


Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
27th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A – 4th October 2020

	<u>English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's</u>	<u>St Joseph's</u>	<u>St Bede's</u>	<u>Feast Days this week</u>
Sat 3rd	<u>6:00pm - Public Mass in Church</u> Bridie & Tommy Hawney			Vigil Sunday Mass
Sun 4th	<u>10:30am - Public Mass in Church and live-streamed</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)			27 th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Mon 5th	_____			_____
Tue 6th			<u>9:30am - Public Mass in Church</u> Birthday of Doreen Stokeld	St Bruno, <i>Priest</i>
Wed 7th	<u>6:30pm - Public Mass in Church and live-streamed</u> Betty & Jack Robson RIP (KG)		Please ring or text 07716 944610 to book a place at this Mass which will be celebrated by Fr. Jonathon Bowes.	
Thur 8th	_____	<u>9:30am - Public Mass in Church</u> Norah Chadwick RIP (P&D)		_____
Fri 9th	6:00pm –6:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:30pm – Public Mass in Church and live-streamed</u> Mrs C Todd RIP			St John Henry Newman, <i>Priest</i>
Sat 10th	<u>6:00pm - Public Mass in Church</u> Winnie Allinson RIP (TJ)			Vigil Sunday Mass
Sun 11th	<u>10:30am - Public Mass in Church and live-streamed</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)			28 th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation – located near the Lady Altar

Friday 9th October
6:00pm – 6:30pm

Saturday 10th October
5:30pm – 6:00pm



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.

If you would like to reserve a place at the
Saturday Vigil Mass or the Sunday Morning Mass,
 please ring or text 07716 944610 **by 7:30 pm on the Thursday.**
Please leave your name, contact number and the number of places requested;
you will be informed if there is a place available for you by Friday evening.

Bulletin Items: If you would like a notice included in the next bulletin, please email **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.

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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 Priest: Fr. Pat McKenna

Parish Office

Hours: Tuesday to Friday 10.00am till 2:00pm
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Facebook page: @ParishFamilyStocktonRC
Parish website: www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk
Diocesan website: www.rcdhn.org.uk

Bulletin Reflection A Celebration of Autumn

On Looking at Millais' *Autumn Leaves*

Live life fully before the autumn
 Make sure you blossom and flower
 Let life be full of fruitfulness
 Don't wait till the sunset hour
 Gather leaves when you are older
 Kick and dance in them when young
 Don't be afraid! Be a little bolder!
 You'll colour autumn when it comes
 Rich or poor is not the measure
 More important, to live in delight.
 Let life itself be your treasure
 Scatter the leaves! Enjoy the sight!

David Adam

Whilst the Sunday Obligation is currently suspended, please make an effort to attend Holy Mass during the week if you are able. This will enable those Parishioners who work during the week to attend Mass at the weekend.

Although the Sunday Obligation is currently suspended, it will be reinstated once Covid-19 is under control.

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 Sandra Deer, Matthew Waller and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Marshalls are required to be in attendance when our churches are open. Without them we would not be able to open.

The Marshalls are there to help and advise you:

- ✓ To assist with the mandatory Test & Trace system, please give your name and contact telephone number to the Marshall at the door.
- ✓ Remember to sanitise your hands before you enter church.
- ✓ A Marshall will advise you where you are to sit.
- ✓ If you wish to light a candle, please do so before you sit down.
- ✓ Please do not block access to benches.
- ✓ Please be aware that a lot of thought and effort goes into allocating places at the weekend Masses. Places are allocated within the limits set by the Diocesan Health & Safety Officer.
- ✓ Marshalls will regulate the queue for Holy Communion; please remember to keep 2 metres between you and others.
- ✓ After you have received Holy Communion, please leave the church premises straightaway.
- ✓ Please remember to sanitise your hands before you leave church.

Let's keep everyone safe. *Fr. Jeff*

A Message from David Pinder:

Dear Friends, I wish to pass on my thanks to yourselves for the many well wishes and prayers that you have given me since I was accepted to begin my priestly formation.

I would especially like to thank Fr. Jeff and Fr. Cooper for their guidance, support, inspiration and friendship as I have been discerning my vocation. I will keep you all in my prayers each day as I use the Divine Office books, and humbly ask that you continue to keep myself and the 17 other men beginning their formation with me in Valladolid in yours.

Fr. Jonathon Bowes will celebrate Holy Mass in English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul on Wednesday 7th October at 6:30pm.

Retiring Collection: The retiring collection for Peter's Pence & Support for the Holy See, which was postponed in June, will now be held **this weekend (3rd/4th October)**. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Prisoners' Sunday: October 11th marks Prisoners' Sunday, the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their families. This is a day for us to reflect on how we can make a difference to the lives of those affected by the criminal justice system. There are envelopes at the back of church if you wish to donate to PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust). Visit their website www.prisonadvice.org.uk for more information.

Vocations Discernment Course: For men thinking about becoming a Priest. A six-week course will be held online. For more details and to register, visit vocations@rcdhn.org.uk. See poster in church.



Congratulations to Margaret and Albert Swales who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Saturday 26th September. We wish them both every blessing.

News from Uganda: Fr. Vincent has told us domestic fights among people in his Mission area are increasing due to increased stress and hunger. Father has asked two catechists, a lady and a man to join him in his counselling activities. In turn he will pay them for their work with food each week. Fr. Vincent and his people are praying for an end to the pandemic. Sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Uganda Mission Fund. God bless you all.

Partnership News – taking in Hartlepool, Billingham and Stockton

St Patrick's Fairfield is open for Mass. Please check the St Patrick's newsletter on www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk

Holy Rosary Church in Billingham: Open for Mass: Monday, Friday and Sunday 10:00am and Wednesday at 7pm.

St. Joseph's Church in Hartlepool is also open for Mass. Please check: hartlepool.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk.

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for October:

The Laity's Mission in the Church:

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Psalm:

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field.

Second Reading

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Next week's readings:

First Reading: Prophet Isaiah 25:6-10

Second Reading: St Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Psalm: 22

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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.

Prayer and Liturgy News

Prayer for Our World: Creator God, who made our beautiful world, appointed us as its guardians and gifted us with everything we need, forgive us for the times we cause it harm; for the times our way of life affects our neighbours. Inspire us to care for the environment; to help rebuild lives and communities; to share in the griefs and anxieties, joys and hopes of all your people, so that all your creation may flourish. Amen.

Stephen Davies/CAFOD

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



JAMIE'S PAWS FOR THOUGHT

Challenges can be stepping stones or stumbling blocks. It's just a matter of how you view them.

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