

**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 7<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 6th</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> Deceased Carroll & Wells Families RIP Kath Foley RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 7th</b>	<b>10:30am Live-streamed</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	—	—	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time
<b>Mon 8th</b>	—	—	—	St Jerome Emiliani, <i>Priest</i> St Josephine Bakhita, <i>Virgin</i>
<b>Tue 9th</b>	—	—	<b>9:30am</b> Carol McCabe RIP	—
<b>Wed 10th</b>	<b>9:30am Live-streamed</b> Paul McPartland RIP Private intention	—	—	St Scholastica, <i>Virgin</i>
<b>Thur 11th</b>	—	<b>9:30am</b> Norah Chadwick RIP (EH) Agnes Barry RIP	—	Our Lady of Lourdes <i>World Day of Prayer for the Sick</i>
<b>Fri 12th</b>	<b>6:30pm Live-streamed</b> The Burke Family	—	—	—
<b>Sat 13th</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> Marie Therese Ling RIP Ethel & Walter Roberts RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 14th</b>	<b>10:30am Live-streamed</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	—	—	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

**Sacrament of Reconciliation – EMSPP Sanctuary**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February**  
6:00pm – 6:30pm

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February**  
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**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 7<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**

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**A Bunch of Todays**

**People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them.** St Mark's Gospel 6:33

What impels the people to pursue Jesus with such determination? I suggest two things: his teachings and his person. His teachings on love, faith, forgiveness, prayer and justice touched the people to their core. They wanted more. And his very being embodied all the things he taught.

What prompts us to pursue Jesus? Isn't it the same things? His message resonates in our hearts; his person draws us to become ever more like him.

Following Jesus—to embody his teachings—is the work of a lifetime. But what, after all, is a lifetime? It is merely a stringing together of a bunch of todays.

**Jesus, help me to pursue you with determination and follow you with great love—just for today.**

Sr. Melannie Svoboda, S.N.D. Melannie Svoboda, a Sister of Notre Dame of Chardon, OH, writes and gives talks and retreats.

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## **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 Stanley Bell, Iris Hutchinson, Eileen Pratt, 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*

**Respond to Department of Health consultation to stop home abortions:** The Department of Health is holding a consultation on whether to continue the practice of sending dangerous abortion pills to women to undergo abortions at home. We need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Department of Health's questionnaire in order to stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step-by-step guide to completing the questionnaire. Please go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/Tell-the-Truth-DIY-Abortion-Consultation>. The consultation ends on 26 February.

**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.

**S.V.P. Sudan Appeal:** We hope you saw the insert in last week's bulletin describing the desperate situation in the Sudan. We will contribute to the appeal out of funds you have already given us but if anyone wishes to make a donation please put an envelope marked "SVP - Sudan Appeal" into one of our parishes. Thank you.

**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.

**Pope John Paul II Award:** Please keep our youth in your prayers, especially those who are trying to do the Pope John Paul II Award. There is still time to register for this award, open to school-leavers aged 16+, whether you are in college or employment. You will be guided and helped throughout. For more details, go to [www.ymt.org](http://www.ymt.org) or contact the parish office.

**Safe Families Through the Keyhole:** Hear stories of families that have received hope, support and belonging in the North East and Cumbria. Explore ways that you could be involved locally. Join us at our online event to find out more about Safe Families. Dates to choose from: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> or Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February – 7:30pm for 45 minutes. Email [nicolawells@safefamilies.uk](mailto:nicolawells@safefamilies.uk) for more information and the Zoom link. We hope to see you there! The North East & Cumbria Safe Families Team.

**Our Lady of Lourdes on Facebook:** Have a look on the Parish Facebook page at Sean's PowerPoint presentation about Our Lady of Lourdes.

**CAFOD** Family Fast Day is 26<sup>th</sup> February. Please be as generous as you can. If you wish, you can donate online at [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent).

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

**The North East Catholic Writers' Guild:** Are running a literary competition for schoolchildren – the theme is: *“Compose a hopeful prayer for this difficult time”* Maximum 20 lines. The lines don't have to rhyme. **Open to 8-10 year-olds.** Please include your age, name, address and phone number and send to: Veronica Whitty, Secretary, Catholic Writers' Guild (NE), 51 Queen's Crescent, Wallsend, NE28 8DW or e-mail: [veronicawhitty@hotmail.com](mailto:veronicawhitty@hotmail.com) Deadline: 8th April 2021. NB: Entries excludes anyone related to any member of the Guild or related to anyone connected with the Northern Cross.

## **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 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

## **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B**

### **First Reading**

**Job 7:1-4,6-7**

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

### **Psalm:**

**146(147):1-6**

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due.
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name.
3. Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust.

### **Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23**

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

### **Gospel**

**Mark 1:29-39**

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

**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 young must not only be loved but they must **know** they are loved.

*St John Bosco*