

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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11th Sunday of the Year
Parish Newsletter

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Bishop Stephen was delighted with his visit to the parish last weekend and particularly by the welcome he received. The International Lunch was as successful as ever. Great effort goes into its preparation, and so a big thank you to those who put so much into the continued success of these cross-cultural gatherings. And, the food was wonderful too.

Sonnet 73: That time of year thou mayest in me behold by William Shakespeare.
That time of year thou mayest in me behold
When yellow leaves, or none, or few, do hang
Upon those boughs which shake against the cold,
Bare ruin'd choirs, where late the sweet birds sang.
In me thou see'st the twilight of such day
As after sunset fadeth in the west,
Which by and by black night doth take away,
Death's second self, that seals up all in rest.
In me thou see'st the glowing of such fire
That on the ashes of his youth doth lie,
As the death-bed whereon it must expire,
Consum'd with that which it was nourish'd by.
This thou perceiv'st, which makes thy love more strong,
To love that well which thou must leave ere long.

Read by Jenny Grehan-Bradley at the graveside of her mother, Bridget.

Feast Days

Wednesday, 19 June	St. Romuald Ab
Thursday, 20 June	St. Alban, First Martyr of England
Friday 21 June	St. Aloysius Gonzaga Rel
Saturday 22 June	Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More MM

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



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

Anniversaries

Amanda Pickles	Michael Crawford
Ken Herbert	Rebekah Fox



Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Graham Edward Prudhoe, whose Funeral Service will take place at Durham Crematorium on Wednesday, 26th June at 2.30pm.

Requiescat in pace.



Coffee Morning - There will be a parish coffee morning on **Monday 17th June**. 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.



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.

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 £3563.55 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 £2189.63. 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 on Monday 24th June at 7 p.m. This will include the showing of, The *Laudate Si* Film.

CAFOD and SVP - A Year of Encounter: Catholics are being asked to make sure that political parties commit to taking action to tackle poverty and social injustice. We have been asked to highlight key issues with constituency candidates. You can find information and suggested questions on a sheet at the back of each church, or you can visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/campaign-with-us/a-year-of-encounter-call-for-action-with-your-parish-at-the-general-election>

From Durham Council of Churches:

Pre-Election Hustings with Parliamentary Candidates in Durham Cathedral
Wednesday 26th June, 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Prayers for the General Election in Waddington St. Durham, 12-1.30pm on
Thursdays 20th and 27th June.

Centre for Catholic Studies annual Mass of Thanksgiving, Thursday 20th June, 5.30pm, St Cuthbert's

On Thursday 20th June at 5.30pm in St Cuthbert's, Bishop Stephen Wright will preside at the CCS's annual Mass of Thanksgiving. Canon Professor Simon Oliver, of the Department of Theology and Religion and Durham Cathedral, will preach.

There is much for which to give thanks. After a major fundraising effort over the last few years, the University is in process of establishing a Trust that will ensure long-term financial stability for the CCS, as well as new Professorships in the History of Catholicism and in Franciscan Studies.

In addition, after 20 years developing the CCS, the founding Director, Paul Murray, will step back from CCS leadership at the end of this academic year. Prof. Karen Kilby, who has been sharing CCS leadership this year, will then take on the role of CCS Director. All are most warmly welcome to join the staff, students, and friends of the CCS in giving thanks at this point and in praying for the Lord's continued blessings on the life and work of the CCS. Immediately following the Mass, there will be a glass of something to share.

Distance Learning programme in Catholic Theology

The [Centre for Catholic Studies](#) (CCS) at Durham University is offering a fully online **Distance Learning programme in Catholic Theology**. The programme is designed so that participants can work through material at their own pace, studying equally well in any time zone and in many different life situations, alongside work, ministry, family or caring obligations. Participants can study for an MA, a Postgraduate Diploma, a Postgraduate Certificate, or opt to complete a single module: 'Catholic Theology: A Preliminary Tour'. Full details can be found at [Distance Learning - Durham University](#)

The CCS is offering bursaries towards tuition fees for 2024-25 - [CCS Bursary for Distance Learning 2024-25 - Durham University](#) The deadline for applications has recently been extended to 7 July 2024. Please contact Theresa Phillips, CCS Manager, if you have any questions about this opportunity – theresa.phillips@durham.ac.uk

HOLY ISLAND CHILDREN'S CAMP

Holy Island Camp has a limited number of places available on weeks 3, 5 and 7 for children in school years 5-7. A week's holiday costs £150 for food, accommodation, activities and transport by coach from Tyneside. There are still some assisted and free places. The holiday is a traditional one with lots of fun, sports, craft activities and excitement. For further details please visit <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>



Little Sisters of the Poor – Summer Fayre

St. Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne
Saturday, 29th June, 1-4pm.

Fancy Goods, Cakes and Bakes, Refreshments, Plants, Tombola, Bottle Stall, Arts and Craft. All are welcome. **See poster.**

Forthcoming External Events

Community Feast, Saturday 15th June, 12.00-2.00pm

Go along to Durham Cathedral Monks' Garden, where King's Church in Durham are running a community feast to offer all different members of the Durham City Community the chance to eat together in the historic Monks' Garden.

Everyone welcome. See poster.

Durham University Chamber Choir – Sunday, 16th June

You are invited to the Durham University Chamber Choir's final concert of the academic year.

Our concert, 'The Oaks' will be in Durham School's chapel at 7:30pm on Sunday 16th June, and features 25 singers from across the university, with a range of music celebrating the British countryside, and even featuring music by Durham alumnus Patrick Hawes.

Georgina Daniel | she/her

Manager, Durham University Chamber Choir

Mass Intentions for the Week

16th June 2024

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 15 June	10.00am First Holy Communion Celebration	5.00pm Vigil Mass Gail Hardy
Sunday 16 June	9.00am Special Intention Illness (GC) 3.00-4.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am Marie and Jack Bradley, Ken Herbert and Norman Wilson Birthday Remembrance
Monday 17 June	NO MASS	9.15 am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 18 June	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Peter and Catherine McLoughlin	NO MASS
Wednesday 19 June	NO MASS	9.30 – Exposition 10.00am Tommy White
Thursday 20 June	9.30am - Exposition 10.00am Bridget Grehan-Bradley	NO MASS
Friday 21 June	NO MASS	10.00am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 22 June	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass John Lawson Galloway
Sunday 23 June	9.00am Margaret Robinson	10.30am Ali Byrne (Coatbridge)

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	NO MASS	7.00pm	5.30pm (CCS Mass of Thanksgiving)	NO MASS	2.00pm Nuptial Mass (Abigail Choi and Kelvin Lai)	10.00am and 6.30pm