

**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter Year B – 25<sup>th</sup> April 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 24th</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> John (Jack) Henry RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 25th</b>	<b>10:30am</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	—	—	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter
<b>Mon 26th</b>	—	—	—	—
<b>Tue 27th</b>	—	—	<b>9:30am</b> Grace Fletcher RIP	—
<b>Wed 28th</b>	<b>9:30am Live-streamed</b> Norah Johnson (PS)	—	—	St Peter Chanel, <i>Priest, Martyr</i> St Louis Grignon de Montford, <i>Priest</i>
<b>Thur 29th</b>	—	<b>9:30am</b> Dagmar Brosch RIP	—	St Catherine of Sienna, <i>Virgin, Doctor</i> Patron of Europe
<b>Fri 30th</b>	<b>6:30pm Live-streamed</b> Mary Igoe RIP	—	—	St Pius V, <i>Pope</i>
<b>Sat 1st</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 2nd</b>	—	<b>10:30am</b> Bert Barnett RIP (grandchildren)	<b>9:00am</b> Michael Preston RIP	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter

**Sacrament of Reconciliation – EMSSPP Sanctuary**

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

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May**  
5:30pm – 6:00pm

Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469

If you would like to reserve a place at the Saturday Vigil Mass or the Sunday Morning Masses, 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**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Year B – 25<sup>th</sup> April 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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**Reflection – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**John 10:11-18**

We find the presence of Jesus in unexpected places. We cannot programme the Lord, instead we must listen to his voice, as he leads us.

“I am the Good Shepherd” Jesus tells us “there are others not of this fold”

The Lord indicating that were more members to his flock other than the Disciples, the Jewish listeners and us, Roman Catholics. This reading should keep us from looking too inward and it should keep us humble. It reminds us that despite what we may do as a Church, this doesn't limit in anyway the reach and work of the Risen Lord. His work is also found outside of our activities. This thought then should prompt us to look out to the boundaries and beyond. Where we may see many highly motivated people doing good works, serving the poor, protecting the vulnerable and helping those most in need. For these people they are just listening to that inner voice and taking action. We must look beyond ourselves and search out those that listen to the prompting of the Spirit. To help them give a name to the God who speaks.

God Bless

Deacon Jeff

## 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 James Wardman and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Dear All;** May I take this opportunity to thank you for the prayerful and supportive work you have shown over this past year. Without your help, we would not have been able to celebrate Masses, conduct funerals and engage in other outreach projects such as telephone support and lunches to those in need. May God continue to bless you in your commitment to this larger ministry of love to others, within our local church community and beyond.

As restrictions are beginning to ease, I have decided after consultation with our clergy, to open St Joseph's and St Bede's for Sunday Masses. Masses will be at St Bede's at 9:00am and St Joseph's at 10:30am. There will be one Vigil Mass on Saturdays at 6:00pm in English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul. We are still legally required to have Marshalls to supervise and guide our parishioners and to clean the church after Mass. Without more Marshalls, we will not be able to sustain this move to getting our parishes back to the new normal. May I ask that you to give some serious thought as to whether you would be able to volunteer as a Marshall, to enable these increased weekly Masses. Please let me know as soon as possible if you can. David Pinder has kindly offered to continue to arrange the weekly rotas, which have been well organised and straightforward.

If you know of anyone else who may like to volunteer to be a Marshall, please let me know. The more people we have, the easier it will be for everyone.

With every blessing during this Easter Season.

Fr Jeff

**For those of you who wish to attend our weekend Masses, please remember to book your place, but be aware that we MUST adhere to social-distancing and so there may be fewer places available. please ring or text 07716 944610 by 7pm on the prior Thursday. Thank you, 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, please follow their guidance:**

- ✓ You will be asked by the Marshall at the door for your name and contact telephone number to assist with the Test & Trace system. Your details will only be held for this purpose and for the time required by current Government guidance.
- ✓ Please 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.
- ✓ Remember to sanitise your hands before you leave church.
- ✓ Please leave church as soon as you have received Holy Communion and remember to adhere to Government guidelines when gathering outside church – currently a maximum of 6 persons or 2 households.

Let's keep everyone safe. *Fr. Jeff*



**Holy Communion:** Parishioners are reminded that they must leave church as soon as they have received Holy Communion. If anyone wishes to light a candle, please do this before Mass begins. It is important that all our parishioners can feel safe when leaving church. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping our churches safe.

**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

Recently Fr. Vincent took two young children to hospital because they were pale and weak. Father says they were diagnosed as suffering from 'poor feeding'. Fr. Vincent bought three kilos of dried fish and a tin of milk for them. He says 'I hope they will soon be ok. I estimate that by the end of this covid-19, we might have many young people who are mentally retarded. **Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his people.**

**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.



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

**Jamie's 'Paws' for Thought:** Experience is what you get when you were expecting something else.

## 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.

## 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

### First Reading

**Acts 4:8-12**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

### Psalm:

**117(118):1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29**

**1.** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men;  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes.

**2.** I will thank you for you have answered,  
and you are my saviour.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

**3.** Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
You are my God, I thank you.  
My God, I praise you.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end.

### Second Reading

**1 John 3:1-2**

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us by letting us be called God's children and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

### Gospel

**John 10:11-18**

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. 'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd 'The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

**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.**