

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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Third Sunday of the Year

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Perceiving Human Dignity by Sandra Feldman

Do good,
Don't harm others.
Love, Nature
And protect it.
Respect all life
Without exception.
True human perception,
Coming to us,
Charitably, naturally.

Helping those in need
Not using others
To promote our greed,
Perceive the Beauty
Of our Planet blue,
And please, respect it
Lovingly, too.
Do not try to control
The innocent,
With lie after lie
And above all,
Spread love and kindness,
Do not make others cry.

Feast Days

Monday, 27 January	St. Angela Merici V
Tuesday, 28 January	St. Thomas Aquinas P, D
Friday, 31 January	St. John Bosco P

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Kitty Trainor	Tony Twomey
Ann Hourican	Ian Hamilton
Mary Armstrong	Ann Close
Sheila Owens	Margaret Graham
Margaret Nancarrow	Veronica O'Reilly
Freda March	Judith McLean
Michael Farmer	Christopher Godbolt

Anniversaries:

Harry Eccles	Esther Newcombe
Fiona Hunter	Eric Smith
Veronica Pareira	Emily Gibbons
Ann Richardson	Mary Theresa Milbourne
Joseph Maxwell Hannigan	Philip James Hunter
Charles Elder	Frank Roebuck
Ian Hart	Phyllis Hanley
Kathleen Greenwell	



Funeral this week

Kathleen Brown, Thursday 30th January, St. Joseph's, at 2.00pm

We welcome into our parish community Taliah Beck who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism after the 10.30am Mass at St. Joseph's, this Sunday, 26th January.

Music at St. Joseph's 10.30am Mass

With effect from this Sunday, 26th January, the Music Group will be playing on alternate Sunday mornings.



Journey in Faith

The next meeting of the Journey in Faith will take place at St. Joseph's on Thursday, 30th January, at 2.30pm.

Laudato Si' - Care of Creation

The next meeting of the Laudato Si' group will be at 7.30pm on Monday 3rd February, in St. Francis Friary.

Mornings of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist and Readers

Fr. Colm will be holding two mornings of reflection in February, both commencing at 10.00am followed by a short reflection in the Jubilee Room.

The session for Ministers will take place on **Saturday, 8th February** and the session for Readers will take place on **15th February**.



Confirmation 2025

We are pleased to announce that our Confirmation Ceremony will take place on **Tuesday, 22nd July at 6.30pm** in St. Joseph's.

Bishop Stephen will be the chief celebrant.

Thank you - The Justice and Peace group would like to thank all who came to the service for Peace, despite the snow, and made it a good service. A special thank you to the children of St Godric's School for their beautiful prayers and pictures about Peace. These will remain up in St Godric's this weekend. Thanks also to those who couldn't attend, but prayed for Peace from their homes.



Save the Date (i)

THE UPPER ROOM-THE LAST SUPPER

St. Godric's Church 7.00pm Tuesday 11th March 2025

There will be a multi-media presentation based upon Chapters 13-17 of St John's Gospel by a young Swedish storyteller, violinist and photographer - Christian Stejskal. The performance will last 75 minutes and tickets are £5.

Further information to follow. Please make a note in your diary, paper or electronic. Contact Joe Hughes: joe.hughes2017@hotmail.com



Save the Date (ii)

The spring Parish Baptism Programme date is :

Monday 7th April, 6pm - 9 pm, St Joseph's Church / Jubilee Room

This programme is for parents and those wishing to attend will be very welcome to gain understanding of the signs, symbols and importance of the Sacrament of Baptism and the Catholic Rite of Baptism.

Please contact Mrs Marjorie Towers, Parish Secretary in the first instance for further information.

Durham Churches Together – World Day of Prayer

This year's World Day of Prayer service will be held in the Belmont/Carrville area on **Friday 7th March**.

The initial planning meeting will be held at **1.30pm at Carrville Methodist Church on Monday 27th January**.

If anyone is interested in helping plan or taking part in the service, please go along to the planning meeting.

Date for the Diary - Sunday 9th February at 2.30pm in the parish room at St. Cuthbert's, Old Elvet, Durham.

There will be an illustrated talk by Richard Pears (university librarian) entitled '**Catholic Country House Building in Durham and Northumberland 1570-1829**'.

From the excommunication of Queen Elizabeth I to the Catholic Emancipation Act, Catholic families were persecuted, fined and excluded from public office and universities. Despite this, many of the wealthier Catholic families retained their lands and rebuilt their mansions in fashionable architectural styles.

In this talk, Richard Pears will examine these country houses and argue that exclusion from English society increased their engagement with European culture, in particular the architecture of the Italian renaissance. By adopting the architecture of classical Rome the families signified their continuing devotion to the Roman Catholic Church.

The talk is free but donations towards the church building repairs will be welcome

Mass Intentions for the Week

26th January 2025

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 25 January	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Bell Blakey and Mary Doyle Cusack Anniversary
Sunday 26 January	9.00am Anne and Malcolm McKenzie, and Fiona Hunter Anniversary 3.00pm-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am David Elliot Birthday Remembrance, and Joseph Yaw Addai
Monday 27 January	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 28 January	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Peter & Catherine McLoughlin	NO MASS
Wednesday 29 January	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Nuala Mahon
Thursday 30 January	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am In thanksgiving for prayers answered	2.00pm Funeral Service of the late Kathleen Brown
Friday 31 January	NO MASS	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Special Intention (NJ)
Saturday 1 February	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Thomas & Audrey Loughlin and Gerald and Mary Lennon
Sunday 2 February	9.00am World Peace 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Private Intention (MC) 3.00pm – Mass for First Holy Communicants from our schools, and their families

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 26	Mon 27	Tue 28	Wed 29	Thurs 30	Fri 31	Sat 1 Feb	Sun 2
10.00am And 6.30pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	9.15am	10.00am and 6.30pm