

**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B – 28<sup>th</sup> February 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 27th</b> | <b>6:00pm</b><br>Ronnie Watson RIP (MH)                                     | —                                    | —  | Sunday Vigil Mass                        |
| <b>Sun 28th</b> | <b>10:30am</b><br><b>Live-streamed</b><br>Pro Populo (People of the Parish) | —                                    | —  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lent              |
| <b>Mon 1st</b>  | —   | —                                    | —  | <b>St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales</b> |
| <b>Tue 2nd</b>  | —   | —                                    | <b>9:30am</b><br>Julia McAndrew RIP (AE) | —  |
| <b>Wed 3rd</b>  | <b>9:30am Live-streamed</b><br>Mary Igoe RIP (ES)                           | —                                    | —  | —  |
| <b>Thur 4th</b> | —   | <b>9:30am</b><br>Suzanne E Dixon RIP | —  | St Casimir                               |
| <b>Fri 5th</b>  | <b>6:30pm Live-streamed</b><br>Bert Barnett RIP (PW)                        | —                                    | —  | —  |
| <b>Sat 6th</b>  | <b>6:00pm</b><br>Anne Brannen RIP   | —                                    | —  | Sunday Vigil Mass                        |
| <b>Sun 7th</b>  | <b>10:30am</b><br><b>Live-streamed</b><br>Pro Populo (People of the Parish) | —                                    | —  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Lent              |

**Sacrament of Reconciliation – EMSSPP Sanctuary**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March**  
5:30pm – 6:30pm

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March**  
5:30pm – 6:00pm

Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469



**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

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent B – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### 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  
**Contact:** Gill Hall Tel. 01642 806469  
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### Internet

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

### Reflection Second Sunday of Lent Year B

Goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realised each day. (Pope Francis).

Jesus' Transfiguration on Mount Tabor was a heavenly foretaste, an anointed moment of grace and blessing. The disciples saw Jesus' body radiant with glory and splendour; they received a glimpse of the new creation to be brought about by his rising from the dead.

Saint Peter would refer to this event many years later; 'We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty'. High on the mountain the disciples heard the Father's voice. 'This is my Son whom I love; with him I am well pleased'. We are human, fallen and wounded, but our destiny is to partake in the divine nature, our dignity is to have some share in the promises of Christ.

*Lord, with the help of your grace, may I be a witness of the new creation and may I no longer live but you live in me.*

## **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 Raymond Kirk, Mary Ansboro 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*



**Fairtrade Fortnight 2021:** 22 Feb to 7 March is Fairtrade fortnight. Visit [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk) to find out more about the importance of buying Fairtrade goods from chocolate to roses and coffee to toys. Look out for the Fairtrade mark when you do your shopping so that you can be sure your money works twice as hard to support the producers to get a fair price for their goods so that they and their families can have a basic standard of living.

### **Invitation to a virtual coffee morning - Bring your own coffee and cake!**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 10:30 til 12:00. You can make a difference to the world we live in. To get the Zoom link email [FairtradeStockton@gmail.com](mailto:FairtradeStockton@gmail.com)

**S.V.P.:** We hope you are all managing at this difficult time. We cannot make our usual visits now but if anyone who is housebound would like someone to talk to, please give one of our members a 'phone call.

### **CAFOD: Walk for Water - A message from Deacon Jeff.**

I will be taking up the Walk for Water challenge this Lent by walking: 10,000 steps a day - My way. Every day. For 40 days. If you would like to support by prayers or by helping to raise vital funds for the world's poorest people then: Sponsorship/Donations can be made in any of the following ways:

- Visiting my Just Giving fundraising page link also on the Parish Website

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/dj-walk-for-water>

- Envelope Sponsorship donations marked "Walk for Water" dropped into the Presbytery.
- Or Sponsorship form at the back of Church.

Thank you for helping to end water poverty. Deacon Jeff.

**Walk for Water:** Pupils from St Joseph's Primary School are walking for water in Lent to support the Cafod appeal to end water poverty. They aim to clock up enough miles to "walk" to every parish in the diocese from St Joseph's School. If you would like to help them to achieve this goal you can add your steps to theirs by texting your steps or miles walked to 07849 712694 each week. If you manage to get people to sponsor you even better. You can donate your money via Deacon Jeff's Just Giving page or put the money in an envelope marked "Walk for Water" dropped in at the Presbytery.

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

**Lenten Alms - St Cuthbert's Care:** I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kindness throughout the pandemic - it has been truly heart-warming. Parish support makes all the difference, allowing us to go that extra mile in ensuring we provide outstanding care and peace of mind to families and loved ones. If you are able to do so, please may I ask that you consider supporting our work once more. Thank you.

## **Worldwide Church News**

### **Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for February: Violence against women**

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

## **Prayer and Liturgy News**

### **Prayer to St Joseph**

Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen

### **Second Sunday of Lent – Year B – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

#### **First Reading**

**Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18**

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

#### **Psalm:**

**115(116):10,15-19**

I trusted, even when I said:  
'I am sorely afflicted,'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;  
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem

#### **Second Reading**

**Romans 8:31-34**

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

#### **Gospel**

**Mark 9:2-10**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

**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 Christian is a key hole through which other folk see God. *Robert E. Gibson*