

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
Corpus Christi Year B – 6th 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 5th	6:00pm Live-streamed Birthday of Josie Clamp	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 6th	—	10:30am Jill Farmin RIP	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	Corpus Christi
Mon 7th	—	—	—	St Robert of Newminster, <i>Abbot</i>
Tue 8th	—	—	9:30am Lawrence Moore Snr RIP & Lawrence David Moore RIP	St William of York, <i>Bishop</i>
Wed 9th	9:30am Live-streamed Catherine & Ronald Watson RIP (MH)	—	—	St Columba, <i>Abbot</i> St Ephrem, <i>Deacon</i>
Thur 10th	—	9:30am Pat Chapman RIP	—	—
Fri 11th	6:30pm Live-streamed Paul McPartland RIP	—	—	The Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat 12th	6:00pm Live-streamed Raymond Kirk RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 13th	—	10:30am Bert Barnett RIP (STPA)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	11 th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 10th June
St. Joseph's
 After 9:30am Mass

Friday 11th June
EMSSPP Sanctuary
 6:00pm – 6:30pm

Saturday 12th 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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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

Parish Office

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Parish YouTube: Stockton Parish Family
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Parish website: www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk
Diocesan website: www.rcdhn.org.uk

Corpus Christi – The Body and Blood of Christ

Today we celebrate the solemn feast of *Corpus Christi*. It is three feasts in one:

- the feast of the Eucharistic sacrifice,
- the feast of the Sacrament of the Eucharist and
- the feast of the Real Presence of Jesus in this Sacrament.

Corpus Christi is a doctrinal feast established for three purposes:

- 1) to give God collective thanks for Christ's abiding presence with us in the Eucharist and to honour Him there;
- 2) to instruct the people in the Mystery, Faith and devotion surrounding the Eucharist, and
- 3) to teach us to appreciate and make use of the great gift of the Holy Eucharist, both as a Sacrament and as a sacrifice.

In the three-year cycle of the Sunday liturgy, there is a different theme each year for this *Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ*. This year the theme emphasises the Eucharist as the sign of the covenant. Today's feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus constantly calls us beyond ourselves to sacrificial love for others.

Although we celebrate the institution of the Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday, the Church wants to emphasize its importance by a special feast, formerly called "*Corpus Christi*." It was Pope Urban IV who first extended the feast to the universal Church. This is one of the few feasts left in which we observe a procession and a sung "*Sequence*."

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 Joseph Power and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Parish Email Address: Please note that the Parish email address has changed and is now parishfamilystockton@outlook.com the newsletter email remains the same



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 Saturday or Sunday, please remember to book your place (07716 944610)**, 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.

Offertory envelopes: All weekly offertory envelopes should have been delivered to you by now. If you have not received yours, or would like to receive a supply (either gift aid or non-gift aid), or you would like to make a donation direct into the parish bank account, then please contact the parish office on 01642 806469. Thank you.

Thank you from Anne White Anne would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and flowers following her recent fall. She is making good progress and appreciates all the help she has received. God bless you all.

Priestly Ordination of Luke Wilkinson: Luke's Priestly ordination is to take place on Tuesday 29th June. We offer him our congratulations as he prepares for this very important occasion. If you would like to give him a card or make a donation (in an envelope), please bring them to church or post them through the Presbytery letterbox and we will make sure they are passed on. May God bless Luke now and for the future.

Lay Training Fund: The total recently collected for the Lay Training Fund was £289.23. Sincere thanks to all the generous donors.

SVP Update: With the easing of restrictions, the Conference hopes to start meeting again soon and as the situation continues to further improve we hope to be able start home visiting again when the time is right. 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: www.svp.org.uk

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.

News from Uganda: Lack of food is still the major problem at the moment. Fr. Vincent supplied the people with 105 kilograms of maize seed and also some beans. Recently he spent a lot of time helping local farmers get rid of green caterpillars which were eating the young maize shoots. Father mixed ashes from burnt wood, custard and nim tree leaves with water to make an organic pesticide which has successfully got rid of the caterpillars. One day more than 20 people came to the Mission to learn how to make the pesticide, then they went out to help other farmers with the problem. Fr. Vincent also travelled 30k to pass on his knowledge to more farmers. They hope to get a good harvest by July. Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his people.

Minsteracres: We're re-opening and we're raring to go! If you would like to share your skills or learn new ones, meet new people or simply help us provide our unique service please check us out at www.minsteracres.org or email: info@minsteracres.org for more information

First Reading

Exodus 24:3-8

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

Psalm:

115(116):12-13,15-18

Response – 'The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.'

1. How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.

2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil.
before all his people.

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:11-15

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than the one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

Gospel

Mark 14:12-16,22-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

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.

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

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 15th June**, with the theme **What's on your mind?** Members and all those who want to join us are invited to share and discuss matters that concern them regarding faith, the Church, sexuality and gender or any other matters. For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com or visit our website <http://www.proud Catholics.co.uk>



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

Jamie's 'Paws' for Thought: God looks at what we want to be rather than what we have been. *St Francis de Sales*