

MASS INTENTIONS and SERVICE TIMES 2nd Sunday Advent Year A – 8th December 2019

	<u>English Martyrs and Ss. Peter & Paul's</u>		<u>St. Bede's</u>		<u>St. Joseph's</u>	
Sat 7th	Vigil 6:00pm	Betty and Don Wallace RIP	Vigil 4:30pm	Vera Riley RIP	9:15am	Service of The Word and Holy Communion
					9:45am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sun 8th					10.30am	Hilda Tinkler RIP
					4:30pm	Advent Holy Hour
Mon 9th					9:15am	Service of The Word and Holy Communion
Tues 10th			9:15am	Intentions of Maria Szubert	6:30pm	Brian Alderson RIP (PW)
Wed 11th	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament				
	9:30am	Service of The Word and Holy Communion				
Thurs 12th					9:15am	Special Intention - Tina
					2:00pm 7:30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri 13th	5:15pm 6:15pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament			8:00am 9:00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6:30pm	Elizabeth Ann Hunter RIP (MH)				
Sat 14th	Vigil 6:00pm	Paul & Vinnie Debono RIP	Vigil 4:30pm	Healing (SO)	10:30am	Maureen Deery RIP
					9:45am 10:30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sun 15th			4:30 pm	Advent Holy Hour	10.30am	Michael Flynn RIP (EF)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Week

English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul **Wed** 8:30am – 9:15am **Fri** 5:15pm – 6:15pm
 St. Joseph's: **Thurs** 2:00pm - 7:30pm **Fri** 8:00am - 9:00am **Sat** 9:45am - 10:30am

Feast Days this Week:

Monday – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday – St Damasus I Pp

Thursday – Our Lady of Guadeloupe

Friday – St Lucy V

Saturday – St John of the Cross P D

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday St. Joseph's: after Mass until 10:30am

Friday English Martyrs and Ss. Peter & Paul's: 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Saturday St. Bede's: 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Saturday: Little Church, children's liturgy 6.00 pm English Martyrs & Ss. Peter & Paul's Hall

Sunday: Tea and Coffee is served in St. Joseph's Thornton Hall after Mass

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Jeffrey Dodds

Deacons: Jeff Parkes, Paul Hargreaves

Retired Priests: Fr. Denis O'Mahony, Fr. Pat McKenna

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English Martyrs and Ss. Peter and Paul's Hall Bookings: Tel: 01642 806469

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

Second Sunday of Advent, Year A Sunday 8th December 2019



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HOLY HOUR

Sunday 8th December 4:30pm

Led by the Legion of Mary at St Joseph's

ALL WELCOME



Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for December:

The Future of the Very Young

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritise the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.



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



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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

SUN 8	St Mary's Stockton: On 8th December Bishop Robert will be coming to celebrate the 6.00pm Mass at St. Mary's. During the Mass he will present Edwin with a BENE MERENTI MEDAL from Pope Francis in recognition of his many years as an Altar Server and contribution to the Church. After Mass you are invited to cheese and wine in the house to celebrate this special occasion for Edwin and St. Mary's Parish Church.		WED 11	St. Bede's Wednesday Afternoon Club meet on Wednesday 11 th December at 2:00pm in the Sharratt Room. All are welcome.
			THURS 12	Journey of the Magi On Thurs 12 Dec at 7.30pm at Stockton Baptist Church (TS18 1TE) A fun filled family show by Springs Dance Company. Tickets £5 on eventbrite.co.uk or on the door.
TUES 10	St. Joseph's School Choir will be singing Christmas Carols and other songs in Norton Library on Tuesday 10th and 17th December between 10:00am and 11:00am. Everyone is welcome to support our children.		TUES 17	Nursing Home Prayer Services On Tuesday 17 December a group from St Joseph's will visit Roseworth Lodge Nursing Home at 2:00pm and Primrose Court Nursing Home, South Rd, Norton at 3:00pm to sing Christmas Carols and pray with the residents and staff. If you would like to join us you will be made very welcome.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The God Who Speaks – The Year of the Word (1st December 2019 – 28th November 2020)

As part of the Year of The Word, Pauline Books & Media have produced an excellent book called Gospel Power 2020 to accompany readers through the Year of The Word. The book is supported by Archbishop McMahon of Liverpool. If you would like a copy, please contact the Parish Office on 01642 806469. The books will cost £5.50 each.

ADVENT 2019

2nd Sunday 8th December

4:30pm Holy Hour led by the Legion of Mary at St. Joseph's. Refreshments to follow.

Saturday 14th December at St. Joseph's

Advent Day of Recollection: 10:00am **Sacrament of Reconciliation** and Rosary,
10:30am Holy Mass, 11:30am Faith testimonies and musical worship,
1:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, 2:00pm Refreshments.

3rd Sunday 15th December

4:30pm Holy Hour at St. Bede's. Refreshments to follow.

Saturday 21st December

10:00am – 12:00 Noon **Sacrament of Reconciliation** at English Martyrs and Ss Peter Paul.

4th Sunday 22nd December

4:30pm Holy Hour at English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul. Refreshments to follow.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

Vigil 6:00pm English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul

Vigil 8:00pm St. Bede's

Christmas Morning

9:30am St. Joseph's

Walk With Me Advent: There are still some Walk With Me Booklets available at £1 per copy. Please contact the Parish Office on 01642 806469 to secure a copy of this excellent publication to help you prepare for Christmas.

St. Cuthbert's Care: This Advent we ask that you consider supporting our Red Van.

Over the last two years, our Red Van has delivered thousands of food parcels, good quality clothing and toys to some of the most-needy families and individuals in our Diocese. Your Advent Alms will help us to keep this essential service on the road. Thank you. *Moirra Ashman*

Gluten-Free Altar Breads: Where parishioners or visitors need gluten-free Altar Breads, please inform a Sacristan who will supply the gluten-free Altar Bread. It is important that this is done before Mass begins. Thank you.

The Norton Advent Trail windows are on display now until 31 December on the High Street. They have been prepared with the help of local schools and youth organisations including St Joseph's School. Followed in the correct order the trail unfolds the Nativity Story. Pick up a leaflet from the library and note answers to simple clues on each window to enter a prize draw. The final window will be unveiled in St Mary's Church following **Norton Village Community Carols** in Redhouse Infant school field Sunday 22 December 4pm.

Christmas Shopping Fair Trade Style: Great opportunities to buy a wide range of Fairtrade Christmas gifts, jewellery, toys, decorations, cards, foods and lots of other treats in the Fairtrade popup shop in the Dundas Arcade, Middlesbrough (same place as last year in the old Boyes' premises). An Aladdin's Cave with many new products made by skilled artisans. Something for everyone. The shop is open Monday – Saturday 10.00am to 5.00pm until 21st December.

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.

Also many thanks to all who joined us for our Christmas Coffee Evening. We raised £171.00 for Church funds, and a special thanks to all who donated raffle prizes. A good night was had by all.



English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's Wednesday Coffee Morning after Mass: £27 raised for the India Project from Coffee Morning 3rd December. Everyone is welcome to join us

The Northern Cross for December is on sale with news and views from around the diocese priced at £1.

Journey in Faith: The next session will be on **Saturday 11 January 2020** at 2.00pm in the Thornton Hall. Please pray for those who are enquiring about our Faith and also those who are walking with them.

Admission Appeals Panel Members: The Diocesan Department for Education welcomes applications from Catholic persons willing to be considered as lay or non-lay members of appeal panels for Catholic school admissions. Application forms can be obtained from our Diocesan website www.edurcdhn.org.uk by emailing education@diocesehn.org.uk or by phone on 0191 2433313. Closing date for applications is 21 January 2020.

S.V.P: Sudan Appeal: Once again we are appealing to your generosity to support the work of the SVP in helping the suffering people of Sudan and South Sudan and so we provide a description of the situation. The original country of Sudan split into these separate countries in 2011 after several years of Muslim-inspired violence. The northern section, which was called Sudan, is home to Arabic-speaking Muslim communities while the south has no dominant culture but after independence a power struggle there led to civil war on tribal lines. The result of these conflicts is over 2 million deaths and 4 million displaced with 100,000 children orphaned or abandoned. Those refugees who fled to the North have not been granted refugee status so get no help from official agencies but suffer discrimination.

This is the context in which the SVP now operates. We work mainly in the refugee camps in both countries providing baby-feeding stations, pre-school meals, medical help and fresh drinking water. We can only fund this work due to your generosity. Accordingly, all the money you give us between this Sunday and the end of the year will go to the Sudan (unless you specify otherwise).

Uganda Mission Fund- Fr Vincent Donations: £5, £20 and £40. Thank you to all the very generous donors. God bless you all.

News from Uganda: At the end of November we were able to send £2,200 from the Mission Fund to the White Fathers in London. This has been acknowledged and will be sent by electronic banking to Fr. Vincent's Superior in Kampala. Fr. Vincent will then receive the whole amount without any deductions. He will use the money for his work among refugees and the poor in his Mission area. Sincere thanks to everyone who has made this possible. God bless you all.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2020: The 2020 Pilgrimage to Walsingham will depart on Friday 29th May and return on Sunday 31st May. The costs of rooms are: £181 en-suite or £151 standard. £30 non-refundable deposit will secure your place. For further details please contact Mary on 07952 321396 or Pat on 01642 650904.

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Jamie's Paws for Thought: One kind word can warm three winters. *Japanese proverb*

