

**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**  
**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020**

<u>English Martyrs and Ss Peter &amp; Paul's</u>	<u>St Bede's</u>	<u>St Joseph's</u>
<b>Mass without Congregation</b>		
Sat 20th	<b>Mass (not live-streamed)</b> Don Wallace RIP	
Sun 21st	<b>10:00am</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	
Mon 22nd	<b>10:00am</b> 60 <sup>th</sup> Birthday of JB (AB)	
Tue 23rd	<b>10:00am</b> Norah Chadwick RIP (from Friendship Group)	
Wed 24th	<b>10:00am</b> Norma Aithwaite-Power RIP	
Thur 25th	<b>10:00am</b> Dermot Brennan RIP	
Fri 26th	<b>8:30am</b> Ronnie Watson RIP (MH)	
Sat 27th	<b>Mass (not live-streamed)</b> John George Cuthbert RIP	
Sun 28th	<b>Ss Peter &amp; Paul, Apostles</b> <b>10:00am</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	

**Week by week, each day will have a theme to help us to pray for those affected by Covid-19:**  
**Please keep these themes in your daily prayers**

<u>Sunday</u>	will be Pro Populo	<u>Thursday</u>	for Bishop Robert
<u>Monday</u>	for Farmers	<u>Friday</u>	for Prisoners
<u>Tuesday</u>	for our Secondary Schools	<u>Saturday</u>	for Shop Workers
<u>Wednesday</u>	for those Who Work at Sea		

**Feast Days this Week**

**Monday:** Ss John Fisher and Thomas More, *Martyrs*  
**Tuesday:** St Etheldreda, *Abbess*  
**Wednesday:** The Nativity of St John The Baptist  
**Saturday:** Saturday Mass of Our Lady, St Cyril of Alexandria, *Bishop & Doctor*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available **by appointment**.

**Bulletin Items:** If you would like a notice included in the next bulletin, please email [parishnewsletterstockton@gmail.com](mailto:parishnewsletterstockton@gmail.com) by **Tuesday evening** at the latest. Alternatively, post through the letterbox at English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's Presbytery.  
Please remember to add your contact details in case we have a query.

**ST. HILDA PARTNERSHIP**



English Martyrs and  
Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's



St. Joseph's

**PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
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**Clergy**

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Jeffrey Dodds  
**Deacons:** Jeffrey Parkes, Paul Hargreaves  
**Retired Priests:** Fr. Denis O'Mahony, Fr. Pat McKenna

**Parish Office**

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**Parish website:** [www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk](http://www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk)  
**Diocesan website:** [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

**All Things, Big and Small**

‘So do not be afraid, you are worth more than many sparrows.’ Matthew 10:31.

Let's be honest. God's got a whole lot on his plate! There's famine, disease, poverty and so much more going on in the world that's way more important than my anxiety attacks about my to-do-list or my fretting over a work situation. At least, that's what I think sometimes. And so, I can be reluctant to bring first-world concerns to him. I figure I can handle them myself.

But here's the truth: Those small things have a way of growing into even bigger problems that we can't solve by ourselves. You see, God loves us that much that he wants to hear it all, even though he already knows every one of our concerns. We're not troubling him or taking him away from bigger concerns when we take even the most minor issues to him. He desires to be our confidante, our counsellor.

***Abba, Father, thank you for listening.***

From Daily Catholic Devotions, June 2020.

**Fr Denis O'Mahony Diamond Jubilee**

*Fr Denis would like to thank everyone for their cards and good wishes for his Diamond Jubilee. He had a good day on Tuesday. We thank him for his service and devotion to our Parishes and we wish him well for the future. May God bless Fr. Denis at this special time.*

## **Parish News**

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

**Recent Bereavements** Please pray for Paul Allinson, Margaret Heaton, Lawrence Moore, Lawrence Humphries, Wallace Brown and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen

**FAIRTRADE** Sadly, we are unable to hold a **Fairtrade** stall at present but many **Fairtrade** producers still need our support at this difficult time; if anyone would like to order anything it would be appreciated. Jenny is a local **Fairtrade** trader who is very keen to sell on behalf of producers and will accept orders by email. Please email Lorraine Clark on kathleen.lorraine.clark@gmail.com and she will send you an order form and Jenny's email address. Jenny is willing to deliver in the Stockton area. You may be surprised at the large amount of food available, much of which is very hard to find as **Fairtrade** in supermarkets. Thank you for your support.

**Parish Family: Supporting Each Other** Members of our Parish family from the Eucharistic Ministry Teams are ringing people who we know are self-isolating so that we can offer them a hand of friendship and faith. If you haven't heard from us yet and you are self-isolating, or you are on your own and would like a friendly chat, or if you know of someone in our Parish family who is lonely, please let us know so that we can arrange to contact you.

Ring or text: **St Bede's** - Karen 07939 495837 or Bernie 07922 154863. **St Joseph's** - Mary 07523 861661

**English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul** - Joan 07528 523873

*St Anthony, patron of the elderly, Pray for us. St Rita, patron of the lonely, Pray for us.*

**Newsletter Distribution** Many people are able to look at the Newsletter through the parish website, but if you know of someone who doesn't have the internet and would like to have a copy of the Newsletter please ring or text the name and address to Colette 07849712694 and a copy will be posted out. Let's keep in touch as a Parish Family.

**IMPORTANT: CENSUS FORM** If you haven't yet filled in a Parish Census Form which asks for contact details, family members and involvement in the Parish, please ring the Parish Office on 01642 806469 for one or look on the Parish Website under Parish News, Extra Parish Events. This information will be used to help us to keep in touch with you especially whilst we are unable to gather as a parish family. Thank you.

**CATALYST - Stockton based Charity** have volunteers who can collect prescriptions, deliver food etc. for all who are socially isolating and in need of assistance. The contact telephone number is **01642 524500**.

**The Spiritual and Pastoral Development Group** which is made up of various members of our Parish communities, continues to meet via a Zoom conference to discuss the initiatives that are already in place to support you, our Parish Family. If you have any suggestions for consideration, please contact Fr Jeff at the Parish Office.

## **Prayer and Liturgy News**

 **Parish Family Stockton Mass by Phone Service** You can now listen to Father Jeff celebrating Sunday Mass available after 12:00 Noon by telephone on 01642 130032. Calls are charged at local rate. There may be a short delay so please be patient; the recording will then start to play.

**Spiritual Communion Prayer - My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as already being there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

**The CELEBRATE Online Conference is only one week away!** Over the weekend of 27th-28th June we'll be releasing everything at specific times, but you can replay all our content at any point if you missed it or want to watch again.

Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/Celebratecommunity> Here's the full schedule:

**Saturday 27th June:** 10:00am **Listen:** A talk from our first keynote speaker 12:00 Noon **Pray:** A Guided Prayer session  
3:00pm **Do:** Children's 'Messy Church' and various workshops 5:00pm **Live Worship**  
6:00pm **An Evening In** with CELEBRATE 9:00pm **Night Prayer**

**Sunday 28th June:** 10:00am **Listen:** Our second keynote speaker 12:00 Noon **Pray:** Mass with Bishop David Oakley  
3:00pm **Do:** Interactive Family Prayer 4:00pm **Final session**

You can take part in as little or as much as you'd like, whether it's for an hour, or if you want to use the whole weekend to retreat. We really encourage you, along with your friends, parishes and families to take the opportunity to approach the CELEBRATE Online Conference as dedicated time for you and the Lord.

### **A prayer for Racial Justice**

God, You are the source of human dignity and it is in your image that we are created. Pour out on us the spirit of love and compassion. Enable us to reverence each person, to reach out to anyone in need, to value and appreciate those who differ from us, to share the resources of our nation, to receive the gifts offered to us by peoples from other cultures. Grant that we may always promote the justice and acceptance that ensures lasting peace and racial harmony. Help us to remember that we are one world and one family. Amen.

### **A prayer for strength for ourselves**

Lord Jesus, You faced suffering and hardship in fear and trembling. Yet in your isolation You entrusted yourself to the will of your Father. Stand beside us now to help us through this hour. Keep us mindful that we are never alone for you share our burdens and you promise your peace. You who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

### **A prayer for those who live alone**

I live alone dear Lord, stay by my side. In all my daily needs be thou my guide. Grant me, good health, for that indeed I pray. To help me carry on my work from day to day, keep pure my mind, thoughts and deeds. Let me be kind and unselfish to my neighbours' needs. Spare me from harm. Hear my call when I am feeling low or in despair. Lift up my heart and help me in my prayer. I live alone, dear Lord yet I have no fear because I feel your presence ever near. Amen

### **A Prayer for Children who are returning to school**

Father, we thank you for each and every child. We thank you for the joy they bring, for the gifts and abilities that you have given to each one. Please bless them and watch over them. Grant them strength, patience and kindness at this time. Grant them understanding and endurance as they deal with the challenges ahead and protect them from anxiety and worry as they return to school. Grant them creativity to use their time wisely. We ask your blessing on each family that they are part of, praying that you will draw them close to you and each other. Amen

### **Pope Francis' extraordinary Urbi et Orbi given on March 27th 2020**

"Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realised that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disorientated, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us. Just like those disciples, who spoke anxiously with one voice, saying "We are perishing" (v. 38), so we too have realised that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this.... In the midst of isolation when we are suffering from a lack of tenderness and chances to meet up, and we experience the loss of so many things, let us once again listen to the proclamation that saves us: he is risen and is living by our side... Lord, may you bless the world, give health to our bodies and comfort our hearts. You ask us not to be afraid. Yet our faith is weak and we are fearful. But you, Lord, will not leave us at the mercy of the storm. Tell us again: "Do not be afraid" (Mt 28:5). And we, together with Peter, "cast all our anxieties onto you, for you care about us" (cf. 1 Pet 5:7)"

## **Finances**

**Offertory Envelopes** Please continue to use your offertory envelopes and if you wish, you can deliver them to one of our Presbyteries and they will be collected from there; alternatively, please keep them until our churches reopen. If anyone would like to make a donation, please ring the Parish Office on 01642 806469 and Fr Jeff will give you the paying-in details. Inevitably, income has reduced but we still need to pay bills, so please do what you can to help. This is an opportunity to set up a standing order with your bank which makes giving your weekly offering so much easier.

**GIFT AID** Your contribution to the Parish can be increased by 25% if you pay tax. There is no catch. Please contact your Parish Gift Aid organiser, email the Parish Office or speak with Fr. Jeff who will advise you.

## **Partnership News – taking in Hartlepool, Billingham and Stockton**

We continue to pray for our Partnership of St. Hilda that we will continue to support each other not only at this time but in the future as we face the aftermath of the Covid-19 virus. May our parishes here in Stockton work together to build up God's Kingdom in our own area.

## **Diocesan News**

### **Please be aware of the developing situation regarding the Coronavirus**

Masses will be celebrated by Parish Priests but **without a congregation** on a daily basis. Congregations can join in spiritual communion with priests. **All Sacraments** will be deferred until such time that congregations can gather safely.

**Bishop Robert Byrne announces the first five Churches to reopen** for individual prayer: HM Government has announced that churches and other places of worship are set to open for individual prayer from 15 June 2020. But, as advised by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, not all churches will immediately reopen due to the ongoing Covid-19 safety measures to protect clergy, parishioners, staff and volunteers. There will be a phased opening of more churches after safety measures have been assessed and implemented. The first five churches to reopen for individual prayer in the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle are: St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, St. Aidan's, Ashington, St. Patrick's, Consett, St. Mary's, Sunderland, St. Joseph's, Hartlepool. Further details, including the date and times of opening, will be announced as they become available.

### **Do you need to speak to someone for support?**

Dedicated counsellors and listeners are available at the Cathedral Listening Service on 0191 232 6953

### **The Vicariate for Faith and Mission Ring a Prayer resource**

0 7 3 7 5 9 3 4 7 1 3 This phone number is available to those who are without access to the internet during this lockdown and cannot use our normal email service of adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk. You can ring and leave your name and address and we will post you prayer resources out for free.

## **Worldwide Church News**

### **Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for June The Way of the Heart**

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

## **...and now for some Light Relief...**

### **Jamie's Paws for Thought**



What do you fear? Is the Heart of Jesus not powerful enough to sustain you? Trust in Him. *St Margaret Mary*