

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

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John Kenneth Galbraith(a)OC
(October 15, 1908-April 29, 2006), also known as Ken Galbraith, was a Canadian-American Economist, diplomat, public official and intellectual. He famously said “Meetings are indispensable when you don’t want to do anything.”

Last Saturday’s follow up meeting with Fr. John O’Brien was possibly one of those meetings, and I don’t think John would mind me saying this. In thanking all who gave of their time in attending this, and previous meetings, we need to acknowledge perhaps, that having ideas for going forward needs a radical rethink. Sometimes we can be boxed in by concerns that are light years away from where the real challenges are. George Ball, the former United States Ambassador to the UN famously said, ‘Nostalgia is a seductive liar.’

We all appreciate our own, and religious histories, but we also need to face the uncomfortable reality, perhaps, that a different understanding of parish requires a listening process, especially to our younger members, that does not sit gently with our personal journey. Can I thank you all for making the time and effort to share your hopes and concerns at each of these meetings.

Two successive weeks of celebrating First Holy Communions in the parish always brings summer joy. However, reception of the Eucharist is a lifelong journey of spiritual nourishment that requires encouragement in a secular age. My sincere thanks to our schools and catechists for laying the foundations, but without the encouragement of parents, then the children face an uphill struggle in appreciating the extraordinary reality of grace and spiritual food they have received for the first time.

‘It is not enough for Christian parents to nourish only the bodies of their children; even animals do this. They must also nourish their souls in grace, in virtue, and in God’s holy commandments.’ St. Catherine of Sienna.

Peace on Stormy Seas

I sailed upon a tranquil sea
Where all was peace and calm;
I felt my life serene and blessed,
I knew not storm or qualm.
Then clouds of doubt began to form,
The wind did stir and blow;
My tranquil sea did heave and toss,
I felt my anguish grow.

I cried, "Dear Lord, are you out there?
You see my ship storm-tossed?
Why do you leave me here alone?
I fear I may be lost."
God smiled and spoke these simple words,
"Peace my child, just be still;
I'm the God of the raging sea,
The waves obey my will."

"Hook your anchor onto 'The Rock'
That holds your vessel sure.
No evil can alarm you child,
I'll keep your life secure."
"No harm will touch you if you trust
And place your faith in me;
Your storm-tossed ship will once again
Sail on a tranquil sea."

"So do not fear the storms of life
That oft assail your soul;
I am the Master of the Sea,
I'm always in control."
"The storms will surely strengthen you
When on rough seas you sail,
For you will know the victory
That comes when you prevail."

[Linda J. Stevenson -- From Daine, via 'Inspired Buffalo']

Feast Days

Monday, 24 June	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Thursday, 27 June	St. Cyril of Alexandria Bp, D
Friday 28 June	St. Irenaeus Bp, M

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Brian Harland	Tony Twomey
Kitty Trainor	Jared Howarth
Ann Hourican	Ian Hamilton
Mary Armstrong	Ann Close

Anniversaries

Joan Humble	Shaun Magill
William Curry	Tommy Shaw
Susan Michiels	



Funerals this week

Wednesday, 26th June at 10.00am – Requiem Mass of the late Sheila Patterson at St. Joseph's.

Wednesday, 26th June at 2.30pm – Funeral Service of the late Graeme Edward Prudhoe at Durham Crematorium.



On Thursday, 11th July, the SVP members are hosting a Summer event for the elderly of the parish. There will be a film show and Afternoon Tea for everyone, starting at 1.00pm. Please let us know if you require a lift and get in touch with any member of the S

Note from the SVP

The St. Vincent de Paul Society was founded in 1833 to provide help and support for those in need based on the Christian imperative “to love our neighbour as ourselves”. Over the years the Society has grown to include not only those in need locally but also those in the wider community, both at home and abroad. On a weekly basis the members visit the elderly, lonely, housebound and those in residential care keeping them in contact with the Parish.



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

During the year, we put on a Christmas Party, delivered Easter Eggs to the housebound and those in residential care. We took a group to Seaham for a fish and chip lunch which was enjoyed by all. We have also been able to help deserving families within the Parish meet their basic needs. One of our members is a regular prison visitor and others assist at Sanctuary21 in Durham.

In addition, we have contributed to a National Disaster Fund, and supported the SVP food bank and Deaf Centre, both in Newcastle. We are also committed to help SVP Conferences in poorer countries to become economically independent.

Financially, we began the year with a balance of £3,563.55 and through your generosity raised the magnificent sum of £8,482.39.

Our total expenditure over the year amounted to £9856.31 which means we have a balance of £2,189.63.

Without your kindness and generosity none of this work would be possible. So, from us and all those we helped during the year may I extend a very big 'thank you' and we hope you will continue to support us in the future.

We would also like to extend an invitation to anyone who can spare an hour or two each week to become an SVP member. The process involves an interview, a security check and induction.

Anyone interested please contact an SVP member or Margaret White 0191 3869437.

Laudate Si

The Friars invite you to an introductory Meeting concerning *Laudate Si* at the Friary this Monday, 24th June at 7 p.m. This will include the showing of The Laudate Si Film.

Holy Communion at Home for the Elderly and Housebound

If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Kathleen Murray for St. Godric's and Matt Pallister for St. Joseph's.

If it's easier, please contact Marjorie and she will pass the message on.



Polling Station - St. Joseph's is being used as a Polling Station for the General Election on Thursday 4th July, and there will be no access to the church or meeting rooms on that day.

Youth 2000 is holding an afternoon of prayer & praise, reflection and social on **Sunday 7th July** from **2.00pm to 4pm** at St. Cuthbert's R C Church Old Elvet. Open to Young people aged 16-35 (under 16s will need to request a Parent Consent form from frnickjennings@uwclub.net).

Further enquiries email irishanthony12@gmail.com Don't forget to book for the Youth2000 Summer festival in Ampleforth Abbey, August 23rd - 26th <https://www.youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2024>

Hustings - You are invited to the **General Election Hustings for the City of Durham constituency at Durham Cathedral on Wednesday 26 June from 7.30-9pm.**

The event is being hosted by the [Durham Cathedral Institute](#) and Durham Churches Together and is a chance to hear from local candidates, with opportunities to ask questions.

It will be chaired by the Dean of Durham, Philip Plyming
Confirmed candidates to date include:

- Jonathan Elmer (Green)
- Luke Holmes (Conservatives)
- Mark Belch (Reform UK)
- Mary Foy (Labour)
- Mark Wilkes (Lib Dem)
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All are welcome to attend and entry to the event is free (no tickets are required).

Information in relation to the event can also be found on the Durham Cathedral website, <https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/events/general-election-hustings>

Cancellation of Mass - St. Joseph's

Please note that the Friday morning Mass scheduled for 28th June has been changed to a Service of Word and Holy Communion

Mass Intentions for the Week

23rd June 2024

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 22 June		5.00pm Vigil Mass John Lawson Galloway
Sunday 23 June	9.00am Margaret Robinson 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Ali Byrne (Coatbridge)
Monday 24 June	NO MASS	9.15 am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 25 June	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Vincent McPartlin	NO MASS
Wednesday 26 June	NO MASS	10.00am Requiem Mass of the late Sheila Patterson
Thursday 27 June	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Susannah Michiels Anniversary	NO MASS
Friday 28 June	NO MASS	10.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 29 June	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Deceased members of the Hennessy Family, and Jim and Mary Bygroves
Sunday 30 June	9.00am Bridget Grehan-Bradley	10.30am Mary Thompson

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 23	Mon 24	Tue 25	Wed 26	Thurs 27	Fri 28	Sat 29	Sun 30
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	7.00pm	2.15pm Requiem Mass (Bryan Garrity)	9.15am	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm