

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
15th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 11th July 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 10th	6:00pm Live-streamed Richard John Walburn RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 11th	—	10:30am Catherine's Intentions (MMcV)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	14 th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 12th	—	—	—	—
Tue 13th	—	—	9:30am Mary Jackson RIP	St Henry
Wed 14th	9:30am Deceased Close & Dodds Families RIP	—	—	St Camillus de Lellis, <i>Priest</i>
Thur 15th	—	9:30am Brian Walker RIP	—	St Bonaventure, <i>Bishop, Doctor</i>
Fri 16th	6:30pm Stan Watson RIP	—	—	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Sat 17th	6:00pm Live-streamed Raymond Kirk RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 18th	—	10:30am Special Intention of Jan	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	16 th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 17th July
St Joseph's
after 9.30am Mass

Friday 16th July
EMSSPP Sanctuary
6:00pm – 6:30pm

Saturday 17th July
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
15th & 16th Sundays Ordinary Time
Year B – 11th & 18th July 2021

Clergy

Parish Priest: Fr. Jeffrey Dodds
Assistant Priest: Fr. Oliver Keyes
Deacons: Jeffrey Parkes, Paul Hargreaves
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Reflection 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

As I write this reflection a deal has just been struck to enable the ship that blocked the Suez Canal in March this year, the Ever Given, to be released from the Great Bitter Lake where the Egyptian authorities had impounded it.

You'll remember that the ship became wedged across the canal for some six days after running aground in high winds, thereby stopping other ships from using the canal and depriving the Egyptian authorities of the fees they would otherwise be paid by the owners of those other ships to pass through it.

The details of the deal have not been released, but the Egyptian authorities did publicly reveal how much they wanted- \$ 550 million, or £397 million.

Sea freight is clearly big business, a business that has more than a financial cost attached to it.

According to the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church, Stella Maris or the Apostleship of the Sea, those who work on ships such as the Ever Given can be away from home for 9-12 months at a time working long hours in difficult circumstances. Loneliness, depression and spiritual deprivation among crew members are not uncommon.

Stella Maris is on hand to help those crew members- their Chaplains make some 70,000 ship visits around the world each year in 316 ports across 54 countries- including on our very own doorstep. May God bless those Chaplains in their work.

This Sunday 11th July is Sea Sunday. I appreciate that there may be something else to pray about that day, since I am told England might have a football match to play- but could I please urge you to find some time to pray for all seafarers too that day. Thank you.

May God bless those seafarers whose work brings food to our tables and goods of every description into our homes- and may they return safely to their own homes and families when their work is done.

Deacon Paul Hargreaves

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 Mary Jackson RIP 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*

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*

Fr. Jeff's Leaving Collection: Envelopes are available – please pick one up after Mass if you would like to contribute. Please hand your envelope in by the end of July at the latest – thanks.

BAPTISMS: We are now in a position to recommence the Sacrament of Baptism. A limited number of dates and times are available. Please contact parishfamilystockton@outlook.com as soon as possible to secure a date. Thank you, Deacon Jeff.

Second Collection: There will be a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea this weekend of 10th/11th July 2021.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) 2021-2022

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. The CCRS course programme is now available for 2021-2022 and there is a short presentation shown on the Diocesan website: www.edurcdhn.org.uk/courses/courses_ccrs.php If anyone would like further information, they can contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

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

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!

News from Uganda: Domestic challenges are still on the increase due to loss of jobs and the failure of many family bread winners to provide for their families. Fr Vincent has formed a counselling team of parishioners, one lady and one man, who with Father try to reconcile families when there are disputes. The two helpers are paid in food. Each week they get 2 kilos of beans and maize flour for their work. Fr. Vincent says it is quite demanding. Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his people.

Save lives today by donating your blood plasma

NHS Blood and Transplant is asking for men between the ages of 18 and 65 to consider donating their blood plasma. Plasma is used to make antibody-based medicines called immunoglobulins, for people with weak immune systems and a variety of other rare disorders. Thousands of patients rely on immunoglobulin medicines for short-term treatment or lifelong diseases. Men are more likely to have the blood plasma volumes and larger vein sizes making them ideal donors. Donating plasma takes about 45 minutes and is completely safe. During the process the plasma is filtered out of circulating blood by an apheresis machine and the red blood cells are returned to the donor. It is possible to donate as often as every two weeks, with a maximum of 24 donations per year. To find out more about blood plasma donation visit <https://www.blood.co.uk/why-give-blood/how-blood-is-used/blood-components/plasma-for-medicines/> Register today to become a blood plasma donor, please call 0300 123 23 23.

Peter's Pence collection: A total of £191.15 has been raised – thanks to all for their generous donations.

First Reading

Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer;' get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

Psalm:

84(85):9-14(Sun15)

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.
Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence,

determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved, in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.

Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it; and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

Gospel

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus made a tour round the villages, teaching. Then he summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

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 July: Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

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



Jamie's 'Paws' for Thought: There's no limit to what you can achieve if you don't mind who gets the credit. **Anon**