

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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Thank you all who contributed to such a wonderful event last Sunday. The International Meal was everything it should be. The dishes were of a rich variety representing the cultures of those who so generously cooked them. The costumes of some of these cultures were delightful in their colours and designs

A special thanks to all who organised this now regular event.

An interesting evening at St Godric's on Tuesday evening with slides and an exceptional memory for someone to recite St. John's Gospel for over an hour, interspersed with stunning violin playing. Again, thanks to those who organised.

Some interest has been shown for a parish pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Here's to a great evening of dancing at our Parish ceilidh this Saturday.

Feast Days

Monday, 17 th March	St. Patrick, Bp Apostle of Ireland
Wednesday, 19 th March	St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday, 20 th March	St. Cuthbert, Patron of the Diocese

Please keep in your prayers:



Kitty Trainor	Tony Twomey
Ann Hourican	Jean Smith
Mary Armstrong	Ann Close
Sheila Owens	Margaret Graham
Margaret Nancarrow	Veronica O'Reilly
Freda March	Judith McLean
Michael Farmer	Christopher Godbolt
Ann Childs	Izzabella Davey

Anniversaries

Mary Hughes	John Morgan
Jim Pickering	James Buchanan
Nancy Howes	Jack Dooner
Violet Dooner	Victoria Garnham
Agnes Addison-Smyth	Mary Morgan
Elizabeth Glaister	



Forthcoming Funeral

The Funeral Service of the late Teresa Madge Raine, will take place on Tuesday, 18th March at Durham Crematorium at 1.00pm.

Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to Pat Taylor and family on the sad loss of her cousin, Carol Telfer. *Requiescat in pace.*



There will be a parish coffee morning this **Monday 17th March**. It will be held in St. Bede's Room in St. Godric's School immediately after the 9.15 Service of the Word and Holy Communion.

All Proceeds are for Women in Need in India. Everyone is very welcome.

Journey in Faith

The next meeting of Journey in Faith will take place at St. Joseph's on Thursday, 20th March at 2.30pm.

Missio APF/Mill Hill collections for the month 2025 Ss. Godric and Bede
 Red mission boxes / donations for St Bede's will be collected and emptied by sponsors in the usual way during March. Please bring those for St. Godric's to Sunday Mass on 2nd, 9th, 16th or 23rd March.



A big **thank you** for your continued support and generosity.



Parish Ceilidh – this Saturday, 15th March St. Joseph's School Hall,
7.00-10.00pm
 Spot Prizes - Raffle - Quiz - Shared Table
 Brilliant Ceilidh Band 'North by North East'

It will be a wonderful Parish celebration. All welcome!

Refreshments – Starting on Wednesday, 19th March, following Mass on a Wednesday morning at St Joseph's, coffee/tea will be served in the porch. All are welcome.



Confirmation

There will be a retiring collection at the end of all masses this weekend (15th/16th March) for The Confirmation Group's Retreat and we appreciate any support parishioners are able to offer.

Please note that there will be a **youth-led Mass** on Sunday 23rd March at St. Joseph's at 10:30am.

The Season of Lent



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Sunrise Services – St. Joseph's

Sunrise Services will take place at St. Joseph's on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.30am throughout Lent.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday evening throughout Lent.

Date	Church	Group
21 st March	St. Godric's	Sanctuary 21
28 th March	St. Joseph's	SVP
4 th April	St. Godric's	Lunch Club
11 th April	St. Joseph's	Booked - Group TBC

Please note there will be a youth-led **Stations of the Cross, on Good Friday** in **St. Joseph's at 10.00am** which will be young-child friendly and we hope to see lots of families there.

Charity Lenten Lunches

Date	Group
21 st March	SVP
28 th March	
4 th April	Sanctuary 21
11 th April	Bereavement Support Group

Please contact Marjorie if you or your group would like to host the remaining slot.

Readers and Ministers

We need to start planning for Holy Week and Easter, so Fr. Colm has asked that you let Marjorie know of your availability as soon as you can. Thank you to those who have already replied.

Easter Services and Masses

Day	Date	Time	Church
Holy Thursday	17 th April	7.00pm	St. Godric's
Good Friday	18 th April	3.00pm	St. Joseph's
Holy Saturday	19 th April	7.00pm	St. Joseph's
Easter Sunday	20 th April	9.00am 10.30am	St. Godric's St. Joseph's

Celebration of the Mini Triduum – a celebration of the Mini Triduum for the sick and housebound has been organised for the Wednesday of Holy Week – 16th April This will take place at 2.00pm in St. Joseph's Church, followed by a 'Celebratory Tea' in the Jubilee Room provided by the SVP. More information to follow.



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CLUB

Results – March 2025

1st (£50)	No. 84
Teresa Dickson	Our Lady of Lourdes, Wallsend
Barbara Brown	Parish of the Durham Martyrs' – St. Godric's
2nd (£25)	No. 132
Ann Marshall	St. Joseph's, Birtley
David Brien	Parish of the Durham Martyrs – St. Godric's

With many thanks for your continued support



St. Leonards' Spring Concert

Tuesday, 1st April

7.00pm at Elvet Methodist Church

Tickets are available from: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-leonards-catholic-school/spring-concert/2025-04-01/19:00/t-pqeoddg>

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026

Some parishioners have expressed an interest in visiting Lourdes in 2026. If you are interested (no commitment) could you give your name to Marjorie and we can begin the planning process.

The dates we are thinking about are Half Term 23rd – 30th May.



St Cuthbert's Catholic Church Coffee Morning and Spring Craft Fair

Saturday 5th April 10.00am to 2.00pm in the Parish Room. Gifts, Greetings Card, Easter Decorations and much more. All proceeds to the Church Stonework Appeal.

Catholic Herald

The March edition is now on sale at both churches - £5 per copy.

Legion of Mary Meetings

There is a proposal to start the Legion of Mary praesidia meetings and Legion work in the parish.

Initially, there will be a series of informal meetings after the Sunday Masses – possibly two or three meetings. If there is enough interest, weekly meetings can then be arranged at an agreed venue, date and time. Examples of the nature of the work that members can participate in (list not exhaustive):

- Home to home visit to the sick and housebound
- Hospital visits
- Cleaning the church and surroundings
- Helping with Catechism
- Helping to ensure the elderly are brought to the Lunch Club
- Care of children at Mass
- And any other work deemed suitable by Fr. Colm

If anyone is interested, please contact Marjorie in the Parish Office,

From the Diocese

Job Vacancy - The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint to the following vacancy: **Safeguarding Co-ordinator**

Based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle – full-time, permanent contract. Closing date: 25 March at 12.00pm. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

National Catholic Leadership Programme

This programme is for serving Deputy Headteachers in Catholic Primary and Secondary schools who are considering the role of headteacher in the next two years. It is fantastic training for the role of Catholic Headteacher, delivered by inspirational leaders across our Diocese. Please contact education@diocesehn.org.uk for further information.

Old Postage Stamps, Jewellery, Medals

David & Theresa O'Neill have been raising funds to assist the nuns of Little Sisters of the Poor carry on their wonderful work caring for elderly people including retired clergy & religious. They are not asking for financial help but rather by your donations of used postage stamps (any country or period), foreign currency (notes & coins from any country), broken or unwanted pieces of gold/silver jewellery & military medals from any conflict. If you have any old stamp albums or other items & let David & Theresa know. Their contact details are:

David & Theresa O'Neill, Tel: 0191 264 5771 david-oneill3@sky.com

Answer the Call: Teach in a Catholic School

Are you a Catholic teacher currently working outside Catholic education? Have you considered bringing your skills, experience, and faith into a Catholic school setting? Now is the time to explore how you can make a real difference in a values-driven, faith-filled learning environment. The Diocesan Department for Education are hosting an information session, for those interested in exploring teaching opportunities in our Catholic Education Trusts and schools.

Date: Wednesday 2 April 2025 between 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Location: The Durham Centre, Belmont DH1 1TN

Register your place by emailing: education@diocesehn.org.uk

Forthcoming Ushaw Event

St. Cuthbert's Day at Ushaw:

On Thursday 20th March, the Feast of St. Cuthbert, Mass will be celebrated in St Cuthbert's Chapel at 12.30pm. Cuthbert is the patron of our Diocese, and also the patron saint of Ushaw. 2025 is a Jubilee year, a year to celebrate everything that is good about our faith, and a year in which we particularly want to celebrate the life and legacy of our patron saint.

Everyone is very welcome to attend, and there is no need to book. For further details see <https://ushaw.org/whatson/st-cuthberts-day-2/>

Mass Intentions for the Week

16th March 2025

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 15 March	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass John and Olive Doyle Anniversary, and in celebration of a 90 th Birthday.
Sunday 16 March	9.00am Victims of war, conflict and famine 3.00pm-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Rose Carr Birthday Remembrance, Deceased Harrington, Lennon and March Families, and Victoria Garnham Anniversary
Monday 17 March	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 18 March	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Special Intention (MT) and Ena McBride	NO MASS
Wednesday 19 March	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am - Private Intention Whole School Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph
Thursday 20 March	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Peter and Catherine McLoughlin	NO MASS
Friday 21 March	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am The family of Rosie Francesca Braithwaite
Saturday 22 March	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Anthony Farmer
Sunday 23 March	9.00am Peter Cura 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Hugh and Sibby Conway, and Maureen Coulthard

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 16	Mon 17	Tue 18	Wed 19	Thurs 20	Fri 21	Sat 22	Sun 23
10.00am and 6.30pm	No Mass	9.15am	7.00pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm