

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 - Sunday 6th September **23rd Sunday of the Year**

Priest:

Parish Secretary

Hospital Chaplain

(Please telephone the Chaplain if you have someone in hospital who would like a visit)

Fr. Colm Hayden

Marjorie Towers **07391 529 827**

(Tuesday-Friday, 8.30am- 4.00pm)

Fr. Paul Tully - 01388 818544

For bereavement support, please contact the Parish Secretary

Confusion reigns nationally re quarantine and face masks, and so we may be forgiven if we don't get it right either.

However, I think our Health and Safety parish team are doing a first-class job. Thanks too to our stewards for their diligence and sensitivity in directing you to your seats, plus their thorough intensive cleaning of the church benches after Masses and Exposition.

The efforts to ensure safety before, during, and after exposition will not be required for the immediate future as the numbers attending are so low. Exposition will now be at 9.30am prior to the 10.00am Masses at St. Godric's and St. Joseph's beginning next Tuesday.

This will be inconvenient for the few who come, for which I give my sincere apologies. There are a few important announcements in this week's bulletin which I wish to highlight - The Listening Service and Hardship Fund Teams are placing important appeals.

Finally, I would like to thank Brian Harland for all his hard work on our Gift Aid scheme which has proven to be of enormous importance in this current crisis.

Feast Days

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| Saturday, 5 th September | St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) Rel |
| Tuesday, 8 th September | The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Wednesday , 9th Sept | St. Peter Claver P |
| Saturday, 12 th Sept | The Holy Name of Mary |

Parish Buildings

The Parish Office, Presbyteries and all church buildings **continue to be officially closed to all visitors** and the **parish secretary** can be contacted by email - secretary.stjandstg@btconnect.com and mobile on all parish matters. The number is 07391 529 827.



Sympathy - The funeral service of the late Mary Bates will take place at Durham Crematorium on Tuesday, 8th September at 2.00pm.

We extend our sympathy also to Elaine Carey and family on the loss of her sister Julie Thompson.

...and also to the family and friends of the late Gerry Tomaney, who passed away recently. Gerry was a staunch supporter of our Memory Cafe.
Requiescant in pace.

Attendance at Funerals - Owing to the Government restrictions on numbers currently in place, numbers attending should be minimised, and capped at 30 people. Guidance states that only the following should attend: members of the deceased person's household, close family members, and close friends who have been invited by the family, keeping the total to 30. Please do not try to attend if you haven't been invited by the family.

Prayers - please keep in your prayers:

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| Edward Newcombe | Nellie Stoker |
| Sheila Owens | Rose Marie Bruno |
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Anniversaries

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| Arthur Crampton | |
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Please let Marjorie know if you would like your loved one mentioned in the bulletin on their anniversary.

Hospital visits: The University Hospital of North Durham has suspended visiting of patients, with limited exceptions for children's wards, maternity wards and end-of-life patients. However, **the Catholic Chaplain is still able to visit patients**, and to bring them Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick.

If you know of a patient who wishes for a visit from the Catholic Hospital Chaplain, please inform Fr. Paul Tully on 01388 818544 or frpaultully@outlook.com

Church Re-opening

Face masks are to be worn at all services in St. Godric's and St. Joseph's. Social distancing determines that the number attending any service is restricted.

To ensure that we can safely accommodate you, and have the correct number of Stewards and Eucharistic Ministers at Mass, it will be necessary to contact Marjorie, our parish secretary, either by telephone 07391 529 827 or email secretary.stjandstg@btconnect.com requesting a place. In accordance with Government Guidelines, and **each time you reserve a place, whether by telephone or email**, she will need your **name and a contact number for track and trace purposes, should this become necessary. If you leave a voicemail message, please leave your number as well.**

For Mass the capacity of our churches is limited to about 20% of the norm. For **Saturday, Sunday, and Tuesday Masses**, the deadline for requesting a place at Mass is 2.00pm on Friday and for Masses on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, you can make your request up to 3.00pm the day before. Please note the revised deadline times.

If you are unable to get a place at a weekend Mass, remember there is Mass during the week. Our obligation to attend Sunday mass is waived at present. May we take this opportunity of asking those who are vulnerable not to come to mass at present.

The reception of Holy Communion will by necessity have to be controlled and our volunteer stewards will guide you. In order to reduce the risk of Covid 19 following the reception of the Blessed Sacrament, which will be received only in the hand, you will be expected to leave the church immediately, and you are asked to leave the church surrounds immediately.

Parish Finance

At each of the daily Masses there is now a collection plate at the back of the church on which weekday Mass goers can place their weekly offertory contributions. If you do not yet feel ready to commence attending Mass again, please continue to make your contribution by bank transfer to our bank quoting the following details: Sort Code 40-34-45 A/C No 51179306 A/C Name DHN Durham The Durham Martyrs OR by cheque or cash to:

Fred Haywood, Parish Treasurer, The Beeches, Grove House Drive, Gilesgate, Durham, DH1 1UP. Please indicate when you make your donation if it should be applied to the General Fund or the Hardship Fund. *Thanks, Fred Haywood.*

DURHAM MARTYRS' PARISH HARDSHIP FUND

Over the last few months the Parish, thanks to generous donations from parishioners, has established a Hardship Fund which currently stands at £10,500. The purpose of the fund is to assist parishioners and their families, in the parish catchment area, suffering short-term financial hardship. The fund is now open to applications. The Hardship Fund is overseen by a panel comprising:

Fr. Colm, Fred Haywood, Joe Hughes, Chris Mclean, Tony Power, Emma Turnbull.
To apply please complete the application form which will be available on the parish website from Tuesday, 8th September, or by contacting the parish secretary on 07391 529827, or via email secretary.stjandstg@btconnect.com - working hours Tuesday-Friday, 8.30am-4.00pm.

Listening Service - The Parish is exploring the idea of developing a small, friendly listening service. If you have any knowledge in this field either by way of contacts, information, expertise or experience which may guide us, we would like to hear from you. A contact number will be available in the next parish bulletin.

News from the Diocese

The Vicariate For Faith & Mission - Reading Resource:

The Vatican has released some key reading for those involved in parish ministry. There is a new publication of '*The Directory for Catechesis*' which may be of interest to those involved in catechesis and education. It can be purchased from Pauline Books and Media, it contains the latest thinking from Rome with regards content and methodology for those involved in sharing the faith.

The Certificate in Pastoral Ministry

Are you involved with ministry in your parish or Partnership, or would like to be involved with moving the mission of the Church forward? If so, the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry might be just what you need. The Certificate in Pastoral Ministry, offered by Loyola University Chicago, consists of ten modules delivered in an online format, allowing participants the freedom and flexibility of study in their own home and allowing you to get to know the people you are studying with. Modules include, '*What is Pastoral Ministry*', '*Building a Fairer World: Catholic Social Teaching*' and '*Building Parish Communities*'.

We are accepting applications for the certificate now, so to receive further information and an application form, please contact by email. The course begins in January 2021.

If you would like to receive updates and resources from the Vicariate for Faith & Mission, please sign up to our mailing list using this link: <https://forms.gle/sfzYNucPobYpUq8s7>

Mass Intentions for the Week

6th September 2020

| | St Godric's | St Joseph's |
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| Saturday 5 September | NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER | 5.00pm Janet Graham |
| Sunday 6 September | 9.00am Terrie Riddle | 11.00am Alex Morgan |
| Monday 7 September | NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER | NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER |
| Tuesday 8 September | 9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Annie Thompson (Birthday Remembrance) | NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER |
| Wednesday 9 September | NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER | 9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Olga Oliver |
| Thursday 10 September | 9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Terrie Riddle | NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER |
| Friday 11 September | NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER | 9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Olga Oliver and Beattie Gregory |
| Saturday 12 September | NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER | 5.00pm David Adams |
| Sunday 13 September | 9.00am Theresa Heslop (Anniversary) and Kumar Muthiah (70 th Birthday Thanksgiving) | 11.00am Jim Freely |

St. Cuthbert's

| Sunday 6 | Monday 7 | Tuesday 8 | Wednesday 9 | Thursday 10 | Friday 11 | Saturday 12 |
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| 10.00am Mass Pre-booked attendance only | No Mass | 12.00pm Private Mass | 9.15am Public Mass | 5.15pm Public Mass | 8.30am Private Mass | 9.15am Public Mass |