

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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7th Sunday of Easter – World Communications Day
Parish Newsletter

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We will have our follow-up and third meeting with Fr. John O'Brien on Saturday, 15th June at 11.00am. This is an important gathering because of the changing landscape of parish, church and society. There is so much to ponder on in the context of how we adapt to a more secular world where vocations to the priesthood and religious life are more scarce.

We also see such changes in the profile of worshippers, particularly of ethnic backgrounds.

Of course we have pride in our past, but strong foundations need to be built for a very different future. As parents and grandparents we worry about how relevant church will be to our families' future. It would seem quite certain that it will be a different church anyhow.

Our previous meetings with Fr. John were very well attended. I would even say the best attended meetings in my long tenure as PP. They were very open and wide ranging in numerous ways. Above all, they were clearly relevant and positive. Whilst not short of a priestly presence in Durham, we still know the importance of continuing constructive dialogue between the clergy and lay people, especially in response to Pope Francis' emphasis on Synodality. We also have a young Bishop – the youngest in the country, who is keen for us to be ready.

Pentecost is upon us soon. A reminder of the power of the Spirit to excite, build and maintain Community as no other bonding does.

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“To put it simply: the Holy Spirit bothers us. Because he moves us, he makes us walk, he pushes the Church to go forward. And we are like Peter at the Transfiguration: ‘Ah, how wonderful it is to be here like this, all together!’ ...But don’t bother us. We want the Holy Spirit to doze off ... we want to domesticate the Holy Spirit. And that’s no good because he is God, he is that wind which comes and goes and you don’t know where he is. He is the power of God, he is the one who gives us consolation and strength to move forward. But to move forward! And this bothers us. It’s so much nicer to be comfortable.”

Pope Francis

A reminder:

Bishop Stephen visits the parish on the weekend of 8th/9th June. He will celebrate Mass at all three Masses that weekend and will join us for the regular International Meal on the Sunday.

Feast Days

Monday, 13 th May	Our Lady of Fatima
Tuesday, 14 th May	St. Matthias, Apostle
Saturday, 18 ^h May	St. John I Pp, M
Sunday, 19 th May	Pentecost Sunday

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:

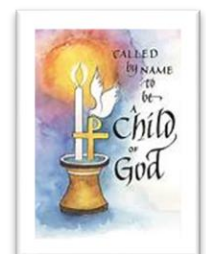


Sean Casey	Tony Twomey
Brian Harland	Jared Howarth
Bridget Grehan-Bradley	Helen Tumelty
Kitty Trainor	Ian Hamilton
Ann Hourican	Ann Close
Mary Armstrong	Margaret Robinson

Anniversaries

John Pickles	Mary Hollingsworth
Kevin Crilly	

Baptism – we welcome into our parish community, Élodie Grant, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Joseph’s this Sunday, 12th May, after the 10.30am Mass.



Retiring Collection

This weekend, 11th/12th May there will be a retiring collection in support of World Communications Day and the church's communications endeavours over the next 12 months. You can read Pope Francis' full message on World Communications Day at www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd24-papal-message/



Coffee Morning - There will be a parish coffee morning on **Monday 20th May**. It will take place immediately after the 9.15 Service of the Word and Holy Communion in **St Bede's Room in St Godric's School**. All proceeds are for Women in Need in India. Everyone is very welcome.

Movie Night

Everyone is welcome to our next Movie Night on Thursday 23rd May at 7pm in the Jubilee Room. The film is "Living" (12 rating). It is a beautifully acted film starring Bill Nighy who reminds us to value what it is to live.



Wine and light refreshments will be served. Don't forget your cushions.

Save the Date – Parish Open Meeting

After two successful meetings with Fr. John O'Brien, he will be returning on **Saturday 15th June**, 11.00am, to lead us in the next stage of planning for our parish. The meeting will take place in the Jubilee Room at St Joseph's, and all are welcome.

Volunteers Needed – Children's Liturgy

"Whoever welcomes a child in my name, welcomes me" Matthew 18:5

Can you help children to feel more welcome at Mass and able to take part? Could you help us deliver the Liturgy of the Word to the children at St Joseph's Church?

Children's liturgy is aimed at proclaiming the Scriptures to young people in a way that is suited to their age and ability. It is a way to help them understand by using language and symbols relating to their childhood experience. Leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word have a great privilege and responsibility. They help break open the words of the Gospel for the children, enabling them to hear God's Word.

If you are interested in joining the team at St. Joseph's, or would like to find out more about it, we would love to hear from you - please contact Catherine Taylor at catmarytaylor@gmail.com or 0771 919 3401.

Please note - those involved in this ministry must adhere to the Diocesan Safeguarding requirements and go through the Disclosure and Barring procedures.

Choral choir - Spring Concert

A spring parish concert will take place on Friday 17th May in St Michael's Catholic Church, Houghton-le-Spring (Postcode DH5 8NF). The famous 'Newcastle Male Chorus Choir' will be performing live. There will be refreshments in the Parish Hall in the interval.

Tickets are £6 and you can pay at the door, with under 18's free. This promises to be a great night. All welcome.

Concert in Durham Cathedral 'From Dusk 'til Dawn'

Durham Choral Society and Orchestra will perform: Eine Kleine Nachtmusik -Mozart Mass in G - Schubert Sunrise Mass Ola Gjeilo on Saturday 18th May 7.30pm Durham Cathedral. Tickets are available from the Cathedral, or the website: www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/calendar



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TYNE CENTRAL COUNCIL – 200 CLUB RESULTS – May 2024

1 st (£50)	No. 164
Margaret Lee	St. Joseph's Birtley
Michael Trodden	St. Bede's Jarrow
2 nd (£25)	No. 1
F. O'Hare	Our Lady of Lourdes, Wallsend
Mary Flynn	Parish of the Durham Martyrs (St. J)
Mildred Farrer	St. Joseph's Birtley

With many thanks for your continued support



Durham Martyrs Walking Group - Our next walk will be Bishop Auckland and Binchester Roman Fort on **Saturday 18th May**.

The walk begins in Bishop Auckland Market Place, outside the Town Hall, and begins by walking along the boundary wall of the Deer Park, continues along a disused railway track, followed by a 2km (1.25mile) stretch through the delightful Belburn Wood. The final leg is along a quiet lane.

The route is 8km (5 miles) in total and offers fine views over the Wear Valley with the opportunity to visit a Roman fort and the castle and Deer Park of the Bishops of Durham. There are ample pay and display car parks nearby. Meet at St Joseph's at 9.30am to share transport. It would be very helpful if you could let Marjorie know if you plan to join us so that we know who to expect.

Celebration of Life Mass

On Saturday 25th May, the Bereavement Support Group will hold the annual Celebration of the Lives of Loved Ones Mass at 10.00am in St. Joseph's.

We hope that you will be able to join us to remember our loved ones and lay a flower in their memory. We will be serving refreshments afterwards in the Jubilee room and would love to see you all. Everyone welcome



Homelessness Support – Sanctuary 21

There has been a significant increase recently in the number of people attending Sanctuary 21 who are officially registered by the County Council as homeless and in need of fresh clothing.

Whilst we currently have good stocks of clothing in large and extra-large sizes, we are particularly short of medium size T-shirts, hoodies, casual trousers/ jeans and jogging bottoms.

If you have any of these items, in good condition, that you are able to donate, please leave them in the in the clearly marked containers that will be available at the back of both churches between 4th and 18th May. These will be collected by our Parish volunteers and taken to Sanctuary 21 for distribution as needed. Please note that these are the only items we require at the present time.

Thank you in anticipation of your help.

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

Parish Secretary, Our Lady & St Philip Neri, Gateshead and St Anne, Winlaton– 26 hours per week. Closing date: 21st May

HR Administrator, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – 15 hours per week. Closing date: 21st May

Cleaner, St. John XXIII, Washington and St. Joseph, Birtley – 12 hours per week. Closing date: 22nd May Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.



SIGNIFICANCE FESTIVAL WEEKEND – JUNE 29, 2024

YMT look forward to welcoming you to the Significance Festival Weekend this June, in particular for the main event on Saturday 29th June, from 10am onwards.

There will be a fayre of stalls and activities, sessions for children and young people, guest speakers and live music, spread across the Emmaus Youth Village, which will be open for you to enjoy in the beautiful Derwent Valley! We welcome everyone to gather for Mass for the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul at 3.15pm, with Bishop Stephen, followed by a BBQ and Ceilidh in the evening.

Individuals, families, and parish groups are all welcome. For additional details and to book, please email Nicole at nsalkeld@ymt.org. Single or shared accommodation and camping areas are available to book (all self-catered), for Friday and Saturday nights. Tickets for the Saturday evening BBQ are £10 each.

Entry on Saturday for the speakers, fayre, Mass, and ceilidh is FREE (additional charges apply for accommodation, camping and the BBQ) - but we hope this day will be welcoming, fun and affordable for all the family and individuals of all ages!

Mass Intentions for the Week

12th May 2024

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 11 May		5.00pm Vigil Mass Hannah Mary and Ken Drane and Belle Blakey
Sunday 12 May	9.00am Bill Harris 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Thomas and Lucy Hunt and John Rusell (Dublin)
Monday 13 May	NO MASS	9.15 am Service of Word ad Holy Communion
Tuesday 14 May	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Colin and Estelle Wild and Bryan Fehily	NO MASS
Wednesday 15 May	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am World Peace
Thursday 16 May	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Sinéad McErlane	NO MASS
Friday 17 May	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Kevin Crilly
Saturday 18 May	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Tommy Loughlin (SVP)
Sunday 19 May PENTECOST	9.00am George & Susannah Michiels and Ken Riddle (SVP)	10.30am A Special Intention and special blessings and Roger Charlton

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 12	Mon 13	Tue 14	Wed 15	Thurs 16	Fri 17	Sat 18	Sun 19
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	10.00am and 6.30pm