

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

	<b>English Martyrs and Ss Peter &amp; Paul's</b>	<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>St Bede's</b>	<b>Feast Days this week</b>
<b>Sat 17th</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> Cecilia & Albert Scott RIP	_____	_____	Vigil Sunday Mass
<b>Sun 18th</b>	<b>10:30am - Live-streamed</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	_____	_____	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Ordinary Time
<b>Mon 19th</b>	_____	_____	_____	Ss John de Brébeuf, <i>Priest</i> , Isaac Jogues, <i>Priest</i> & Companions, <i>Martyrs</i> St Paul of the Cross, <i>Priest</i>
<b>Tue 20th</b>	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Wed 21st</b>	<b>9:00am – 9:30am</b> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. <b>9:30am</b> Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion	_____	_____	_____
<b>Thur 22nd</b>	_____	<b>9:00am – 9:30am</b> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. <b>9:30am</b> Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion	_____	St John Paul II, <i>Pope</i>
<b>Fri 23rd</b>	<b>6:00pm – 6:30pm</b> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. <b>6:30pm Mass - Live-streamed</b> Paul Kennedy RIP	_____	_____	St John of Capistrano, <i>Priest</i>
<b>Sat 24th</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> Fr Sarves RIP	_____	_____	Vigil Sunday Mass
<b>Sun 25th</b>	<b>10:30am - Live-streamed</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish) <b>4.00pm – 5.00pm</b> <b>Live-streamed</b> Marian Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	_____	_____	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Ordinary Time

**Sacrament of Reconciliation – located at the Lady Altar**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**  
**6:00pm – 6:30pm**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](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

### 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020

#### 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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#### 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)

#### A SEA CHANGE

More than leaves fall  
 Countries, empires, people  
 Come to autumn and winter  
 Spiralling down from their heights  
 To become one with the ground  
 Compost and seed for the future  
 Renewing the face of the earth  
 Nothing on earth is ever truly lost  
 All goes through a sea change  
 Everything has tides and seasons  
 And in their present fall are seeds  
 The gifts and promises of new life  
 Every molecule knows it can become  
 Part of what it has never been before  
 Creator, with a wonderful precision  
 Seeding the world. Let us adore

From a Celebration of Autumn by David Adam. 2005.  
 Former Anglican Vicar of Holy Island, Northumberland.

#### **Welcome Bishop Robert Byrne CO**

This Sunday at 10:30am Bishop Robert will celebrate Holy Mass with the clergy and parishioners. We are grateful for this special occasion and promise to keep him and the Diocese in all of our prayers. Our Blessed Lady Immaculate and St Cuthbert, Patrons of the Diocese. Pray for us.

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 Mary Patricia O'Brien, Brian Buckley 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*

**World Mission Sunday - 18<sup>th</sup> October:** this is one of only three Papal collections and has been especially chosen by the Holy Father to support the mission of the Church in the world. There will be a retiring collection after Mass this weekend (17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October) to help support missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor and in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the Pontifical Mission Societies throughout the world and give what you can. Thank you.

**Mary's Meals:** the sum of £100 has recently been passed on to Mary's Meals and this will be used to provide life-changing meals for children in their place of education. Sincere thanks, from them, to all who kindly donated.

**Holy Family India Project:** a total of £150 was kindly donated to this project during the quarter ended September. Many thanks to all the generous donors.

### **CAFOD – Family Fast Day**

Over the next couple of weekends our family of parishes will be marking CAFODs Family Fast Day. The campaign this year has been called "A Harvest Like No Other." All of the money raised from Harvest Fast Day will go towards helping those communities who are facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. I know that we've felt the impact of this terrible disease and I know of many families within our own locality who need our support, especially those facing financial uncertainty. So, before I go any further THANK YOU, because I know our family of parishes really does support our work and supports it under our 3 headings – Pray, Act and Give.

You can donate in a variety of ways, through the CAFOD Envelopes which we'll make available over the next few weekends. You can donate online through the CAFOD website [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) or, as an extra that we're trialling this year, you can make a contactless donation on your way out of Mass next weekend. The contactless device doesn't store any of your details and CAFOD and the company we've hired the devices through are not able to read your information, so it makes it a safe way to pay – on all levels?!

Thank you for your support. Kirstie Hutchinson. CAFOD Organiser.

Partnership News – taking in Hartlepool, Billingham and Stockton

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](mailto:vocations@rcdhn.org.uk). See poster in church.

**Sacramental Preparation Online during Covid-19:** The Diocesan Vicariate for Faith & Mission is seeking to establish catechist community networks to offer support in engaging with formation online and are inviting new and experienced catechists to come, share and find out more about sacramental preparation online at the following online sessions – Confirmations at 7pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October and First Holy Communions at 7pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. To register your interest or for more information, please email [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk).

**The Great Adventure: Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** "helps you to get the 'big picture' of the Bible by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church." This new, free, on-line course is starting in the Autumn and will run across 8 sessions between 7:30pm and 8:30pm on Monday evenings during November 2020 and February 2021. To register, or for more information, please email [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk).

### **October the Month of the Rosary**

On 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020, the diocese will be taking part in a Rosary Rally, with different dioceses from across the country having a designated time slot to ensure the rosary is prayed continuously throughout the day from 9 am to 9 pm. For more information register at [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.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.

## **Prayer and Liturgy News**

Loving father, we bring before you all of those who are suffering in any way, those facing ill health, fear, poverty, grief and so many other things. We pray for your love, peace, and healing power to be upon them. We ask that you give those who are struggling the courage to ask for help and those around them the wisdom to see the need and reach out in love, even before a word is uttered. Lord hear our prayer.

### **First Reading**

**Isaiah 45:1,4-6**

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me.

Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

### **Psalm:**

**95(96):1,3-5,7-10**

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples.

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power;  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,  
to be feared above all gods;  
the gods of the heathens are naught.  
It was the Lord who made the heavens,

4. Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

### **Second Reading**

**1 Thessalonians 1:1-5**

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

### **Gospel**

**Matthew 22:15-21**

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

### **Next Sunday's Readings:**

*First Reading Exodus: 22:20-26*

*Psalm: 17*

*Second Reading St Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians: 1:5c-10*

*Gospel: Matthew: 22:34-40*

**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.**

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



**JAMIE'S PAWS FOR THOUGHT:** The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts his sail.

*William Arthur Ward*