

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
1st Sunday of Advent Year B – 29th November 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 28th	<u>Mass without Congregation</u> <u>10:00am – Live-streamed</u> Peter Shaw RIP	—	—	—			
Sun 29th	<u>Mass without Congregation</u> <u>10:30am - Live-streamed</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish) <u>4:00pm Parishes</u> <u>Remembrance Service – live-streamed on parish Facebook</u>	—	—	1 st Sunday of Advent			
Mon 30th	—	<u>11:00am – 12:00 noon</u> A Time of Quiet Prayer-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland			
Tue 1st	<u>Mass without Congregation</u> <u>6:30pm - Live-streamed</u> Norah & Peter McPartland RIP	—	—	—			
Wed 2nd	<u>Mass without Congregation</u> <u>9:00am - Live-streamed</u> Mary Igoe RIP (ES)	—	—	—			
Thur 3rd	—	<u>Public Mass 9:30am</u> The Morgan family RIP	—	St Francis Xavier, Priest			
Fri 4th	<u>Public Mass</u> <u>9:00am – Live-streamed</u> Matthew Chipchase RIP	—	—	St Osmund, Bishop St John Damascene, Priest & Doctor			
Sat 5th	<u>Public Mass 6:00pm</u> Valerie Ellis RIP	—	—	Vigil Sunday Mass			
Sun 6th	<u>Public Mass 10:30am - Live-streamed</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish) <u>4:00pm - Live-streamed</u> Advent – A Time to Pause	—	—	2 nd Sunday of Advent			
Sacrament of Reconciliation – located in the EMSSPP Sanctuary							
Saturday 5th December		Saturday 5th December 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.							
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>							

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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St. Bede's



St. Joseph's

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Clergy

Parish Priest: Fr. Jeffrey Dodds
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1st Sunday of Advent Year B

For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; a simple look turned towards heaven; a cry of recognition and of love. (St Therese of Lisieux)

The word ‘Advent’ means ‘arrival’ or ‘presence’. In its oldest use it pointed to the arrival of a high official, of a King, Queen or emperor. We now use the word to express our special relationship with Jesus, whose coming we await in this Advent Season. We await the joyful celebration of the birth of the Servant King, God made man, born in poverty in a humble stable, into a poor family. We pray with eager anticipation and renewed expectation for the coming of Jesus the King into our lives also, renewing our inner being, refreshing our weary and flagging spirit. Often, we do not know how to pray; then we are ready to receive the gift of prayer.

Lord, may my prayer be joyful, hopeful and expectant, filled with a longing for your presence and hope for your coming, ‘Come, Lord Jesus, Come.’

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 Peter Scott, Janet Elizabeth Clayton 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 remember to sanitise your hands before you leave church.

Let's keep everyone safe. Fr. Jeff

Christmas Candles: are available to purchase at £5.00 each. Please contact the Parish office if you would like one.

Broadcasting Development Fund: Thanks to the generosity of many parishioners, Phase 1 of this project, which has been to re-route and stabilise the internet connection to the church, to improve the quality of broadcasting of Masses etc. has been completed. Phase 2 will commence shortly – hopefully you will all continue to notice improvements in the quality of broadcasting. Many thanks for your kind donations. God bless, Fr Jeff.

News from Uganda: Catechists distributed the beans and maize seeds to people in 8 villages. The planting has been done, the rains have started and it is hoped there will be a good harvest in January 2021. Fr. Vincent has had news that his mother is becoming more disabled and needs 24-hour care. She is being looked after by his sister but Father says "With poor facilities and hygiene, it is indeed tough." Sincere thanks to everyone who supports our Uganda Mission Fund. Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his people.



Mary's Meals - Double the Love Campaign: Give until 31st January 2021 and your donation will be doubled by the UK government, up to £2 million! To find out more about this amazing charity please visit: www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove

Partnership News – taking in Hartlepool, Billingham and Stockton

Bishops' Conference Statement on the Publication of the IICSA Report: The Catholic Church in England and Wales welcomes the Report from the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse relating to the institutional response of the Church in its duty of care to protect children from sexual abuse and exploitation. We thank the IICSA Panel for their work. The Report will now inform the ongoing reform and improvement of safeguarding in all aspects of the Church's life. The full statement is available on the Parish website.

Message for St Mary's Redbox holders – Jeff and Clayne Shore are willing to collect your boxes from your doorstep. Please ring 01642 554116, leaving your name and telephone number. They will call you to arrange a convenient time to collect, empty and return your box. Many thanks.

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for December: For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Prayer and Liturgy News

Celebrating the season of Advent

Advent is when the Church re-sets the calendar of our remembering and celebrating the saving work of Christ. This Advent is more challenging due to the Pandemic. Our usual distraction with slipper and pyjama sizes seems more distant this year. So, these resources are offered as a life-buoy, remedy and prayer book for the days ahead. Advent is a time to stretch and arouse our imagination for what it brings: a maturing expectation and sensitivity to Our Lord's coming as judge and new-born child. Enjoy these reflections and prayers. Happy Advent!

Monsignor Andrew Faley Episcopal Vicar for the Vicariate for Faith & Mission

EWTN Advent Booklet Resource:

Click on this link for EWTN Advent Booklet:
https://f.hubspotusercontent30.net/hubfs/4395239/AdventBook.pdf?utm_campaign=9%20Ways%20to%20Prepare%20Your%20Heart%20for%20Christmas&utm_medium=email&_hs_mi=99059871&_hsenc=p2ANotz-9RxLW1OAWXt7L_MLNIBY_XB7PDkPJ8b7Cnok8c-8QSk0JBs8fZ6ci0r9Qb6StCzu7ykLwJQ1e8ODuBdGwUDFb7K7q5R5JzRHU9pSfOInkMfG3ti0&utm_content=99059871&utm_source=hs_automation

A programme of activities will be taking place across our three parishes during Advent – watch out for more information!

A variety of Advent resources is available on the Diocese website: [Prayer – Advent Resources \(rcdhn.org.uk\)](http://Prayer-Advent Resources (rcdhn.org.uk))

Walk With Me Advent: These small booklets are now available through the Parish Office. They contain prayer and scripture readings for each day of Advent to help you prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour. The cost is £1 each – please contact the Parish Office by email: parishfamilystockton@gmail.com or tel 01642 806469 to secure your copy. Don't delay!

First Reading

Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down! – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

Psalm:

79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19

R: God of hosts, bring us back: let your face shine on us and we shall be saved

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

Next week's Readings

2nd Sunday of Advent Year B

First Reading [Isaiah 40:1 - 5, 9 - 11](#)

Second Reading [2 Peter 3: 8 - 14](#)

Psalm 84

Gospel [Mark 1 : 1 - 8](#)

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: How sad would be November if we had no knowledge of the spring.

Edwin Way Teale