

***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, 18<sup>th</sup> July – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**

**Priest:** Fr. Colm Hayden  
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(Please telephone the Chaplain  
if you have someone in hospital)

Well, we seem to be getting back to normal...but not quite yet! There are still concerns; the Durham area isn't doing great in the Covid stakes... worrying numbers. I'll not remind you again of the precarious state we're in. Let's be cautious...it's not a major adjustment, considering what we've been through!

Many thanks to our wonderful team of stewards for looking after us.

Sadly, St Godric's School is losing a stalwart in the form of Jocelyn Welch, who retires after over 20 years of dedicated teaching. Thank you Jocelyn, and have a well deserved rest. You will be greatly missed.

## Feast Days

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|----------------------------------|---|
| Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> July   | St. Apollinaris Bp, M                         |
| Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> July | St. Lawrence of Brindisi P, D                 |
| Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July  | St. Mary Magdalene                            |
| Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July    | St. Bridget of Sweden, Rel - Patron of Europe |
| Saturday, 24 <sup>th</sup> July  | The Martyrs of the Diocese                    |

## Parish Contact

The parish secretary can be contacted by email – [secretary.stjandstg@btconnect.com](mailto:secretary.stjandstg@btconnect.com) and mobile on all parish matters. The number is 07391 529 827. Please do not ring the parish landline as the office is not manned at present.



**Sympathy** - We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the following parishioners who died during the week:

Marie Taylor, Elizabeth Gaffing and Ann Jackson. Funeral arrangements for Marie Taylor are not known at the moment. *Requiescant in pace.*

Please do not try to attend if you haven't been invited by the family, as numbers are still restricted to 44 at St. Godric's and 59 at St. Joseph's.

## Funerals this week

Owen Kenna - Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 11.15am at St. Joseph's

Margaret (Lena) Wilson – Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 11.00am at St. Joseph's

## Funerals next week

Ann Jackson – Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> July, 11.15am, St. Joseph's

Elizabeth Gaffing – Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> July, 10.00am at St. Godric's

**Prayers** – please keep in your prayers:



|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Sheila Patterson | Irma Oliver   |
| Kathleen Garbutt | Meg Dixon     |
| Mary Heslop      | Eddie McKeown |
| Tony Collinson   | Ann Close     |
|                  |               |

## Anniversaries

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Charles Harrison | John Newcombe  |
| Mary Lyons       | Jack Makepeace |

## **Step 4 of the Covid Roadmap**

The Government announced that we are moving to Step 4 of the Covid Roadmap from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

However, Fr Colm has decided that due to dangerously high Covid cases in our area, we will continue as we are until we await further advice from the Diocese. We will let you know as soon as possible of any changes.

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation in these difficult and ever-changing times.

### **Booking in for Weekend Masses**

Please continue to book in for our three weekend Masses as we are still restricted to 44 and 59 places at St. Godric's and St. Joseph's respectively. Also, it would be of great help, if you are acting as a Minister, that you book in too, as you still need to be counted as an attendee for our weekly statistics. The deadline for booking in is **2.00pm on Friday afternoon.**

### **Looking back at a year of services**

It has been almost a year since we were able to open up the churches after the first Lockdown. We started with Private Prayer on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at St. Godric's.

Since then we have had 353 services including:

- 34 Private Prayer sessions
- 287 Masses, including the Good Friday service
- 24 Requiem Masses, Funeral services and Receptions, for 20 parishioners we have lost
- 8 First Holy Communion Masses, for 89 children from our three Primary schools

In total, 11,861 people have attended our services over the 12 months.

### **Confirmation Programme 2021/22**

Excited to launch a new Confirmation programme in September 2021, Durham Martyrs Youth Ministry are working with the priests, catechists and parishioners in the Finchale Partnership to bring this opportunity to a church near you.

The parishes involved are:

Blessed Edmund Duke Parish (Trimdon, Sedgefield and Coxhoe)  
St. Cuthbert's Parish (Durham)  
Durham Martyrs' Parish (Durham)  
St. John Boste Parish (West Durham)  
St. Patrick's Parish (Langley Moor)

With retreats, away days and celebrations, all candidates will have the opportunity to join with other young people from around the Partnership on their journey towards Confirmation! Look out for more details after the summer holidays or contact [youth.durhammartyrs@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:youth.durhammartyrs@rcdhn.org.uk) now!



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## TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL 200 CLUB

### RESULTS – July 2021

| 1 <sup>st</sup> - £50 | No. 35                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> - £25 | No. 6                        |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Michael Willcock      | St. Charles, Gosforth    | Becky Coulson         | Parish of the Durham Martyrs |
| Ann Anderson          | St. Edward's, Whitey Bay | B. Thompson           | St. Bernadette's, Wallsend   |

Thank you for your continued support

### ONGOING FAITH WITNESS AGAINST HASSECKFIELD

In October, the Home Office plans to open an Immigration Removal Centre at Hassockfield on the site of the former Medomsley Detention Centre. This will be for 80 women seeking asylum in the UK. The proposal is inhumane, unjust and incompatible with our faith which calls us to recognise the intrinsic dignity of each person. These women are people like ourselves who have the right to a place of safety and to be treated with respect and compassion. **A monthly prayer vigil will be held at the barrier to Hassockfield on the first Sunday of each month at 3pm starting on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August.** This will last for about 30 minutes and will incorporate a time of silent witness. Please support this with your prayer and, if at all possible, come along. For further information, please contact: [lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com](mailto:lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com)

## SVP Twinnage

In the St. Vincent de Paul Society we have a Twinnage scheme where SVP Conferences here are twinned with conferences in India. Due to lack of funds over the last year many conferences have closed or are unable to support their twins.

Could you take in a twin? It would cost you £150 per year. This money would be sent to an SVP in India who would use the money to support poor families in their village. They would buy food/rice/bedding/clothes/medicines/education and help families to be self sufficient.

You will know the address of the Indian Conference and will be able to communicate with them via letters, email and cards. If interested, please get in touch with me by phone (0191 3845843) or email [helen.m.haywood@btinternet.com](mailto:helen.m.haywood@btinternet.com)

## The Peru Mission

You are invited to a "Casa Abierta" (Open House) at 15. The College, Durham DH1 3EQ on 24th July 2021 from 12midday to 5pm.

This fundraising event for The Peru Mission (Registered Charity 1145812) is at the home of Canon Pastor Michael Everitt and his wife, Ruth, who have very kindly agreed to host us and allow people to find out more about the work of The Peru Mission.

For more details go to: [www.theperumission.org.uk](http://www.theperumission.org.uk) where you can book a 55min slot during the afternoon. Track and trace are in place and social distancing will continue to be respected.

*The Peru Mission - For I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me water; I was a stranger and you invited me into your homes; naked and you clothed me; sick and in prison, and you visited me.' Matthew 25:35-*

The Peru Mission is dedicated to the relief of need amongst the disadvantaged poor of Peru. We have built classrooms, food kitchens, chapels, community halls, sports fields and a bakery in our fourteen years of operating in Peru.

[www.theperumission.org.uk](http://www.theperumission.org.uk)

- or call The Peru Mission's projects coordinator, Joe Plumb, on 0191 3846378 (home) or 07485580215 (mobile).

# Mass Intentions for the Week

18<sup>th</sup> July 2021

|                      | St Godric's                                     | St Joseph's   |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Saturday<br>17 July  | NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER                       | 5.00pm Vigil Mass<br>David Elliot Anniversary<br>and the intentions of Fr. Colm and family                      |
| Sunday<br>18 July    | 9.00am<br>Michael Oliver (Illness)              | 11.00am<br>In thanksgiving for a Golden Wedding<br>(Matt and Joanna Pallister)                                  |
| Monday<br>19 July    | NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER                       | NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER   |
| Tuesday<br>20 July   | 9.30am - Exposition<br>10.00am<br>Lucy Hunt     | NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER   |
| Wednesday<br>21 July | NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER                       | 9.30am – Exposition<br>10.00am<br>Alan Lockyear and Family<br>and Jim Freeley Anniversary                       |
| Thursday<br>22 July  | 9.30am - Exposition<br>10.00am<br>Imelda Morris | 11.15am<br>Funeral Service of Owen Kenna  |
| Friday<br>23 July    | NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER                       | 9.30am – Exposition<br>10.00 – Kevin Royal Birthday Remembrance<br>11.00am – Funeral Service of Margaret Wilson |
| Saturday<br>24 July  | NO MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER                       | 5.00pm Vigil Mass<br>Irene Klobski<br>Susan Russell   |
| Sunday<br>25 July    | 9.00am<br>Liam Hayden                           | 11.00am<br>Liam Hayden  |

## St. Cuthbert's

| Sun 18  | Mon 19  | Tue 20  | Wed 21 | Thurs 22 | Fri 23  | Sat 24  | Sun 25  |
|---|---------|---------|--------|----------|---------|---------|---|
| 10.00am<br>and 6.30pm<br>(Pre booked<br>attendance<br>only) | No Mass | 12.15pm | 7.00pm | 12.15pm  | 12.15pm | No Mass | 10.00am and<br>6.30pm<br>(Pre booked<br>attendance<br>only) |