

**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

	<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 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>6:00pm</b> Ian McRea RIP (MH)	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:30am Live-streamed</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	—	—	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup></b>	—	—	—	<b>The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle</b>
<b>Tue 26<sup>th</sup></b>	—	—	<b>9:30am</b> Betty Wallace RIP Eileen Pratt (BL)	Ss Timothy & Titus, <i>Bishops</i>
<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30am Live-streamed</b> Bryan McGuinness 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Kathleen & George Reed RIP	—	—	St Angela Merici, <i>Virgin</i>
<b>Thur 28<sup>th</sup></b>	—	<b>9:30am</b> Ethel Scott RIP (K&C) Olwyn Duck RIP (K&LG)	—	St Thomas Aquinas, <i>Priest, Doctor</i>
<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30pm Live-streamed</b> Margaret Hodgson RIP	—	—	—
<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:00pm</b> Dominic Fletcher RIP Intention of Sean Jewitt	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10:30am Live-streamed</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	—	—	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

**Sacrament of Reconciliation – EMSSPP Sanctuary**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January**  
6:00pm – 6:30pm

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January**  
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.

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English Martyrs and Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's



St. Joseph's

**PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**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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**Diocesan website:** [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

**Reflection Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

There are some sobering words in our Second Reading this weekend.

In a relatively short extract from his first letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul explains that '...our time is growing short...' - and having given us some examples of what we might do with our time the extract concludes by telling us that '...the world as we know it is passing away.'

Phew! As I say, sobering words - and words that seem to have even more impact today than when they were first written, as we in our time continue to try to come to terms with COVID 19.

But please don't despair- slowly but surely there are positive signs that we are indeed beginning to come to terms with COVID 19, the roll-out of the vaccination programme being a case in point.

I'm reminded of a cartoon that a former colleague emailed to me last week. Some of you may be familiar with it.

It's a drawing of a boy on a horse riding through a storm. It's pouring down. The soaking wet boy is clearly on his way somewhere and - head down - is having a miserable time of it.

There's a caption underneath the drawing - 'This storm is making me tired' says the boy.

'Storms get tired too' the horse replies, 'so hold on'.

Just as storms eventually tire and pass, COVID 19 will also tire and pass - or at least will no longer affect our daily lives in the way that it does at the moment.

For now though we pray for the strength to carry on through the COVID 19 storm, a storm through which we know God accompanies us at all times.

And if at any time we feel tired let's not despair, but instead let's turn to the Word of God in Scripture to strengthen and sustain us.

God bless.

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 Maureen McGough, Linda Smith and all those who have died recently.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

### **Weekday and Weekend Masses:**

I would encourage you to attend Mass during the week at the times advertised. For those of you who wish to attend on a Sunday, please remember to book your place, but be aware that we MUST adhere to social-distancing and so there may be fewer places available.

We have a duty to play our part in bringing this virus under control, whilst continuing to provide the best service to our communities. Please make sure you follow the guidance and advice from our Parish Marshalls and keep yourself and others safe. *Fr. Jeff*

**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*

**White Flower Appeal 2021:** The Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child is holding its annual appeal which will remain open for donations for a further week. Please be as generous as you can. If you wish, you can donate online direct at: [www.spuc.org.uk/donate](http://www.spuc.org.uk/donate)

**Tell the truth:** For more information on how to support SPUC's current campaign to expose the cost of DIY chemical abortion go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/Tell-the-Truth-DIY-Abortion>

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** CLOW leaders from across the diocese are being invited to join a network to share thoughts and ideas on running CLOW online for young parishioners. To register your interest, please email [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk)

**Called and Gifted:** A new programme starting Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. God is calling you to a work of love that will fill your life with purpose and joy. Discerning your charisms can help you discover that call. If you are wondering how you are to fulfil the mission God has for you, or navigate a life transition, you might find that gifts discernment helps you decide what turn to take next. For more info visit <https://siena.org/charisms-faq>  
To apply for your place please email [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk) **by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February.**

**News from Uganda:** Things have not gone smoothly with the recent national election result in Uganda. Please pray for Fr Vincent and his people in these difficult times.

**Cut back on Plastic Waste in 2021:** Small changes will make big differences... cut back on pointless plastics by changing to a refill system. The Forge, Norton has lots of products that are better for our planet and that support sustainable living. A range of cleaning, beauty products & soaps etc is available via Click n Collect. Take a look online at <https://theforgenorton.square.site>

## **Partnership News – taking in Hartlepool, Billingham and Stockton**

**Northern Catholic Calendars for 2021:** are still available at £3.00 each. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like a copy: [parishfamilystockton@gmail.com](mailto:parishfamilystockton@gmail.com) or tel. 01642 806469.

## **Worldwide Church News**

**Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for January: For Human fraternity**

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

## **Prayer and Liturgy News**

### **Prayer to St Paul the Apostle**

O blessed Apostle, be our guide, whilst we travel through the dark and stormy night of life, till this corruptible put on incorruption, and this mortality put on immortality. Amen

### **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

#### **First Reading:**

**Jonah 3:1-5,10**

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

#### **Psalm:**

**24(25):4-6,7b-9**

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord,

and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me,

because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path,

He teaches his way to the poor.

#### **Second Reading:**

**1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

#### **Gospel:**

**Mark 1:14-20**

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

**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:**

However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at

Stephen Hawking