

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
All Saints Day Year A – 1st November 2020

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
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
Mon 2nd	9:30am - Live-streamed The Faithfull Departed of the Parishes	—	—	The Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed
Tue 3rd	—	—	9:30am Keith Hilton RIP	St Winefride, <i>Virgin</i> St Martin de Porres, <i>Religious</i>
Wed 4th	9:30am - Live-streamed John & Maeve Dales RIP	—	—	St Charles Borromero, <i>Bishop</i>
Thur 5th	—	9:30am Michael & Margaret Farrell RIP	—	—
Fri 6th	6:00pm – 6:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30pm – Live-streamed Catherine & Des Douglas RIP	—	—	—
Sat 7th	6:00pm Alan Parkes RIP	—	—	Vigil Sunday Mass
Sun 8th	10:30am - Live-streamed Pro Populo (People of the Parish) 2:00pm Polish Mass	—	—	32 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation – located in the Sanctuary

Friday 6th November
6:00pm – 6:30pm

Saturday 7th November
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
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Reflection All Saints 2020

Somewhere in this bulletin you'll find the answers to the following three-part question.

Who is associated with these phrases?

1. Nice to see you, to see you...
2. The lady is not for turning
3. This time next year, we'll be millionaires

All of us use phrases such as these from time to time in our ordinary day to day conversations- we might 'borrow' a phrase from someone well known like one of the above, or we might have a phrase of our own that we use without even realizing that we are doing so.

These phrases have become known as catch phrases and they can pop up in all manner of circumstances.

Many years ago now I worked with a colleague who often asked people to do things for her. She was the boss, so I suppose that was a natural thing for her to do. When such things were done, no matter what they were, she'd say 'You're a Saint' to the individual who had done whatever had been asked of them. That was her catch phrase.

I suppose that was her way of saying thank you, I am pleased with you.

Over time, she must have called everyone in the office a Saint, which in that environment sort of diminished being called a Saint in the first place. It was a bit of a shock to new starters who thought they were being singled out as special to be told that's what she says to everyone...

But those new starters were special. They like us are all called by God to be Saints in the true sense of that word, that is to be one of those who we can be certain has lived their lives in such a way that there can be no doubt that they are in Heaven- those whose lives and deaths we commemorate this weekend.

Pick a Saint this coming week, any Saint you like, and learn something new about them, something perhaps that helped them on their way to Heaven. Then try and follow their example in your own lives in the hope that one day God Himself will say to you 'You're a Saint'.

Deacon Paul

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 Imelda Morris, Sally Davidson 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 Fr Jonathon Bowes: I would just like to thank everyone for their prayers and support over all the years on my journey to the priesthood. Thank you so much for the cards and gifts that I have received. It was such a humbling and beautiful occasion to be able to stand at the Altar in the parish and say Mass for you all. Please be assured of my continued prayers. Fr Jonathon

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 this 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

Reflection All Saints Answers: 1. Bruce Forsyth 2. Margaret Thatcher 3. David Jason as Del Boy in Only Fools and Horses

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.

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for November: Artificial Intelligence: We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

News from Uganda: The lockdown in Uganda has been eased more. Churches can now open but only 70 people may attend each Mass. Father has been busy trying to explain and control the number who come for Mass, but many do not understand the restrictions. He writes “It is indeed hectic and infections are rising. Every Sunday I first work as door bouncer and then celebrate Mass. Out of the 10 village churches I have opened only 2. For the rest they will have to wait till the situation gets better, because we cannot afford to sanitise all as required.” Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his people.

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

Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Psalm:

23(24):1-6

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.	Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?	He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him.
It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.	The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things.	Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12a

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Next Sunday's Readings:

*First Reading - Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm - 62; Second Reading - First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel - Matthew 25:1-13*

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:

African Proverb

If you want to fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.