

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
12th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 20th June 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 19th	6:00pm Live-streamed Stephen Ellis RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 20th	—	10:30am Don Wallace RIP	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	12 th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 21st	—	—	—	St Aloysius Gonzaga, <i>Religious</i>
Tue 22nd	—	—	9:30am Tony Cryer (stage name Tony Rydal) RIP (JV)	Ss John Fisher & Thomas More, <i>Martyrs</i>
Wed 23rd	9:30am Live-streamed Deceased Close & Dodds Families RIP	—	—	St Etheldreda, <i>Abbess</i>
Thur 24th	—	First Holy Communion Mass Please pray for the children and their families	—	The Nativity of St John the Baptist
Fri 25th	6:30pm Live-streamed Paul & Vinnie Debono RIP	—	—	—
Sat 26th	6:00pm Live-streamed Ronnie Watson RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 27th	—	10:30am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	9:00am Birthday of Kenneth (Ken) Henry RIP	13 th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday 25th June
EMSSPP Sanctuary
6:00pm – 6:30pm

Saturday 26th June
EMSSPP Sanctuary
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 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

The real threat in any storm is the temptation to think that the Lord has abandoned us. Faith assures us that He is with us even in the storm.

The miracle of the calming of the storm was preserved by the early Church not simply because it was a memorable event that showed the power of God present in Jesus. This incident is a graphic description of what was happening to the early Church Community. Daily they were facing the risk of torture and death as others were suspicious of their different ways. Their faith was being tested and the Lord seemed distant at times. Mark uses this incident then to show that the Disciples themselves, showed a lack of trust even when Jesus was with them.

Jesus is truly present to us in the Blessed Sacrament, the source and very summit of our faith.

The failure to completely trust the Lord is a temptation for all of us as well. In these difficult times brought about by the Covid pandemic, how many of us have thought, have felt, "Lord do you not care"

God is not fickle like ourselves his love for us is bound by his own law; similar to the very laws that determine everything that exists in the universe. Here on earth we have the law of gravity. If we throw a coin in the air a thousand times, a thousand times it will come down. 'What goes up must come down'. The love shown to us by our Lord Jesus is a permanent love, a love that is bound by the Lords own Covenant.

As the psalmist tells us 'O Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever'

May we always revere his Holy name and rest in the foundation of his love.

God Bless.
 Deacon Jeff

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 **Paul Crowe** and 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*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES:

Please note that the First Holy Communion Masses are for the children and their invited guests only. Due to social distancing church capacity is limited and we need to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

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

Please Note: The Parish Newsletter email address has changed and is now parishfamilystockton@outlook.com

SVP Update: With the easing of restrictions now delayed until 19th July there is still some uncertainty about when Conference meetings and visits can resume. We will update you when we know more, in the meantime, if anyone is alone or housebound and wants someone to talk to please ring 07939 912354 and we can arrange a call. If you want to know more about the SVP and the work it does please call, speak to one of the members of the conference or visit the website at: www.svp.org.uk

The Latest from Uganda: Lack of food is still the major problem in Fr. Vincent's mission area. If the maize harvest is good, this year Father and some parishioners plan to rear pigs. There are a lot of malnourished children and the pork would be a source of protein for them. The lockdown has been eased a little and some of the final year students have gone back to school. But in the parish many students have dropped out of school and those that have returned cannot afford the pens and books needed. They knock on Fr. Vincent's door asking for help, with our support he has been able to buy pens and books for more than 28 children. **Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his people.**

St Bede's Red Mission Boxes: - Could you please ring John Evans on 01642 895739, who will arrange to collect your Box/Donation. Like all charities, The Missions have suffered financially over the past year, so please be as generous as possible. Thank you.

Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Unfortunately, the Walsingham pilgrimage has had to be **cancelled again** this year.

Advanced Notice There will be a second collection for **Peter's Pence** on the weekend of 27th June 2021. Thank you.

SPUC: Lobbying face to face with your MP is the most effective form of lobbying. Now that is it possible to do so, SPUC is holding a **Mass lobby of MPs on Friday 16 July or Saturday 17 July 2021.** We are asking pro-life supporters up and down the country to organise a meeting with their MP, at the MP's constituency office, on one of these dates. We need to lobby MPs now to: **End DIY abortion** and **Protect vulnerable people from assisted suicide.** Please would you consider assisting? The more people do this; the more impact it will have!

Christians & Muslims Pray for Peace in 2021: The annual service for women and children, which takes place annually in the historic Lady Chapel in Jesmond Dene, will, for 2021, be an online event only. The event will be available for viewing from Saturday 26 June by following this link: <http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/interfaith/interfaithconf.php>

Proud Catholics: Do you identify as LGBT+ or are you questioning your sexual or gender identity? Would you like to attend a support group run by and for LGBT+ Catholics in the North East? We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm, currently via Zoom. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 20th July**, with the theme **What is Caritas?** Proud Catholics has been welcomed into the diocesan family and has a home within the Vicariate for Caritas, but what exactly is Caritas? Fr Adrian Tuckwell, Episcopal Vicar for Caritas in the diocese, will join us to explain and to answer any questions we may have. For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit our website <http://www.proud Catholics.co.uk>

Pro-Life Holy Hour will take place on **Monday 21st June** after 9:15am Mass at St Patrick's Fairfield. Please come and join us to pray for the unborn and sanctity of life.

Thank You: so much for all the prayers offered for baby Thomas over the past two weeks. Thank God he arrived home to meet his big brother at the weekend. (Bell & Walker families)

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for June: The Beauty of Marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

Prayer and Liturgy News

Twelfth Sunday– Year B – 20th June 2021

First Reading

Job 38:1,8-11

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said: Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

Psalm:

106(107): 23-26,28-32

O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships to trade on the mighty waters. These men have seen the Lord's deeds, the wonders he does in the deep.

2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale, tossing the waves of the sea up to heaven and back into the deep; their souls melted away in their distress.

3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them from their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed.

4. They rejoiced because of the calm and he led them to the haven they desired. Let them thank the Lord for his love, for the wonders he does for men.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them. From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him. 'Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

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: Our children will never be rich without the faith, and with the faith they will never be poor. **Bl. Giuseppe Tovini 19th century banker, lawyer, social activist and father of 10 children**