

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

5th Sunday Easter Year B – 2nd May 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 1st	6:00pm Live-streamed Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 2nd	—	10:30am Bert Barnett RIP (grandchildren)	9:00am Michael Preston RIP	5 th Sunday Easter
Mon 3rd	—	—	—	Ss Philip & James, Apostles
Tue 4th	—	—	9:30am Caroline Suttill RIP	The English Martyrs
Wed 5th	9:30am Live-streamed Deceased Close & Dodds families RIP	—	—	—
Thur 6th	—	9:30am Denis & Margaret Harrington RIP	—	St John of Beverley, <i>Bishop</i>
Fri 7th	6:30pm Live-streamed Joan Wilson RIP (MH)	—	—	—
Sat 8th	6:00pm Live-streamed Peter Shaw RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 9th	—	10:30am Pat Chapman RIP	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	6 th Sunday Easter

Sacrament of Reconciliation – EMSSPP Sanctuary

Friday 7th May
6:00pm – 6:30pm

Saturday 8th 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 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

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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 - 5th Sunday of Easter

We have received every spiritual blessing, gift and fruit (Ephesians 1:3). God has given us everything we need to live the Christian life in all its fullness, glory and beauty.

The Holy Spirit was sent so that we could witness to the fruits of the Spirit. The fruits of the Spirit are obvious: love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, generosity, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, chastity and self-control.

There is no law or limit on these fruits – we can produce a rich overflowing harvest of them. These are the fruits of the vine, our life in Jesus.

Our vocation invites us to produce fruit for the Kingdom - the fruit of the spirit. This is the will of the father. Where the spirit is there is not only freedom but generosity, kindness, human dignity and service of others. The Holy Spirit who lives in us and works in us makes us generous and willing to give, serve and not count the cost. Being generous is not just about giving money but also concerns our time, our energy, our commitment and our dedication. Saint John Vianney said, 'I do not lend. I give. Hasn't the good God been the first to give to me?'

Lord we have received from your bounty so many graces and blessings. May your name be forever on my lips and your glory forever praised.

Fr 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 **Bob Cowley** RIP and **Jim Wardman** RIP. We also pray all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.



MARSHALLS: 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. *Fr. Jeff*

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:

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Please 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: Fr. Vincent says many young people work on the small farms where they get cuts which become infected. Father usually takes them to a clinic about 3 miles away for treatment. Using money from the Uganda Mission fund he tries to pay half of their hospital bills. Without this help the young people would not go to hospital. 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.

CAFOD-Walk for Water: Message from Deacon Jeff: In Lent of this year with your encouragement I managed to walk: **10,000 steps a day - My way. Every day. For 40 days.** I would like to thank all those who supported me with prayers and sponsorship donations to help to raise vital funds for the world's poorest people: Thanks to you and your generosity we managed to raise a total of **£1770.00**. This money will make a difference to our Brothers and Sisters living in the most difficult of conditions. Thank You & God Bless. Deacon Jeff

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for May: The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

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



Jamie's 'Paws' for Thought: Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles it takes away today's peace.

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.

Prayer and Liturgy News

First Reading

Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Psalms:

21(22):26-28,30-32

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live forever and ever!

2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him;
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.'

Second Reading

1 John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his command me stand live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

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.