MASS/SERVICE TIMES and INTENTIONS
Palm Sunday Lent Year C – 14th April 2019

	English Martyrs and Ss. Peter & Paul's		St. Bede's		St. Joseph's	
Sat 13th	**Vigil 6:00pm**	**Paul & Gary Burke RIP**	**Vigil 4:30pm**	**George & Helen Duncan and Malcolm Craig RIP**	9:15am	Service of The Word and Holy Communion
Sun 14th		_____		_____	**10.30am**	**Family of Daniel Hodgson**
					4:00pm	**Holy Hour**
Mon 15th		_____		_____	9:15am	Richard and Alice Sables RIP
Tues 16th	**11:30am**	**Stations of the Cross** followed by **Lenten Lunch**	9:15am	Special Intention E & J Denoris	6:30pm	**Bill Bruce RIP (SVP)**
			7:00pm	Stations of the Cross		
Wed 17th	9:30am	Nora Thomas RIP		_____		_____
MAUNDY THURSDAY						
Thurs 18th	**7:00pm**	**Mass of the Last Supper** **Angela Armstrong RIP (J&C)** **Followed by Watching until 10:00pm**		_____		_____
GOOD FRIDAY						
Fri 19th	**3:00pm**	**Celebration of the Passion**	**3:00pm**	**Celebration of the Passion**	**3:00pm**	**Celebration of the Passion**
					7:00pm	**Prayers for Priests and Families and Divine Mercy Novena**
HOLY SATURDAY						
Sat 20th		_____		_____	**6:00pm EASTER VIGIL**	**Brian Alderson RIP (MC)**
EASTER SUNDAY						
Sun 21st	**10:30am**	**Paul Bryan RIP**	**9:00am**	**Pat Chapman RIP**		_____

Exposition this Week **None this week**

Feast Days this Week: **HOLY WEEK**

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday 6:00pm – 7:00pm at English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Saturday:
Sunday:
Monday: Mother and Toddler Group meet 9:15 am - 11:00 am in the Thornton Hall *(term time only)*
Tuesday: Friendship Group meets 10.30 am – 12:00 noon in the Thornton Hall
Wednesday: Tea & Coffee will be served in English Martyrs & Ss. Peter & Paul's Hall after Mass
Divine Will Prayer Group meets 7:00 pm in St. Joseph's Thornton Hall

Bulletin Items: If you would like a notice put in the next bulletin, please email **parishnewsletterstockton@gmail.com** **by Wednesday evening** at the latest. Alternatively, post through the letterbox at English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's presbytery, or put in the RED FOLDER in St Joseph's porch (by 10:00am Wed).
Please remember to add your contact details in case we have a query.

HILDA PARTNERSHIP

English Martyrs and Ss. Peter and Paul's

St. Bede's

St. Joseph's

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Deacons: Jeff Parkes, Paul Hargreaves
Retired Priests: Fr. Denis O'Mahony, Fr. Pat McKenna

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St. Joseph's Thornton Hall Bookings: Tel: 01642 657436

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Holy Week Times of Masses and Services:

Maundy Thursday 18th April
Chrism Mass at Saint Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle 11:00 am
Mass of the Last Supper English Martyrs and Saints Peter & Paul 7:00 pm
Followed by Watching before the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00pm

Good Friday 19th April
'Churches Together in Norton' Service Boots' Car Park 11:00am
Celebration of the Passion English Martyrs and Saints Peter & Paul 3:00 pm
Celebration of the Passion Saint Joseph's 3:00 pm
Celebration of the Passion Saint Bede's 3:00 pm
Prayers for Priests and Families and Divine Mercy Novena Saint Joseph's 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil 20th April
Saint Joseph's: 6:00pm

Easter Sunday 21st April
Saint Bede's: 9:00 am
English Martyrs and Saints Peter & Paul: 10.30 am

Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for April:

Universal – Workers in War Zones

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

Sick and In Need Of Prayer: Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family who are ill.

Please pray for all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April

SUN 14

Holy Hour at St Joseph's Church at 4.00 pm. All welcome

Lent 2019: We are getting together with St Cuthbert's for a service **7:15 pm in St Patricks Church creche.**

TUES 16

Theotokos Prayer Group: meets every Tuesday 7:30pm in St. Mary's, Stockton.

FRI 19

The Churches Together In Norton Good Friday Service of Witness: will take place at 11:00 am in the car park in front of Boots the Chemist, High Street, Norton. Refreshments afterwards in the Methodist Church Hall. Everyone welcome.

Prayers for Priests and Families: 7:00 pm at St Joseph's. All welcome

SUN 21

St. Joseph's Holy Hikers: We are beginning our 25th Anniversary Celebrations with the first walk we ever did at Jervaulx Abbey in Wensleydale. For further details please see poster or contact David Mackintosh on 01642 658837.

WED 24 to the **SUN 28**

Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne for young Adults (20s and 30s) A time to walk along part of St. Cuthbert's way, reflect and pray with other young adults and spend time on the beautiful island of Lindisfarne. Accommodation is in a basic bunkhouse near St Cuthbert's cave. Cost - £85 to cover food and accommodation. For more information find us on Facebook (FCJ Young Adult Network) or email **lynnefcj@hotmail.com**

FRI 26

Enjoy a night of food buffet with live band: dance presentations and open mic karaoke. Tickets £5. Proceeds will go towards the activities of **Couples for Christ Family Ministries**. Everybody welcome!

Ceilidh 2019: at The Swan in Billingham 7:30pm, doors open at 7pm. Tickets £5 (children free) including a Buffet Supper. Tickets available now to the 14th April. Please contact the Parish Office on 01642 806469.

SUN 28

Divine Mercy Sunday: St Joseph's.

Holy Hour 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration,

Confessions, Benediction.

followed by Tea/Coffee and DVD

All welcome!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Watching at the Altar of Repose: will take place immediately after Mass at English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's Church on Maundy Thursday until 10:00 pm. Jesus said to Peter, James and John, 'Wait here and keep awake with me'; spend some time with Our Lord as the disciples did in the Garden of Gethsemane.

From 9:00 pm there will be a Holy Hour led by the Filipinos. Watching will end with Night Prayer of the Church (Compline).

Covering of Statues: It has been the custom for many years to cover crucifixes and statues on Passion Sunday, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Crucifixes remain covered until after the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday and the statues are uncovered during the singing of the Gloria at the Easter Vigil. The custom is related to the Passion Sunday Gospel (Jn 8:46-8:59) from the old Mass in which Jesus 'hid Himself' from the people. It is customary not to light any votive candles whilst the statues are covered.

Stations of the Cross and Lent Lunches

English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's: Every Tuesday during Lent at 11.30am Stations of the Cross, **Lenten Lunch (Homemade soup)** at 12:00 noon. Donations shared between **Holy Family India Project and HCPT Group 527 Lourdes Group**. Everyone is welcome. Last week we raised £70 – thank you!

St. Bede's: Every Tuesday during Lent at **7:00 pm** Stations of the Cross followed by Eucharistic Service.

JOURNEY IN FAITH 2018: The next session will take place on **Saturday 4 May** at 2.00pm at St Joseph's in the Thornton hall. Please pray for Tanya and Emily as they continue to prepare to be received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Retiring Collection This Week: For the Holy Places. Thank you for your generosity.

Walsingham Pilgrimage: Please pay balances by 1st May. Cheques made payable to 'Walsingham Account'. Thank you.

Norton Foodbank: Thanks to the generous donors at St Joseph's, another crate of food has been delivered to the Norton Foodbank. School holidays are particularly challenging for families facing food poverty as free school meals are not available for children.

Easter Cleaning at St Joseph's: Please help if you can on Monday 15 April 10am. Many hands make light work! Thank you for your help during the year. Mary & Pat.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage: 18-25 May and 18-25 Sept £589 from Newcastle. Breakfast and dinner included. More details from Marie Bedingfield 07544 540464.

Important information for all Gift Aid Donors: from Diocesan Gift Aid Office: if you no longer pay income tax or capital gains tax or have not paid enough tax to cover the amount reclaimed on your donations please contact your local gift aid organiser to ensure the correct claim is made. Thank you.

St Joseph's Offertory Envelopes: Please collect your new box of Offertory Envelopes from the church porch**.**

English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's: Offertory envelopes are available from the table on Our Lady's aisle.

Church Cleaning at English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's Church: All teams can you spare an hour to help clean the church for Easter? Many hands make light work.

St. Bede's Red Boxes: The Mission Boxes are now due for collection. Could you please leave the boxes at the back of Church, or ring John Evans on 01642 895739 who will arrange collection.

NEWS FROM FR. VINCENT: Recently while visiting a village in the bush Fr. Vincent met two 14-year old boys. The boys are refugees from South Sudan and have not been attending school. Father will use money from our Uganda Mission fund to buy uniforms, books and pay fees of around £100 for each boy so they can be enrolled in school when the new term starts after Easter. Fr. Vincent says they will not only learn to read and write but also attending school will give the boys an identity because their school report will give them a name and a date of birth.

UGANDA MISSION FUND: Recent Donations - £20, £40 and a bag of change which came to £26.04p. Sincere thanks to all the generous donors. God bless

English Martyrs & Ss Peter & Paul's: 200 Club: We still have numbers available at **£1** per week. If you are interested please contact Linda Wallace who is available after Mass, or telephone 01642 809221.

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Jamie's *Paws* for Thought: Years of repentance are necessary in order to blot out a sin in the eyes of man, but one tear of repentance suffices with God. *French Proverb.*