

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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(Two-week Bulletin)
The Most Holy Trinity

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“Watch a teacher with a classroom full of students, and you’ll see what real love looks like.” *Teresa Kwant.*

Sadly, Bridget Grehan-Bradley has gone to God after a long illness. Bridget was an exceptional teacher at St. Leonard’s and a great influence of the lives of so many. Our prayers are with Matthew, Joseph, Lucy and Jenny. May she rest in peace.

Angela Henderson is retiring as school secretary of St. Joseph’s. Angela has worked at St. Joseph’s since November 2000. Initially as a lunchtime supervisor, then began as secretary in 2003, eventually getting an office job as School Business Manager in 2016. She was always planning to retire this year – just a little bit early! Enjoy the many caravan holidays ahead, Angela.

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The best thing for being sad, replied Merlin, beginning to puff and blow, is to learn something. That's the only thing that never fails. You may grow old and trembling in your anatomies, you may lie awake at night listening to the disorder of your veins, you may miss your only love, you may see the world about you devastated by evil lunatics, or know your honour trampled in the sewers of baser minds.

There is only one thing for it then – to learn. Learn why the world wags and what wags it. That is the only thing which the mind can never exhaust, never alienate, never be tortured by, never fear or distrust, and never dream of regretting.

Learning is the only thing for you. Look what a lot of things there are to learn.

T. H. White
The Once and Future King

Feast Days

Monday, 27 th May	St. Augustine of Canterbury Bp
Friday, 31 st May	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday, 1 st June	St. Justin M
Sunday, 2 nd June	The Body and Blood of Christ
Monday, 3 rd June	St. Charles Lwanga & Companions MM
Wednesday, 5 th June	St. Boniface Bp, M
Thursday, 6 th June	St. Norbert Bp
Friday, 7 th June	The Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, 8 th June	The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



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

Anniversaries – 25th May – 8th June

Jack Wressell	Jake Thompson
Theresa Pallister	Matt Pallister Senior
Vera Hannigan	Ronald Glaister
Marie Bradley	Kristiani Henrati
Simon Bewley	Michael Carter
Billy Malyan	Margaret Thompson
Raymond Balmer	Anna Hearne
June Hann	Violet & Jack Dooner
Robert Burn	



Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to Matthew and family and friends/colleagues of the late Bridget Grehan-Bradley, who sadly passed away this week.

Requiescat in pace.



The Parish Office will be closed from 4.00pm on Friday 24th May until 8.30am on Tuesday, 4th June as Marjorie will be on holiday. Please leave any messages for Fr. Colm on the landline voicemail – 3843810 - and he will pick them up. If urgent, please ring the parish mobile: 07483 369 561.

Eucharistic Services - There will be no Eucharistic Services in St. Bede's Chapel on Monday 27th and Wednesday 29th May. Services will recommence on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:15 am from June 3rd.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Godric's

On Sunday 2nd June, there **will not** be Exposition at St. Godric's owing to the clash with the Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Ushaw - Led by Bishop Stephen Wright and starting at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. The procession will go through Ushaw's gardens, returning to the Chapel for Benediction. You do not need a ticket for this event.



International Lunch – to conclude the visit of Bishop Stephen to the parish over the weekend of 8th/9th June, we have arranged to hold our next International Lunch after our 10.30am Mass at St. Joseph's on 9th June at 12.00pm. Feel free to bring some food to share and be ready to enjoy it with our lovely parish community.

We'll also have a penalty shoot-out and a treasure hunt!! Looking forward to seeing you all there. Everyone welcome.

Parish Council AGM

The AGM of the Parish Council will take place on **Tuesday 11th June** at 7pm in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's. The evening will provide an opportunity to meet with members of the Council and hear about the various activities which are part of our diverse and inclusive Parish. All are welcome to come along on the evening.

The Parish Council

New Nursery

St. Godric's Primary School is one of three Catholic Schools within our Parish. Our other two schools, St. Joseph's and St. Thomas More currently have nurseries and we are delighted to announce that from September, we too will be able to provide nursery provision for 3- and 4-year-old children. All of our schools are part of the Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust, who are committed to providing high quality Catholic education for all pupils in their schools.

If you are in our catchment area and interested in a place. An application form can be found on our school website <https://stgodricsdurham.bwcet.com>

Application forms can be dropped off in person or emailed to stgd@stgd.bwcet.com

We are closed for the half term holiday but there will be a member of staff in school on Friday 31st May to accept in person applications and offer tours of the school. Please contact to arrange.

Please note, the closing date for September starters is 12noon Monday 3rd June 2024.

Although it's half term week, a light lunch will be provided next Wednesday, 29th May. The Lunch Club could do with a few more volunteers, so if you can help out and would like to join the rota, please give Kathleen a ring on 07759 130 837.

Lunch —
— **club**



Today, 26th May, has been designated 'World Children's Day' by Pope Francis and the Diocese has produced some resources to help celebrate this occasion. Our Children's Liturgists will be taking the children through a few activities during this morning's session.

Thank You from Sanctuary 21

A big thank you to those parishioners who very kindly supported our recent appeal for men's clothing. We had an amazing response, and the stores are now well stocked up again.

A message from Rachel McNally

Thank you for all the prayers and messages of condolence we have received after the death of my lovely Mam, Margaret Robinson. Her final weeks were spent at St. Mary's Convent Residential Care Home in Ebchester, Co. Durham. The Convent belongs to the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Good and Perpetual Succour. The Sisters are supported by inspirational and dedicated members of staff. The love, care and dignity they provided was extraordinary and my Mam's faith was nurtured as the presence of the Holy Spirit was palpable at all times.

I am going to be joining the residents and staff of the Convent on a sponsored walk on 8th June to help them raise money to develop the outdoor area of the Convent. If you are able to sponsor me, I would greatly appreciate it. A sponsor form will be available at the back of St. Godric's church. Thank you.

Rachel, Michael, Jude and Joseph.

News from Durham Churches Together

Waddington Street United Reformed Church – Forthcoming Event 'Reconciliation in the Middle East', Thursday, 30th May

You are invited to the above talk which begins with tea, coffee and introductions at 10.30am. After the morning session, at 12.30pm a simple lunch of Middle Eastern style soup with pitta bread and mint tea will be served.

Following the afternoon session, the event will end with a short time of reflection. For more information on the various speakers etc., please go to www.durhamurc.org.uk/reconciliation-in-the-middle-east *See poster*

Recommissioning of Holy Communion Ministers:

Next weekend (Saturday 1st and Sunday, 2nd June) we celebrate the Body and Blood of Christ and our Holy Communion Ministers will have the opportunity to be recommissioned for a further year.

Mass Changes – St. Joseph's

Please note the following two changes:

The Mass scheduled for Wednesday 5th June has been changed to a Service of Word and Holy Communion, at 10.00am.

The Mass scheduled for Friday 7th June has been moved to the earlier time of 9.00am

Mass Intentions for the Week

26th May 2024

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 25 May	NO MASS	10.00am – Celebration of Life Mass Jack Wressell 8 th Anniversary 5.00pm Vigil Mass – Anthony Farmer and the People of Palestine
Sunday 26 May	9.00am Brian O'Connor and in thanksgiving for 50 years of marriage 3.00-4.00pm - Exposition	10.30am Richard Harrison Anniversary
Monday 27 May	NO MASS	9.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 28 May	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Margaret Smith (SVP) and the McDermott Family	NO MASS
Wednesday 29 May	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Victims of war and conflict
Thursday 30 May	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Brian Bowes (SVP) and Teresa McBride	NO MASS
Friday 31 May	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am The Sick of the Parish
Saturday 1 June	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass James and Patrick Green
Sunday 2 June	9.00am Bill Harris and Nora O'Connell NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT TODAY	10.30am Sylvia Blake Arnold

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 26	Mon 27	Tue 28	Wed 29	Thurs 30	Fri 31	Sat 2 June	Sun 3
10.00am and 6.30pm	No Mass	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm

Mass Intentions for the Week

2nd June 2024

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 1 June	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass James and Patrick Green
Sunday 2 June	9.00am Bill Harris and Nora O'Connell NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT TODAY	10.30am Sylvia Blake Arnold
Monday 3 June	NO MASS	9.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 4 June	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Colin and Estelle Wild	NO MASS
Wednesday 5 June	NO MASS	10.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 6 June	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Fr. Terry Watson	NO MASS
Friday 7 June	NO MASS	9.00am Mr. and Mrs. W. Hayden
Saturday 8 June	NO MASS	10.00am First Holy Communion Celebration 5.00pm Vigil Mass Liam Hayden
Sunday 9 June	9.00am Brian O'Connor	10.30am Frank Crilly and Mathew Burns

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 2	Mon 3	Tue 4	Wed 5	Thurs 6	Fri 7	Sat 8	Sun 9
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	9.15am	NO MASS	10.00am and 6.30pm