

*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 - 26<sup>th</sup> October - 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019**  
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October - 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**

**Priest:**  
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Our hard working teachers get a break - their first break of the new term next week. Enjoy. Well done and thank you.

Lots coming up over the next few weeks - St. Petersburg Choir, Lumière, Film evenings with Katie Flood. Marvellous being able to use church buildings for other important outreaches. I read recently that the Church of England puts around 20 church buildings traditionally used for worship, up for sale each year. I don't have to hand the Catholic figures. Changing times. Let us not be caught napping.

We are very blessed in our parish having a great group of individuals who meet monthly maintaining the same buildings in our parish, keeping an eye to the structures, ensuring your comfort and safety, keeping the gardens presentable. The list goes on but always needing more hands on deck. These are your buildings.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is also a gift to the local community. St. Godric's ensures that in the city centre there is a single hour each day giving an opportunity for over-stressed people to simply rest before the Lord. Yes, of course there are so many different ways of finding God in our own journey, but having an oasis of quiet is unique. Spread the word. Thank you.

## Confession:

St. Godric's

Saturday: 10.30am-11.00am

St. Joseph's

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

## Feast Days

Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> October	The Martyrs of Douai College
Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> November	All Saints Day
Saturday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

## What's On

Tuesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Liturgy Group, Don Bosco Room, 7.30-9.00pm
Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Wednesday Lunch, 12.00-1.00pm , St. Joseph's
Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Soup Lunch, Don Bosco Room, 12.00-1.00pm
Saturday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Faith and Light, 2.30-4.30pm
Sunday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Music Rehearsal, Don Bosco, 6.00-7.00pm



**Baptism** - we welcome into our parish community Maisie and Preston Dixon, who will be Baptised after the 11.00am Mass this Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> October, at St. Joseph's.

**Second Collection - Clergy Training Fund - this Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October.** This collection is **eligible** for diocesan Gift Aid, so please use a Special Collection envelope from your box supplied if you wish to make a donation. (The Fund remains open until 24<sup>th</sup> November). Thank you.

## Memory Café Fundraiser

Trish George will be showing and selling some of her lino cut prints today, 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).

## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November - All Saints' Day

This is a Holy Day of Obligation, and parish Masses are as follows:

St. Bede's (St. Godric's School)	9.30am
St. Godric's	10.00am
St. Joseph's	7.00pm

**St. Joseph's Fair Trade** - this weekend a *free packet of loose leaf tea* will be given with all orders over £5.

**Thank you from the Homelessness Support Team** - A huge thank you for your great generosity and kindness in the donations made to the retiring collection on Homelessness Sunday. This raised an amazing total of £941 which will enable us to support our work with Sanctuary 21(Salvation Army) and the Durham Winter Night Shelter with the purchase of much needed sleeping bags and other essentials for those people sleeping rough in our city.



**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.

**Parish Council** - the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> November. If you have any items which you would like to be discussed, please let Marjorie know by **13<sup>th</sup> November**.

**Fundraising** - Our next coffee morning will be held in St Bede's Room in St. Godric's School on **Friday 1st November** after the 9.30am Mass. Proceeds are for **Women in Need in India**. Everyone is very welcome.

### **Confirmation preparation**

Our candidates now only have one more session of preparation on 11<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm, before the celebration of the Sacrament on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm, at St Joseph's. The Bishop will be Confirming our young people and they have done a lot of planning of their Confirmation Mass. Please keep them in their prayers over the next few weeks. Look out for the display about their chosen patron saints, we are sure that you will be inspired by the holy men and women they have chosen as examples of faith.



### **News from St. Godric's Steering Group**

St. Godric's church now has a digital projector and screen which can be used to project the output from a Windows or Apple laptop. Do any parishioners have a spare iPad (of any vintage as long as it has a Lightning connector) which they could donate to the parish so that it could be operated directly and more simply from a dedicated tablet? If you are able to help please contact the parish secretary.

### **RUSSIAN CHOIR CONCERT**

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

Tickets now on sale - £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*

**Asylum Seekers Project** - our usual monthly parish collection of tinned food will take place over **next weekend, 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> November**. Thank you for your continued and generous support.

### **The Host Apostolate**

Many thanks to the very kind and thoughtful person who donated the Crib left at St. Godrics, on our stall. It is beautiful and very 'portable.' Gratitude to all who donate to us in many ways. Blessings. Halina.

### **Important Safeguarding Announcement**

#### **DBS Drop-in Session - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

Anyone who is helping out within the church in roles that require a Disclosure and Barring Service certificate must have a re-check every three years. By the end of March 2020 those volunteers who do not have a current DBS certificate will be asked to step down from their role until their DBS check has been completed.

To help avoid this happening we have been successful in obtaining another drop-in session from the Diocese for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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. If you are unsure about whether you need to attend, or you would like to complete forms in advance, please contact Dennis Bradley (St Joseph's) or Kathleen Murray (St Godric's). Further information will be provided nearer the date of the session.

### **Public Lectures Organised by the Centre for Catholic Studies (CCS), Durham University**

\* **Tuesday 5 November:** Public Panel Event Marking the 800th Anniversary of the Meeting of St Francis and Sultan Malek Al-Kamil in Egypt. Featuring HE Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald MAfr, Michael F. Cusato OFM, Pascal Robert OFM, and Mona Siddiqui OBE. 7.20pm at Ushaw College.

\* **Wednesday 6 November:** Sr Prof. Ilia Delio OSF: *Living Creation Theology in the Context of Contemporary Science: The Distinctive Contribution of the Franciscan Theological Tradition*. 9am at Ushaw College.

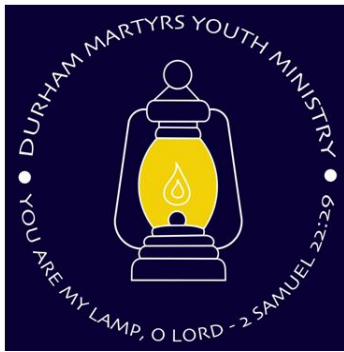
\* **Tuesday 12 November :** Public Lecture by Bishop Robert Byrne, CO: *Newman: A Saint for Our Time*. At St Cuthbert's Catholic Church, Old Elvet, Durham. 6.30pm Vespers, 7pm Lecture, 8.15pm Drinks, 8.45pm Close. Organised in conjunction with Durham University Catholic Chaplaincy. Entry is free of charge and free transport is available between Durham and Ushaw for those who need it. Space at these lectures is limited so registration is essential via <https://centreforcatholicstudies.eventbrite.com> or by telephoning the CCS on 0191 334 1656.

### **Ushaw - A Day of Reflection with Sr. Rosarie Spence RSM**

**Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ushaw.org)



## DURHAM MARTYRS' YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Co-ordinator - Katie Flood

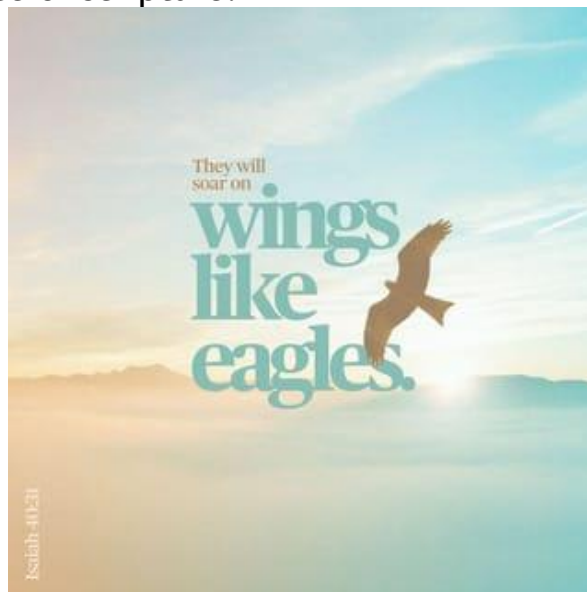
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I hope you are all looking forward to the half term break!

There will be no events during the half term holidays.

Thanks to all our young people who joined us for our first Signpost Youth gathering last Thursday. It was a great evening with reflection on who God is in our lives, a (rather competitive) paper airplane competition and we watched a great animated short film called Soar. All of our activities were based on Isaiah 40:27-31 - a great piece of scripture.



Please note a change in date for our Frontier Christmas Celebration and you can find all dates between now and Christmas below:

6th November - 7-9pm

13th November - NO GROUP

20th November - 7-9pm

27th November - 7-9pm

**4th December - THE SOURCE**

11th December - 7-9pm

TUESDAY 17th December - Christmas Party - 7:30pm - 9pm

I will be out of the office from Monday 29th October - Monday 4th November but will be reachable by email should you need to contact me.

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**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
<b>Saturday 26 October</b>		10.00am	10.00am Vocations to the Priesthood 5.00pm Tom Dawson and Peter & Catherine McLoughlin
<b>Sunday 27 October</b>		9.00am Susannah Michiels (Birthday Remembrance) 3.00-4.00pm Exposition	11.00am SVP Friends and Benefactors
<b>Monday 28 October</b>	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday 29 October</b>	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am	6.30pm - Exposition 7.00pm The Wright, Moran and Ward Families
<b>Wednesday 30 October</b>	9.15am Belle Blakey	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 31 October</b>	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Special Intention (BF)	9.15am Winifred Shaw
<b>Friday 1 November</b>	9.30am All Saints Mass	10.00am All Saints Mass	7.00pm All Saints Mass
<b>Saturday 2 November</b>		10.00am Frank & Bernard McGoay	10.00am Claire Faith Segovia 5.00pm - Philip Gibson and Keith Heslop
<b>Sunday 3 November</b>		9.00am Frank & Bernard McGoay 3.00-4.00pm Exposition	11.00am Special Intention (BF)

**St. Cuthbert's**

Sun 27	Mon 28	Tue 29	Wed 30	Thurs 31	Fri 1 Nov	Sat 2	Sun 3
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm and 7.00pm (Vigil Mass)	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm