

MASS INTENTIONS and SERVICE TIMES
Epiphany Year A – 5th January 2020

	<u>English Martyrs and Ss. Peter & Paul's</u>		<u>St. Bede's</u>		<u>St. Joseph's</u>	
Sat 4th	Vigil 6:00pm	Winnie Allinson RIP	Vigil 4:30pm	Thanksgiving for 80 Years (AE)	9:15am	Service of The Word and Holy Communion
					9:45am 10:30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sun 5th		_____		_____	10.30am	Pro Populo (People of the Parish)
					4:00pm	1 st Sunday Devotions
Mon 6th		_____		_____	9:15am	Service of The Word and Holy Communion
Tues 7th		_____	9:15am	Nicola Lubega RIP (PMW)	6:30pm	Betty and Jack Robson RIP
Wed 8th	8:15am 9:15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		_____		_____
	9:30am	Elizabeth Ann Hunter RIP (MM)				
Thurs 9th		_____		_____	9:15am	Deceased Legionaries (OLMC) (OLMG)
					2:00pm 7:00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri 10th	5:15pm 6:15pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	9:15am	Healing (SO)	8:00am 9:00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6:30pm	Stephen Britnell RIP	2:30pm	FUNERAL SERVICE Edward Murdoch RIP		
Sat 11th	Vigil 6:00pm	Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	Vigil 4:30pm	Healing and Help Ray and Beryl Oliver	9:15am	Service of The Word and Holy Communion
					9:45am 10:30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sun 12th		_____		_____	10.30am	Ian Menezes RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Week

English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul *Wed 8:15am – 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:

Tuesday – St Raymond Peñafort P **Friday** – St Aelred of Rievaulx Ab

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

Enquiries to Parish Office: Tel. 01642 806469

Parish website: www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk

Facebook page: @ParishFamilyStocktonRC

Diocesan website: www.rcdhn.org.uk

Parish e-mail address: parishfamilystockton@gmail.com

English Martyrs and Ss. Peter and Paul's Hall Bookings: Tel: 01642 806469
St. Joseph's Thornton Hall Bookings: Tel: 01642 657436

Epiphany of the Lord, Year A Sunday 5th January 2020

New Parish Secretary

This week we wish Gillian Hall a warm welcome as she takes up her new appointment as our Parishes Secretary. She will be based at the Parish Office at English Martyrs and Saints Peter & Paul Presbytery, Tuesday to Friday 10.00am – 2.00pm. Please feel free to leave either voicemail or email messages for the clergy or Gillian out of these office hours. Enquiries will be responded to as soon as possible.

Tel. 01642 806469 and Email. parishfamilystockton@gmail.com

Fr Jeff – New Diocesan Responsibilities

Bishop Robert has appointed his area Episcopal Vicars to new responsibilities in the diocese from the 1st January 2020. Please pray for the following –

Fr Peter Leighton	Vicar General
Mgr Andrew Faley	Episcopal Vicar for Northumberland and Faith and Mission
Fr Simon Lerche	Episcopal Vicar for Newcastle & North Tyneside and Education
Fr Adrian Tuckwell	Episcopal Vicar for Gateshead & South Tyneside and Caritas
Fr Colm Hayden	Episcopal Vicar for Durham & Sunderland
Fr Jeffrey Dodds	Episcopal Vicar for Stockton & South Cleveland and Care of the Clergy


Fr Jeff will now have oversight on behalf of the Bishop of all the departments responsible for clergy. These include - process for selection and training for deacons and priests; clergy formation; sick & retired clergy; clergy chaplains in prisons, hospitals and sea ports. Please pray for all the good work that will be done in the diocese of Hexham & Newcastle this coming year.

Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for January:

Promotion of world peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

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

 Please pray Winnie Heal, Ethel Scott and Nora Chadwick and for all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.




DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January			
<div>SUN</div> 5	First Sunday Devotions will be held at St. Joseph's at 4:00pm Sunday 5th January 2020. All welcome.	<div>SAT</div> 11	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.
<div>WED</div> 8	St. Bede's Wednesday Afternoon Club meet on Wednesday 8th January 2020 at 2:00 pm in the Sharratt Room. Why not join us for refreshments and a game of bingo. All are welcome.	<div>TUES</div> 14	Theotokos Prayer Group At St Mary's 7.30pm everyone is 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.

 **Holy Family India Project:** Wednesday Coffee morning at English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's. Everyone is welcome. A donation of £30 has been received – many thanks.

Songs of Praise on Sunday 5th January at 1:15 pm is from Bristol **but will visit Stockton** and feature one of our own parishioners who will speak about 'One More Light', which is a local initiative that brings people together through music, to raise awareness of mental health and suicide.

White Flower Appeal 2020: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its Annual Appeal next weekend. On 21 October 2019 the most extreme abortion regime in Europe was imposed on the people of Northern Ireland by the Government at Westminster. Abortion will now be permitted for any reason up to at least 24 weeks and even beyond that. The abortion lobby now wants to introduce this in England and Wales. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers from this new attack.

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. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 21 January 2020.

Norton Community Carols: The magnificent sum of £713.76 was raised on 22 December for the Norton Branch of the Billingham & Stockton Borough Foodbank. Many thanks to those who attended the event and gave so generously

Northern Catholic Calendars for 2020 giving Mass times around the diocese and other information are on sale priced at £3.

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.

Apostleship of the Sea: St. Bede's have a collection box at the back of Church for this amazing charity. All donations gratefully received.

News from Uganda: Fr. Vincent recently helped a refugee family who left their home in the Democratic Republic of Congo because of the war there. Their 9-year old boy's legs are deformed because of polio. When they arrived the child was so exhausted he was unable to walk. After rest and food he is now able to walk a little. Fr. Vincent has enrolled him in school and provided him with a uniform.

Uganda Mission Fund- Fr Vincent Donations: Donations: £20 x 3 and £40. Thank you to all the very generous donors. God bless you all.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April – Oct 2020: 7 Night Stay and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €266 per person sharing. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com website www.med-irishcentre.com

Revised Diocesan Academy Policy
The Diocesan Academy Policy has been revised with the aim that our diocesan schools will become academies within one of four Diocesan education trusts by July 2022. Underpinning the Diocesan Academy Policy is the desire and need to ensure the promotion, preservation, protection and future development of Catholic education within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle so that it is fit for the mission of the Church. There are 156 schools in our diocese educating 53,600 children. 45 of our schools are currently academies. The implementation of this policy will happen in two stages:

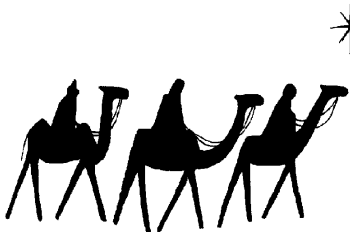
Stage 1: consolidation of existing academies and trusts into one base trust
Stage 2: conversion of voluntary aided schools to academy status within their regional trust
Whenever voluntary aided schools convert to academy status, they will join their single regional trust as equal partners with all schools within the trust. All schools in the region will be included in the process from the outset. In establishing these trust structures and having a single system in our Diocese, we aim to ensure that the children and young people in our schools will continue to receive the very best educational opportunities and life fulfilling experiences, within communities which have the teachings of Christ and his Church at the very centre. A Catholic trust model where every school has its place will mean that no individual school will be left isolated or vulnerable in a rapidly changing environment. It will ensure that the uniqueness of each individual school is celebrated and the unique contribution of each is recognised and appreciated. In order for this policy to be fulfilled, the Bishop expects all schools to continue to work together as a Diocesan family for the good of Catholic education in our Diocese. Through the trust structures the aim is to facilitate greater sharing, adding strength and capacity to our system and ensuring that all schools are supported and included. In this way we will better fulfil the mission of Catholic education within the Church.

Holocaust Memorial Evenings - 2020 theme is Stand Together:
2020 marks the 75th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz–Birkenau. On Thursday 30 January we return to St. Michael's Catholic Academy, Beamish Road, Billingham for the second of our Diocesan commemorations. This event starts at 7.00pm with the guest speaker, Marta Josephs who will recall her father's experiences during the Holocaust.

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Spirituality: Prayer Walks around the Diocese
Kathryn Turner, the Diocesan Coordinator of Spiritual Formation, is developing a selection of Prayer Walks around the diocese.
Kathryn says: "This is a selection of walks which come with the added bonus of thoughts and ideas to help you to reflect and pray along the way".
Local self-directed walks include Hartlepool Headland and Darlington – St Thomas Aquinas.
For more information, visit: http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/spirituality/spirituality_walks.php

Welcome: We give a very warm welcome to Fr. Paul Hopper (Retired) who will be staying with us for a few weeks.

A Huge Thank You from HCPT Group 527: To all those who braved the North Sea on Boxing Day and who contributed to the collection buckets that raised **£409**. A fantastic result, well done. The money raised will help us to take pilgrims of all ages and abilities to HCPT Hosanna House Lourdes for a life changing pilgrimage holiday.
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Jamie's Paws for Thought:

I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. *Charles Dickens.*