

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A – 8th November 2020

<u>English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's</u>	<u>St Joseph's</u>	<u>St Bede's</u>
<u>Mass without Congregation</u>		<u>Feast Days this week</u>
Sat 7th	<u>10:00am – Live-streamed</u> Alan Parkes RIP	St Willibrord, <i>Bishop</i>
Sun 8th	<u>10:30am - Live-streamed</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish) <u>4:00pm Holy Hour</u> <u>with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</u> <u>Remembrance Sunday</u> <u>Live-streamed</u>	32 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Mon 9th	—————	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Tue 10th	<u>9:30am - Live-streamed</u> John Nolan RIP	St Leo the Great, <i>Pope, Doctor</i>
Wed 11th	<u>9:30am - Live-streamed</u> George Heavysides RIP EMSSPP Church open for Private Prayer 11:00am – 12:00 Noon	St Martin of Tours, <i>Bishop</i>
Thur 12th	<u>9:30am - Live-streamed</u> Holy Souls (MK)	St Josaphat, <i>Bishop, Martyr</i>
Fri 13th	<u>9:00am – Live-streamed</u> Peter Saint RIP EMSSPP Church open for Private Prayer 11:00am – 12:00 Noon	—————
Sat 14th	<u>10:00am – Live-streamed</u> Valerie Ellis RIP	—————
Sun 15th	<u>10:30am - Live-streamed</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish) <u>4:00pm Holy Hour</u> <u>with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</u> <u>Live-streamed</u>	33 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation – available by appointment only



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.

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
Assistant Priest: Fr. Oliver Keyes
Deacons: Jeffrey Parkes, Paul Hargreaves
Retired Priest: Fr. Pat McKenna

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Remembrance Sunday

In Flanders Fields by John McCrea

By Canadian Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae which was inspired by his service during the Second Battle of Ypres. The fields were unmaintained for years before they were made into a memorial. Today Flanders Fields is home to tens of thousands of poppies.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
 Between the crosses, row on row,
 That mark our place; and in the sky
 The larks, still bravely singing, fly
 Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
 Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
 In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
 To you from failing hands we throw
 The torch; be yours to hold it high.

If ye break faith with us who die
 We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
 In Flanders fields.

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 Mick Tinnion and Don Bradley and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Fr Olly has arrived!

We welcome Fr Oliver Keyes to our Stockton Parishes. Fr Olly will be assisting Fr Jeff in his three Parishes and will be joining him for Holy Mass soon. Look out on Facebook. May God bless Fr Olly as he settles into his new home.

Private Prayer: English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul will be open for Private Prayer on Wednesday 11th and Friday 13th November between 11:00am and 12:00 Noon. There is no need to book for these periods.

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*

Thank you!

Peter Roddam has decided to step down from the Finance Committee after many years of faithful service to the Parish. Peter kept an eye on things financial as well other aspects of Parish life and always had the best interests of the Parish in mind.

Mauveen Brown has also decided to stand down from keeping the accounts. Mauveen has been involved in this very important work for over 30 years. Such work is so important to the smooth running of any Parish.

We wish both Peter and Mauveen well as they enjoy a well-deserved rest. God bless them both. Fr Jeff.

Operation Christmas Elf 2020: PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust) are unable to run their usual collection of toys or Family Days this year, for obvious reasons, so instead they are asking people to donate a book token to the value of £10 which they can send in a Christmas card to a prisoner's child. Book tokens can be bought online from www.nationalbooktokens.com or from all local bookshops (if bought online they can be sent straight to PACT – Operation Elf, 29, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UA). If you wish to support Operation Elf you can find out more information, and let PACT know, via their website www.prisonadvice.org.uk – you can also leave a Christmas message for a prisoner's child. Please note that book tokens need to arrive **before 23rd November** to give time for them to be distributed. Thank you.

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.

Newly Received to the Faith? An open invitation to those received into the Church this year. Please register to join our online welcome meeting at **7pm on Wed 11th November** 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: Covid 19 infections are increasing in Fr. Vincent's mission area. Some people cannot afford to buy face masks because they use all their money to buy food. Using money sent from our Uganda Mission Fund Father has already bought and distributed some masks. He has also recently contacted a tailor to order over 100 face masks using local cloth. These will be given to the elderly. Sincere thanks to those who made this possible. Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his people.

Recent donations received for Fr Vincent were 3 x £100, 1 x £70, 2 x £50, 4 x £40, 1 x £30, 10 x £20, 2 x £15, 1 x £10, 1 x £8.54p Thank you all for your generosity.

Prayer and Liturgy News

A prayer for Remembrance Sunday:

Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading. Wisdom 6: 12 – 16

Wisdom is bright and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Psalm 62

R: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
Like a dry, weary land without water

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
To see your strength and you glory,
For your love is better than life,
My lips will speak your praise.

3. So I will bless you all my life
In your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy

4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
In the shadow of your wings I rejoice

Second Reading. 1st Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 4: 13 – 18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel. Matthew 25: 1 – 13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Next Sunday's Readings:

First Reading: Proverbs 31: 10 – 13, 19 – 20, 30 - 31 Psalm: 127

Second Reading: 1st Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 5: 1 - 6 Gospel: Matthew 25:14 - 30

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 true measure of success is not what you have, but what you can do without.



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