

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
11th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 13th June 2021

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
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
Mon 14th	—	—	—	—
Tue 15th	—	—	9:30am Michael Preston RIP	—
Wed 16th	9:30am Live-streamed Jim Wardman RIP	—	—	St Richard of Chichester, <i>Bishop</i>
Thur 17th	—	10:00am Maria Stephenson RIP (WJ)	—	—
Fri 18th	6:30pm Live-streamed Betty Sparks RIP	—	—	—
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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 17th June
St. Joseph's
 After 9:30am Mass

Friday 18th June
EMSSPP Sanctuary
 6:00pm – 6:30pm

Saturday 19th 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@outlook.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

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

Reflection 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

I can't tell you how excited I was when my wife Debra came home from the supermarket shop last weekend and announced she had bought me a present. Something special to eat I guessed, maybe some jam doughnuts. Or perhaps something to drink like a nice bottle of red wine- to share of course, not just for me... No on both fronts. What she had actually bought was a bag of 'weed and feed' for my lawn.

Cast your minds back to roughly this time last year. You might remember me telling you then how I had treated my lawn with the very same product that Debra had just bought. However, my lawn looked nothing like the picture on the bag when I had finished, instead I ended up with a lawn of black and green-ish stripes. Things did get a little better though as time moved on, and most of the black stripes went green-ish. I thought I'd cracked it.

But then things got worse because by the time spring had sprung this year my lawn had reverted to green-ish stripes separated by stripes of daisies. How on earth I managed that I just don't know.

There's nothing wrong with the product- millions of people all over the world use it to great effect- so it must be me or rather how I use the product that causes these rather strange results.

In consequence I have been thinking carefully about what I did when I used the product last year, and how I might change that to see if things improve.

Put another way I want to learn from my experience and do better this time round. Reading the instructions properly and following them more carefully might be a good start.

And I guess this applies to life generally doesn't it? We all want to do things well, we all want to live good lives, but we don't always succeed.

Don't panic though. God always gives us another chance to get things right, to learn from our experiences and the experiences of others too.

And He has given us the most sublime example to follow in Jesus. Listen to Him, follow Him, and all will be well.

Deacon Paul

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.

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.

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.

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](tel: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.

Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Balances are due by 19th June, please give the money to Mary Atkinson or Pat McLoughlin; cheques to be made payable to 'Walsingham Account'. If anyone has not had any Covid injections, please arrange for a test on 8th June and let Mary Atkinson know the result straightaway on 07952 321396.

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

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>

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

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First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Psalm:

91(92):2-3,13-16

R: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.

The just will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

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: Courage is fear that has said its prayers. *Anon.*