

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
30th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A – 25th October 2020

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
Sat 24th	6:00pm Fr Sarves RIP	—	—	Vigil Sunday Mass
Sun 25th	10:30am - Live-streamed Pro Populo (People of the Parish) 4:00pm – 5:00pm Live Streamed Marian Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	—	—	30 th Sunday Of Ordinary Time
Mon 6th	—	—	—	Ss Chad & Cedd, <i>Bishops</i>
Tue 27th	—	—	9:30am Kevin O'Shea RIP	—
Wed 28th	9:30am - Live-streamed Ethel Scott RIP	—	—	Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles
Thur 29th	—	9:00am Dorrie Tait & Christine Kenny RIP	—	—
Fri 30th	6:00pm – 6:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30pm – Live-streamed Tom, Mary & Tom (Jnr) Cusack RIP	—	—	The Martyrs of Douai College
Sat 31st	6:00pm Ian Langford RIP	—	—	Vigil Sunday Mass
Sun 1st	10:30am - Live-streamed Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	—	—	All Saints Day

Sacrament of Reconciliation – located at the Lady Altar

Friday 30th October
6:00pm – 6:30pm

Saturday 31st 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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Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's



St. Joseph's

PARISH NEWSLETTER
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Clergy

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Diocesan website: www.rcdhn.org.uk

The Commandments of Love

The theme of the Gospel readings this week has been the reality of the spiritual domain. It is as much a real part of our lives, as our intellect or social network. Yet quite often it is neglected. A person can be a theological giant, while remaining a spiritual midget. Some people neglect this part of themselves until all that is left is dry bones. The Spiritual life is dynamic, it is alive, however its development requires method, discipline and practice. It has its highs, plateaus and moments of crisis.

So, the voice of the man in today's Gospel reading can haunt us. "What is the greatest commandment?" What must we do? The answer can be overwhelming. Can we really love like this? But there is a great deal more to the spiritual life than trying to keep the commandments. There is the experience of the Kingdom of God, access to which comes not by decision but by discipleship. These attempts we make every day to follow Jesus, these small gestures we make, are a part of our slow gradual process of change. This is the journey of conversion that we are all on. The way that we learn to live out the love of God and our neighbour.

So often we go through the motions of faith. But it is the Spirit of God that can bring our small gestures to life.

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 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*

SECOND COLLECTION: after Mass this weekend will be for the **Clergy Training Fund**. Please give generously.

Fr VINCENT: Donations received £30 & £20. Thank you for your generosity.

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 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. See poster in church.

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.

October the Month of the Rosary

On 31st 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.

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

Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this:

"You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Psalm:

17(18):2-4,47,51

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!

My God is the rock where I take refuge;

Praised be the God who saves me,

my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.

He has given great victories to his king

The Lord is worthy of all praise,

and shown his love for his anointed.

He has given great victories to his king

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.

Next Sunday's Readings:

First Reading: Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14

Psalm: 23

Second Reading: First Letter of St John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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: Do not fear to hope... Each time we smell the autumn's dying scent, we know that primrose time will come again. Coleridge