their courage.

Confessions:

St. Godric's Saturday: 10.30am-11.00am
 St. Joseph's Saturday: 9.30am-9.50am, 10.30am-11.00am,
 4.30pm-4.55pm

Feast Days

Thursday, 21 st February	St. Peter Damian Bp, D
Friday, 22 nd February	The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle
Saturday 23 rd February	St. Polycarp Bp, M

What's On

Tuesday, 19 th Feb	Justice and Peace Meeting, Don Bosco Room, 7.30pm
Wednesday, 20 th Feb	* Wednesday Lunch Club, Jubilee Room, 12.00-1.00pm * SVP District Meeting, Jubilee Room, 2.00-4.00pm



Sympathy - we extend our sympathy to Audrey Walsh on the loss of her brother Bob, and also to Chris Brennan on the loss of his brother Harry.
Requiescant in pace.

Racial Justice Sunday

Today is Racial Justice Sunday, which focuses on the experiences of ethnic communities in England and Wales. It is a day on which we all called to earnestly pray for an end to racism and racial inequality in our country. The theme this year is **Dignity for all Workers**, looking at how all people must not be exploited or face discrimination and hatred in their work. Please take a prayer card from the back of church.

Spirituality in Times of Trauma

On Saturday 23rd March, we have our second Ministry of Consolation day. Our theme this year is "Spirituality in Times of Trauma" and our speaker is Bishop John Wilson who was involved in supporting people in the aftermaths of the murder of Ann Maguire in Corpus Christi, Leeds and the Grenfell Tower fire. We anticipate a high demand for places!

The day will be held at Ushaw College and will run from 10.15am-3.30pm. Refreshments on arrival at 9.45am. Lunch will be provided. The day itself is free but any donations to cover the Diocese's costs would, of course, be most welcome!

To reserve a place, please complete a booking form and return to Department for Spirituality at the diocesan offices. There are a few booking forms at the back of church.

Women's World Day of Prayer - Durham City group are holding a service in St. Nicholas' Church, Market Place, Durham, on Friday, 1st March at 10.30am. The service has been prepared by the Christian Women of Slovenia.



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

**TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL
200 CLUB
February 2019 Results**

1st (£50)

Conference
John Stubbs

No. 141

St. Mary Magdalen, Seaham
Ss. Mary and Joseph, Newton Aycliffe

2nd (£25)

A. Foreman
M. Crozier

No. 156

St. Mary Magdalen, Seaham
Our Lady & St. Wilfred, Blyth

Grateful thanks for your continued support.

Bishop Dunn Memorial Lecture

Tuesday 26th February - *Communio Fidelium, Communio Ecclesiarum, Communio Episcoporum: Representation in Synodal Structures* by Professor Myriam Wijlens. This is a ticketed event. Details and registration available via www.centreforcatholicstudies.co.uk or 0191 334 1656. Registration deadline: 10am on Tuesday, 19th February. All welcome. *See poster*

Ecumenical Alpha Course at St. Mary Magdalene (C of E) Parish Hall, Belmont

You are invited to explore:- Life, Faith and Meaning with an Alpha course. Beginning Friday 15th March, then seven Fridays from 12.15pm to 2.15pm in Belmont Parish Hall. Lunch Provided. Contact Matt Pallister on 386-6306 for further information.

Save the Date

(i) Note from Katie - A great opportunity has arisen on **29th May at St Mary's Cathedral**. Matt Maher an international Christian music artist, songwriter and worship leader will be sharing an evening of praise, worship and adoration. Tickets for the trip will cost £20 (includes the £10 ticket) and we are running a Durham Martyrs Youth Ministry Trip (open to everyone) where we will catch the train from Durham, share a meal in Newcastle and have an amazing time at the concert in the Cathedral. There will hopefully be the opportunity to fundraise before the date to help bring costs down as well. As there are limited tickets I need to know asap if you are a definite yes so that I can make sure we get tickets. Attached is the event flyer. Deadline for booking is Monday 25th February. The following links show some of Matt Maher's most notable performances including singing at World Youth Day in Rio.

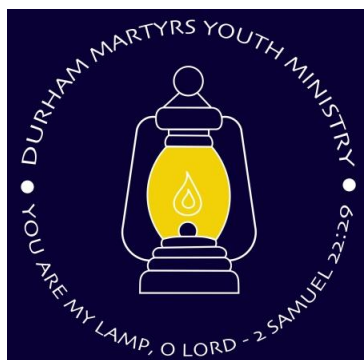
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGvcRhMyY74>

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If you want to go please email me/call me with how many tickets you would like and drop the money to Marjorie in the office by **next weekend at the latest**. See poster at the back of church.

(ii) **Quiet Day at Ushaw** - an opportunity to step aside, to listen to God in scripture and to enjoy the peace. **Wednesday, 27th March: 10.30am to 4.00pm.** Led by Sister Rosarie Spence. £10 per person, including coffee, tea and biscuits served both on arrival and to conclude the day. Lunch, with a delicious choice of great value home-made food, is available to purchase in the refectory. Bookings can be made on-line via Ushaw's website (www.ushaw.org) or call 0191 3345119.



DURHAM MARTYRS YOUTH MINISTRY

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What?	When?	Time	
Base Camp	Tuesday, 19 th February	No group	£1.50 entry Includes a meal
Signpost	Thursday, 21 st Feb	No group	
Frontier	Wednesday, 20 th Feb	No group	

As half term approaches we pray that all teachers, staff and pupils have a restful, happy and safe holiday and come back to school refreshed and ready for the warmer weather (fingers crossed!)

Please keep all our retreatants in your prayers as we travel to Leeds Trinity University this weekend for the Youth 2000 Retreat. Please also send any prayer requests before tomorrow lunch time and these will be prayed for throughout our retreat.

A list of dates will be available next weekend for all youth ministry events so watch this space!

Katie Flood

The Transcend Discipleship group met last weekend at the Youth Village. We had a great weekend exploring the theme of Love: love for ourselves, love for other and love for God. We heard from Bishop Seamus and had some question time with him, listen to Katy and Cody Kettner speaking about Marriage, relationships and leaving space for God and we shared in a beautiful Mass celebrated by Fr. Kevin Daley. If you would like to join the Transcend Discipleship programme and are in yr 10 or above please let me know.



In Base Camp and Signpost, we had a St. Valentine's theme we made paper chain hearts with quotes from scripture about the love we receive from Jesus.



In our frontier group we enjoyed playing a competitive game of Linkee and watched some great Christian comedy with Tim Hawkins.

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Exposition at St. Godric's Monday – Saturday afternoons from
2.00pm-3.00pm

	St. Bede's/St. Godric's School	St. Godric's	St. Joseph's
Saturday 16 February		10.00am Patrick Frobisher	10.00am Julia O'Riordon 5.00pm Janet Graham
Sunday 17 February		9.00am - Brian Connor 3.00 - 4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Paul Smith
Monday 18 February	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 19 February	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00m	6.30pm Exposition 7.00pm Norman Wright
Wednesday 20 February	9.15am Peter and Catherine McLoughlin	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 21 February	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	9.30-10.00am - Exposition 10.00am	9.15am Catherine Hannigan (Anniversary)
Friday 22 February EPISCOPAL	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 23 February		10.00am	10.00am Special Intention 5.00pm - Deceased members of the Power Family
Sunday 24 February		9.00am - Alf Carr (Anniversary) 3.00pm-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am Austin Flynn (Birthday Remembrance)

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 17	Mon 18	Tue 19	Wed 20	Thurs 21	Fri 22	Sat 23	Sun 24
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm