

**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A – 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020**

<u>English Martyrs and Ss Peter &amp; Paul's</u>	<u>St Bede's</u>	<u>St Joseph's</u>
<b>Mass times</b>		
<b>Sat 1st</b>	<b>Mass (not live-streamed)</b> Norah Chadwick RIP (CR & JC)	
<b>Sun 2nd</b>	<b>10:30am - Mass without Congregation (live-streamed)</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	
<b>Mon 3rd</b>	-----	
<b>Tue 4th</b>	<b>9:00am - Mass without Congregation (live-streamed)</b> Eileen Durkin RIP (WJ)	
<b>Wed 5th</b>	<b>9:00am - Public Mass in Church and live-streamed</b> Ethel Scott RIP (P&D) <i>followed by Private Prayer until 12:00 Noon</i>	
<b>Thur 6th</b>	<b>9:00am - Mass without Congregation (live-streamed)</b> Stephen Tarelli RIP (PH)	
<b>Fri 7th</b>	<b>9:00am - Public Mass in Church and live-streamed</b> Joan Armstrong RIP <i>followed by Private Prayer until 12:00 Noon</i>	
<b>Sat 8th</b>	<b>Mass (not live-streamed)</b> Don Wallace RIP	
<b>Sun 9th</b>	<b>10:30am - Public Mass in Church and live-streamed</b> Please ring 07716 944610 to secure a place Pro Populo (People of the Parish) <i>followed by Private Prayer until 1:00pm</i>	

If you would like to reserve a place at the Sunday Mass, please ring or text 07716 944610 between 6.00pm and 9.00pm on Wed 5 August.  
Please leave your name, contact number and the number of places requested.  
As only 36 households can be accommodated at each Mass, you will be informed if there is a place available for you by Thursday evening.

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.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>will be Pro Populo</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>for Young Families</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>for the Bereaved</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>for the Government and Scientists</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>for Hospital Staff</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>for all Areas, National and International affected by Covid-19</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>for the Sick and Housebound Of Our Parishes</b>		

**Feast Days this Week:**

**Monday:** St Oswald, King, *Martyr*  
**Tuesday:** St John Vianney, *Priest*  
**Wednesday:** The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major  
**Thursday:** The Transfiguration of the Lord  
**Friday:** St Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, *Martyrs* and St Cajetan, *Priest*  
**Saturday:** St Dominic, *Priest*

**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, Redhill Road, Roseworth, Stockton-on-Tees TS19 9BY.

*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

### 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A – 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020

#### Clergy

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

#### Parish Office

**Hours:** Tuesday to Friday 10.00am till 2:00pm  
**Contact:** Gill Hall Tel. 01642 806469  
**Email:** [parishfamilystockton@gmail.com](mailto:parishfamilystockton@gmail.com)

#### Internet

**Parish YouTube:** Stockton Parish Family  
**Facebook page:** @ParishFamilyStocktonRC  
**Parish website:** [www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk](http://www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk)  
**Diocesan website:** [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

#### Reflection

Have you ever found yourself in the situation where you have a nice evening meal planned for two? Then, unexpectedly, you receive a phone call that some close friends, whom you haven't seen for a while, are in the Stockton area and would like to visit you at teatime. What do you do? You can't say no, as they are in the area. What do you do? Panic, race to the shops, raid the freezer to find something to add to that lasagne for two? Sometimes in situations like this we can't think outside of the box, we can't think beyond our practical limitations, whereas we should just relax, turn to God and, because of our blessings, order a takeaway.

The disciples in today's Gospel find themselves in a similar situation; they only have a small amount of food and have many unexpected guests. This passage in Matthew's Gospel is a dramatic symbol of God's love. The supply of the fish and loaves was meagre, somehow representative of our own meagre efforts, and yet by the power of Christ all were satisfied. But, note that the meagre offerings are still needed and must be given up. Jesus takes what they have, breaks the loaves and hands them back to the disciples. Today the Church offers bread and wine every time Holy Mass is celebrated, resources that seem meagre as well. Yet, through the efficacy of the Word of Christ and by the action of the Holy Spirit, Jesus truly becomes present to us – to bring comfort, strength and light to our lives. We are then able with renewed confidence to continue the work of Jesus, in situations that we meet every day.

God bless, *Deacon Jeff*



## 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 Brenda Ozelton and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Opening of Churches in Stockton** Permission has been given by Bishop Robert to open English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul. Please look out for details of days and times. A number of Parishioners from our three Parishes have already volunteered to clean the church and to act as Stewards; if you would to help, please contact the Parish Office on 01642 806469 for further details. **Please see the back page for the days and times that the church will be open this week. Please note that you MUST ring 07716 944610 to secure a place at Sunday Mass; full details on the back page.** There is no need to book for weekday Masses.

**News from Uganda** Fr. Vincent reports they are still in lockdown and restrictions are still in place. Schools are closed and there is no public transport. Hunger is a big problem because many people have no income so they cannot buy food. Last Sunday a mother with two children came to Father's door. The woman had malaria and they had been existing on one small meal a day. Fr. Vincent gave them enough food for a week and about £4 to buy medicine. He said "Tomorrow I expect a lot more such visitors." Father was able to help this family because he had received money sent from our Uganda Mission Fund. Please pray for Fr Vincent at this very difficult time. Sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Uganda Mission Fund. God bless you all!

**Recent Donations to the Uganda Mission Fund** 2 x £100, £70, £60, 3 x £40, 5 x £20 & £10. Sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed. God bless you all!

**TO OUR CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES READERS IN THE PARISH** at the moment you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to [www.thecatholicuniverse.com](http://www.thecatholicuniverse.com) or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you. SPECIAL OFFER 3 MONTHS - £18.00 or 12 Months - £72.00.

**Mary's Meals** During these difficult times there are children who still need feeding. Mary's Meals is a worldwide charity set up in Medjugorje to ensure that children who do not have enough will be fed. Please keep them in your prayers and if you wish to continue to make donations, please post them through the Presbytery letterbox. Visit <https://www.marysmeals.org> for more details about the work that Mary's Meals do.

**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 on 01642 806469.

**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.*

**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.

**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 hand delivered. Let's keep in touch as a Parish Family.

## Prayer and Liturgy News

**Parish Family Stockton Mass by Phone Service** You can now listen to Father Jeff celebrating Sunday Mass. This is 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.**

### A prayer for those affected by the Covid virus

Lord, there are many who have suffered and I pray for them. For those who mourn, I ask peace of heart. For carers and hospital staff I ask blessing and safety. For the sick and those remaining at home I ask health and strength. For those who have died I ask happiness and rest.

### A prayer for those staying at home

Lord, at this time I must stay with you at home. I make of my home your house and of my heart a sanctuary in which you ever dwell. Give me patience and joy, Lord Jesus, and grant those who visit you in Church and in the Blessed Sacrament to value so great a gift and cherish so great a love that leads you to choose to be with us now and always. Amen.

Father, bless this house in which you keep me safe. Let your light shine in every corner of this place. May your Son, raised in an ordinary home, come to me in the ordinary things of each day. Send your Spirit to anoint my heart and give me wisdom to accept your will. Amen

**Prolife Holy Hour** Father Nick Jennings is going to have a Prolife Holy hour on Sunday 2nd August at 4:30pm from Crook. Please join in to pray for the unborn and respect for life. To be live-streamed from Our Lady Immaculate and St Cuthbert, Crook – check their website for bulletin: <http://www.ourladyandstcuthbertscrook.org.uk/>

## 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** Would any parishioner wishing to sign up for Gift Aid, or wishing to change their existing standing order payment, please email the Parish Office and we will send the required forms out to you. Providing you are a taxpayer and pay enough tax to cover the amount which we claim there is nothing else for you to do, currently HMRC give the Parish 25p for every £1 gift aided. You can cancel at any time just by contacting John Flynn (St Joseph's), Kevin Williams (English Martyrs & Ss Peter & Paul's) or Mary Nolan (St Bede's). Everything will be arranged for you; all you need to do is fill the form in and return it in the provided S.A.E.

## 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.

**Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church, Billingham** will now be open for Mass: Monday, Friday and Sunday 10:00am and Wednesday at 7:00pm.

**St. Joseph's Church, Hartlepool** is also open for Mass. Please check Facebook for details: <https://www.facebook.com/The-Holy-Family-Parish-Hartlepool-100619931661977/>

**To St Mary's Parishioners** - Just a brief update. St. Mary's church inside is nice and clean and safe and sound. We are having some essential repairs done to the downstairs toilet which was scheduled before lockdown but rain stopped work. We have received one or two donations and Gift Aid envelopes over the last few weeks but if you would like to hand in any envelopes or can make a donation we would be very grateful. Telephone Kath on 07906655089 to make arrangements please. No news on an opening date for St Mary's so far but good news for Fr Jeff and his Parishioners. Thanks also to everyone who has been involved in streaming the Masses and Services. Most people seem to have found somewhere to attend Mass. Hope you are well and we can catch up soon.

## Diocesan News

### 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 & Mission Ring a Prayer resource

**07375934713** 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@diocesahn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesahn.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 August: The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

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

### Jamie's Paws for Thought



Worry is like a rocking chair: it gives you something to do but it doesn't get you anywhere.

*Anon.*