

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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We welcome Fr. Robert Riedling into the Parish. Fr. Robert will reside at St. Bede's Presbytery whilst he concludes his studies at Centre for Catholic Studies. Fr Robert will help with Masses whilst resident with us.

Many thanks for your cooperation and understanding, as we implement sanitary precautions in the wake of the Coronavirus. We don't know how long these precautions will be in place. My thanks to all who acted so swiftly to put these measures in place.

Unfortunately, it has been decided to cancel the International Meal which was due to take place this Sunday at St. Joseph's as a precautionary measure in the interests of health and safety in relation to the coronavirus.

A parishioner kindly reminded me of a BBC documentary entitled Lost Lives. It is the BBC at its most brilliant. The programme is not an easy watch, as it poignantly covers the Lost Lives of those who died in The Troubles.

Your prayers for Siobhan McGee, who suffered a nasty fall in Colombia.

"Anyone interested in social attitudes to divorce might be engaged by The Split, the legal drama currently screening on BBC 1....at one level it treats marriage breakdown cynically and casually: at another, it shows how divorce can cost, in monetary and emotional terms. And...it has to be admitted is brilliantly written and acted. ...there is a genuine family feeling about the storyline. The Split is such an interesting mix of the modern, the amoral, and the slyly conservative."
Mary Kenny, in The Catholic Herald.

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, 9 th March	St. Frances of Rome Rel
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What's On

Tuesday, 10 th March	Memory Café, Jubilee Room, 1.00-3.00pm
Wed 11 th Mar	* Lunch Club, 12.00-1.00pm, Jubilee Room, St. Joseph's * Frontier Youth Group, Jubilee Room, 6.00-9.00pm
Thursday, 12 th Mar	Signpost Youth Group, Jubilee Room, 5-6.30pm
Friday, 13 th March	Soup Lunch, St, Joseph's, Don Bosco Room, 12-1.00pm
Saturday, 14 th March	Faith and Light, Jubilee Room, 2.30-4.30pm



Funeral Arrangements - we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late John Carroll and Anne Marie Melvin whose funeral arrangements are given below.

John Carroll - Thursday, 12th March, Funeral Service at St. Godric's, 11.00am

Anne-Marie Melvin - Wednesday, 18th March, Requiem Mass at St. Joseph's, 10.00am. *Requiescant in pace.*

Sympathy - we extend our sympathy to the family of Cara Armstrong-McKay, who sadly passed away on Saturday, 7th March. Funeral arrangements have not been confirmed at this moment.

Baptism - we welcome into our parish community Nancy Catherine Belton, who will be Baptised at St. Joseph's after the 11.00am Mass this Sunday, 8th March.



We welcome to our Sunday Masses all the children from our three Primary Schools who will be making their the First Holy Communion in June.

Change of Mass Time - St. Joseph's

Tuesday, 10th March - Exposition at 9.00am followed by Mass at 9.30am

Thursday, 12th March - Mass at 9.00am

Lenten Charity Soup Lunches - 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.

Exposition - Each day, at St. Godric's in the centre of Durham City, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for one hour. If you can help us to maintain this visible sign of Jesus' loving presence among us, please contact Kathleen. (077591308 37) Thank you!

Guidelines re Coronavirus Covid-19

Last weekend we put in place some precautions against the spread of the coronavirus Covid-19. These included:

Removing water from the fonts
Not shaking hands at the Sign of Peace
Distributing Holy Communion by Host only
Ministers using hand gel sanitiser before distributing Holy Communion

These are in line with some guidelines issued by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, which can be viewed here - <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/02/advice-for-parishes-regarding-coronavirus-V2ab.pdf>

We will monitor the advice and let you know if any further precautions are needed.

Our social occasions are also continuing as normal, and our Parish food hygiene standards should continue to be followed by all.
Thank you for your cooperation. *Margaret Wallace*

Cancellation - Following on from the above, it has been decided to **cancel** the International Meal scheduled for this Sunday at St. Joseph's. It will hopefully be rearranged at a later date.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY, 6th MARCH

Please return your envelopes over this weekend, 7th/8th March.



St. Joseph's Minni Vinnies would like to thank every who supported their coffee morning last week, which raised an amazing £230, plus donations of food for the Diocesan Refugee Project.



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 - In 2019 a fantastic £4,839 was collected from the holders of red mission boxes and direct members of MISSIO at St Godric's and St Bede's. A very big **THANK YOU** to sponsors and contributors for your continued generosity. Please continue to support the work of the red box by bringing your mission boxes to Sunday morning Mass for emptying and counting by **Sunday 29th March**.



(i) **Thank You** - Our **Big Brew coffee morning** raised £282.29. Thanks to all who supported this in any way. *Joanna.*

(ii) **Hospitality Donation to SVP Baby Feeding Station** - Thanks to parishioner who stay for tea and coffee after mass at St Joseph's 11.00am mass, and to our hospitality volunteers we have been able to make a donation of £150 to the SVP to support baby feeding stations in Sudan. Many thanks to you all. *Evanna Donachie*

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 Partnership : Finchale Partnership Prayer & Spirituality:

In the first of a series of sessions on different prayers and devotions, we'll be talking about the Stations of the Cross. We'll be exploring the history and practice of the Stations, so whether you are very familiar with praying the Stations, or if you've seen them in church and simply want to know how it works, join us on Thursday 2nd April at 7.00pm, at St. Cuthbert's, Old Elvet, Durham. There will be a talk, the opportunity to ask questions and we will finish with Stations of the Cross in church.

Forthcoming Musical Events

(i) **Spring Concert** with extracts from Mozart's Requiem, Thursday, 2nd April at 7.00pm in St. Leonard's Sports Hall. Tickets, including refreshments, £5/£2.50 under 19. *See poster.*

(ii) **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.

(iii) **Sung Latin Vespers with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament** St. Joseph's Church, High Street, Gateshead, Thursday 19th March at 7.00pm. *See poster.*

Durham Churches Together 'Better Together'

A conversation with the General Secretary of Churches Together in England around how churches can be more collaborative in their mission and action. There is no charge for the event and no need to book but it would help us to know numbers of people booked using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/better-together-churches-acting-together-in-action-and-mission-tickets-95638249579>.

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 EASTER!

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:

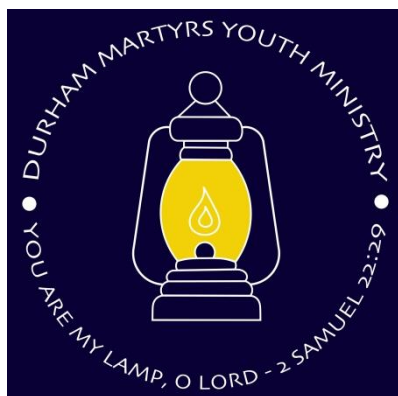
Easter Vigil - Sunday 29th March, 6pm - 7.30

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*



DURHAM MARTYRS' YOUTH MINISTRY

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On Saturday evening, we joined RTprojects and the local community for the Gilesgate Lantern Parade. It was a rather wet and windy evening and some of the amazing lanterns made by our young people did not survive. One of the ones that did make it through was a beautiful cross made by Lily. What a message!!



Frontier youth group -
Wednesday 7-9pm

Signpost Youth Group -
Thursday 5-6:30pm
(If any adults can help with this Group that would be great - do me an email)

St. Leonard's Lenten Retreats at St Godric's Church

From Monday 23rd March to Thursday 26th March St Godric's will be hosting year 7 pupils from St. Leonard's for our Lenten Retreats. A great success last year, we pray that the young people will enjoy the experience of being in St. Godric's and take some time to reflect on the many prayer stations available. Mass will be as usual in the John Boste room and exposition will also run as usual in the main church. Whenever you are in the church please feel free to read the prayers and look at the things our young people have made as part of the retreat.

Save the Date

There will be a Parish Retreat on Friday 18th - Sunday 20th September to Castlerigg Manor in Keswick. Prices and travel arrangements are yet to be confirmed but booking will be available in the next couple of weeks - (There will be a limit on numbers). This retreat is open to all ages and will be a great opportunity for us to grow as a Parish community.

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

Do you want to fast this Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude

Fast from anger and be filled with patience

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope

Fast from worries and trust in God

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity

Fast from pressures and be prayerful

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others

Fast from grudges and be reconciled

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen

Mass Intentions for the Week

7th - 15th 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 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
Monday 9 March	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 10 March	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	10.00am Frank & Bernard McGoay	9.00am - Exposition 9.30am Vocations to the Priesthood
Wednesday 11 March	9.15am Francis McLoughlin	10.00am	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Thursday 12 March	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.30am Exposition 10.00am - Holy Mass 11.00 Funeral Service of John Carroll	9.00am Helen Avery
Friday 13 March	9.15am Special Intention	10.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.15am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 14 March		10.00am Matthew Smith	10.00am Special Intention 5.00pm - David Adams and Belle Blakey
Sunday 15 March		9.00am Rose Carr (Birthday Remembrance) and Alan Bradley 3.00-4.00pm Exposition	11.00am Mary Bowling (Bromsgrove) and Jim Pickering (Anniversary)

See below for St. Cuthbert's Mass times

Sun 8	Mon 9	Tue 10	Wed 11	Thurs 12	Fri 13	Sat 14	Sun 15
10.00am and 6.30pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm and 7.00pm (Extraordinary Form)	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm