

**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**  
**Baptism of the Lord Year B – 10<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 9th</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> Elizabeth Ann Hunter RIP (MH) Ann Railton RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 10th</b>	<b>10:30am Live-streamed</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	—	—	Baptism of The Lord
<b>Mon 11th</b>	—	—	—	St. Aelred of Rievalux, <i>Abbot</i>
<b>Tue 12th</b>	—	—	<b>9:30am</b> John Clarke RIP Michael & Sylvia Daly RIP	St. Benet Biscop, <i>Abbot</i>
<b>Wed 13th</b>	<b>9:30am Live-streamed</b> Mary Igoe RIP (CS & MMc) Stephen Britnell RIP	—	—	St. Hilary, <i>Bishop &amp; Doctor</i>
<b>Thur 14th</b>	—	<b>9:30am</b> Pat Chapman RIP Paul McPartland RIP	—	—
<b>Fri 15th</b>	<b>6:30pm Live-streamed</b> Marry Therese & Lional Ayupalu Successful Operation and Speedy Recovery	—	—	—
<b>Sat 16th</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> Deceased Members of the Hoggett Family RIP Intention of Anne Shepherd	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 17th</b>	<b>10:30am Live-streamed</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	—	—	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

**Sacrament of Reconciliation – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January**  
**EMSSPP Sanctuary**  
**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

## ST. HILDA PARTNERSHIP



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**

### Parish Office

**Hours: Tuesday to Friday 10.00am till 2:00pm**  
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### Internet

**Parish YouTube: [Stockton Parish Family](#)**  
**Facebook page: [@ParishFamilyStocktonRC](#)**  
**Parish website: [www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk](http://www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk)**  
**Diocesan website: [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)**

### A Message from Fr Jeff

I would like to wish everyone once again a very Happy and safe New Year. This year 2021 is full of opportunities for each of us, within our own families and in the parish, to journey as God's Chosen People. The call to holiness of life is for each one of us to make real each day, whatever our age.

It was no surprise that a new UK lockdown to help fight and control the coronavirus would be imposed. We must keep ourselves safe from infection and support hospital staff to care for the sick without being overwhelmed. Please remember to pray for essential key workers each day for their safety. Thank God our churches can remain open for public worship during this lockdown. I am immensely thankful for our Parish Marshalls who keep our churches covid-safe. Their calm influence I know has meant a great deal to many of you who may have felt worried about coming back to church. For those who are not shielding, I would encourage you to go back to Mass and other devotions that are arranged. The ability to live-stream Mass has been a fantastic gift and allowed all parishioners to join our worship when needed. The link for watching is <https://www.facebook.com/parishfamilystocktonRC/> and can be accessed easily through your computer web-browser.

As you can imagine, the financial impact has been a challenge for all our parishes. Bills still need to be paid and repairs and renewals carried out. I would suggest if parishioners are paying tax that they join the Gift Aid Scheme and set up a bank Standing Order to make a monthly contribution. This planned giving would be a real help and give our churches a steady income. Those of you not in this scheme, please continue to make your weekly offering and bring it to church or make arrangements to bring it to the presbytery.

If the clergy can help to support you in any way, please contact the Parish Office. Visits to the dying are still being made, and daily prayers offered for your intentions. Hoping this lockdown will end soon so that all of us can return to some kind of new normality.

Our Lady Queen of Peace. Pray for us. Amen.

## **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 Betty Sparks, Kathleen Oliver, Joan Beecroft, Mary Appleby, Paul McPartland 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*

**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.

**Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea):** A total of £160.83 was collected for on 20th December - this will be forwarded on to help them continue their important work. Many thanks to all who have contributed.

**NEWS FROM UGANDA:** The maize seed Fr. Vincent bought with money sent from the Uganda Mission Fund and given out to the people has yielded a good harvest. On Boxing Day about 28 children were given a maize cake made from maize flour. Six parishioners helped Father to grind the flour. Then they mixed it with sweet bananas made it into flat cakes and fried in hot oil on both sides for 15 minutes until brown. When cool they gave it to the children with an orange drink. The cakes last for 3-4 days. Fr. Vincent says maize cakes are good because they fill the stomach. Some children took cakes home for other family members. The cooking was done outside on a wood fire.

Recent donations for Fr Vincent were: 1x £100, 1x £20 & £11.78. 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove).

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

**Northern Catholic Calendars for 2021** are now 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.

**NORTHERN CROSS:** Christmas is approaching: why not think of buying a year's subscription as a Christmas present for someone? We encourage you to take out a postal print subscription for £36 a year including post and packing costs. If you prefer reading it online, you could sign up for the digital edition at £20 a year. Please email [editor@northerncross.org.uk](mailto:editor@northerncross.org.uk) or call 01429 274 408 for more information. Help the survival of Northern Cross.

## **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**

### **Baptism of the Lord – Year B**

#### **First Reading**

**Isaiah 55:1-11**

Thus says the Lord: Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

#### **Psalm:**

**Isaiah 12**

**1)** Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

**2)** Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name.

**3)** Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds;  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy.  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

#### **Second Reading**

**1 John 5:1-9**

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness –since the Spirit is the truth –so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

#### **Gospel**

**Mark 1:7-11**

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said: 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.' It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

**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:** A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes. *Mark Twain*