

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
3rd Sunday Easter Year B – 18th April 2021

	<u>English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's</u>	<u>St Joseph's</u>	<u>St Bede's</u>	<u>Feast Days this week</u>
Sat 17th	<u>6:00pm</u> Raymond Kirk RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 18th	<u>10:30am</u> <u>Live-streamed</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	—	—	3 rd Sunday Easter
Mon 19th	—	—	—	—
Tue 20th	—	—	<u>9:30am</u> Bridie & Tommy Hawney RIP	—
Wed 21st	<u>9:30am</u> Intentions of Fr Pat (TJW)	—	—	St Anselm Bishop, Doctor
Thur 22nd	—	<u>9:30am</u> Paul McPartland RIP (CS)	—	—
Fri 23rd	<u>6:30pm</u> Sr M Tinkler 50 years celebration	—	—	St George, Patron of England
Sat 24th	<u>6:00pm</u> John (Jack) Henry RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 25th	<u>10:30am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	—	—	4 th Sunday Easter

Sacrament of Reconciliation – EMSSPP Sanctuary

Friday 23rd April

6:00pm – 6:30pm

Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469

Saturday 24th April

5:30pm – 6:00pm

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 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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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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Reflection Third Sunday of Easter Year B

'I feel like I have just been released from prison'.

So said a young woman interviewed by the BBC earlier this week as she joined her friends for their first drink together for over a year in a local pub. I hope that they enjoyed themselves.

I have no idea if that young woman had any actual experience of prison, but I understand why she might on the spur of the moment liken her separation from her friends to spending time behind bars - no pun intended...

What she was trying to express was the sensation of regaining at least some of the things that the pandemic had taken away from her as restrictions continue to ease - in particular the freedom to associate with her friends and socialise with them, albeit not quite in the same way she could do those things a year ago.

I am sure many people will welcome the return of such sensations, and rejoice in them.

In fact, we should all be rejoicing at the moment - not because we can go to the pub again, but because Jesus is alive.

As the Easter season continues we need to constantly remind ourselves that having died for us, Jesus rose from the dead so that we might have life through Him.

Jesus has released us from the prison that was sin and death and He offers us the greatest freedom possible- eternal life in heaven.

Time then for us to do as Saint Peter urges us in our First Reading today - to repent and turn to God so that our sins may be wiped out.

The sensation that awaits us if we do so will surely exceed the joy that we feel on the easing of lockdown restrictions.

Deacon Paul Hargreaves

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 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*

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' or alternatively please contact the parish office on 01642 806469.

Further News from Uganda

Fr. Vincent plans to buy some good seed to distribute to needy families for planting in April otherwise there will be a food crisis later in the year. Every Tuesday and Wednesday Father does one to one counselling because there are many people who are stressed. He says a lot of family quarrels are caused because of poverty. Young people too have lost a sense of the future. The people are always hungry so after counselling Fr. Vincent offers them a meal of porridge and bread. He says "Every day brings a new challenge". Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his people.

SPUC: The amount of £198.88 was raised for the SPUC White Flower Appeal in January. Thank you for helping to save babies lives.

Holy Places: the collection for Holy Places on Palm Sunday, 28th March, raised £210.55. Sincere thanks to all the generous donors.

Thank you: During the first quarter of 2021 many generous donations were received and the following totals have been passed on to the relevant charities:

CAFOD (Family Fast) £723; Mary's Meals £90; Holy Family India Project £180; St Cuthbert's Care (Lenten Alms) £150 and Missionaries of Africa (Fr Vincent) £8,036.54 (£5,000 of which was from one very generous donor). Sincere thanks to all those who contributed.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2021: Our Pilgrimage to Walsingham has been confirmed as Friday 9th July to Sunday 11th July. Would those who gave their names for last year please contact Pat McLoughlin on 01642 650904 or Mary Atkinson on 01642 612222 or 07952 321396 as soon as possible to reconfirm for this year, please? Cost for standard full board accommodation is £165.00 per person and en-suite full board accommodation is £195.00. A deposit of £30 (non-refundable) is due now to secure a place with the balance to be paid no later than 19th June. Thank you. Our Lady of Walsingham - Pray for us.

Partnership News – taking in Hartlepool, Billingham and Stockton

A Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass is being held in **St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 22 May 2021 at 12:00**. It will focus on couples celebrating significant anniversaries in 2021 but the open invitation is extended to engaged couples, those married in the months prior to lockdown and since our last Mass in 2019 and all married couples. Also included are those widowed and bereaved who were unable to visit partners prior to their deaths. In these unprecedented times we remember couples in crisis and individual adults and children experiencing difficulties and abuse in their family relationships. We wish all to know that none is forgotten and that the Sacramental life, despite Covid, is very much alive and prayed for. Numbers will be limited so anyone wishing to attend **MUST BOOK** in advance by contacting the Cathedral office on **0191 2326953** or emailing **office@stmaryscathedral.org.uk** Anyone celebrating a significant anniversary should provide details when booking and a certificate of celebration will be offered. For those unable to attend, the Mass will also be live streamed on the cathedral website.

...and now for some Light Relief...



Jamie's 'Paws' for Thought:

When I change the way I look at things, the things I look at change.

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for April: Fundamental Rights:

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Prayer and Liturgy News

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First Reading

Acts 3:13-15,17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.'

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Psalm:

4:2,4,7,9

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety

Second Reading

1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel

Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

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.