

**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**  
**17th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 25th July 2021**

	<b>English Martyrs and Ss Peter &amp; Paul's</b>	<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>St Bede's</b>	<b>Feast Days this week</b>
<b>Sat 24th</b>	<b>6:00pm Live-streamed</b> Anne Hodgson RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 25th</b>	—	<b>10:30am</b> Sid Gillson RIP	<b>9:00am</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time
<b>Mon 26th</b>	—	—	—	Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Tue 27th</b>	—	—	<b>9:30am</b> Holy Souls	—
<b>Wed 28th</b>	<b>9:30am</b> Anne Foley RIP	—	—	—
<b>Thur 29th</b>	—	<b>9:30am</b> Pat Chapman RIP - Marie Sayers	—	St Martha
<b>Fri 30th</b>	<b>6:30pm</b> Paul McPartland RIP (MT)	—	—	St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor
<b>Sat 31st</b>	<b>6:00pm Live-streamed</b> Ian & Keith Langford RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 1st</b>	—	<b>10:30am</b> Patricia Kearns RIP	<b>9:00am</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

<b>Thursday 29th July</b> St Joseph's after 9.30am Mass	<b>Friday 30th July</b> EMSSPP Sanctuary 6:00pm – 6:30pm	<b>Saturday 31st July</b> EMSSPP Sanctuary 5:30pm – 6:00pm
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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](mailto: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.

## ST. HILDA PARTNERSHIP



English Martyrs and Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's



St. Joseph's

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**  
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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

**Hours:** Tuesday to Friday 10.00am till 2:00pm  
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### Internet

**Parish YouTube:** [Stockton Parish Family](https://www.youtube.com/StocktonParishFamily)  
**Facebook page:** [@ParishFamilyStocktonRC](https://www.facebook.com/ParishFamilyStocktonRC)  
**Parish website:** [www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk](http://www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk)  
**Diocesan website:** [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

### Reflection: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

John's recounting of the multiplication of the loaves is, as always, a symbol of the Eucharist. From these few loaves many were fed and made into a community of people who believed in Jesus, at least for a while anyway. We are all faced with problems of individualism, relativism, in our own parishes and we have to balance individual, with larger needs. It would be scandalous if we were so concerned with our own problems that we forget the larger world and its needs. The apostles could have stayed in Jerusalem and looked no further than their own little world. Alternatively, we can be so preoccupied with other people's lives we fail to see the problems closer to home. Everyone must strike that right balance. The celebration of the Eucharist, symbolised in the Gospel, reminds us that there is in fact a balance to be struck between our own personal world and the world of mankind.

I think part of the problem is that our culture of individualism and relativism leads to this separation; contrary to this, the Eucharist is unity. Our Triune God is unity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three persons in one.

The Eucharist reminds us that we are connected to something beyond our self; we are all part of the larger Body of Christ.

**Deacon 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 Linda Pratt, Margaret Douthwaite and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

### COVID UPDATE: Let's keep everyone safe.

You will be aware that the legal requirements re social distancing, mask wearing etc. have changed and it is now up to each one of us to help to keep us all Covid free.

Sadly, Covid infection rates in our area are worryingly high and we probably all know people who have recently been told to socially isolate because of contact with someone who has been infected.

I want to reassure you that we will continue to do everything we can to keep our churches a safe place to attend Mass; therefore, a number of measures will remain in place for the present time:

- ✓ **Churches will be sanitised between Masses and other services**
- ✓ **We will record the names and contact numbers for everyone attending to help with track and trace if needed**
- ✓ **You will be asked to sanitise your hands as you enter and leave church**
- ✓ **You will be asked to wear a face mask in church**
- ✓ **A marshal will direct you to your seat.**

If you would like to book a regular seat to attend Mass on Saturday or Sunday every week please ring 07716 944610 to arrange this. Please remember to tell us if there is a week when you are not able to attend.

I appreciate family and work life is busy and it is not always possible for everyone to plan in advance but, to help us to seat everyone safely, please do try to text or ring to book a place at Mass on Saturday or Sunday. We will always do our best to find a safe seat for everyone.

I will monitor the numbers of people attending weekend Masses so that we can continue to keep everyone safe.

Distribution of Holy Communion will now take place during the Mass and you will be able to return to your seat to make your thanksgiving and receive the final blessing before the marshals direct you out of the building.

Thank you all for your co-operation.

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.

**Fr Jeff's Leaving Mass:** Mass on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 6:30pm will be celebrated in thanksgiving for his five years serving our parishes and to wish him well in his new appointment at Hexham. Please come along and offer your farewells in person.

**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.

**Free to a Good Home:** If anyone would like an adult tripod walker with a basket please contact Joan Rogers (01642886549)

**SVP Update:** If anyone is alone or housebound and wants someone to talk to please ring 07939912354 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](http://www.svp.org.uk)

**News from Uganda:** Fr. Vincent meets families who go without food for a full day and it is the little children who suffer most. Using money from our Uganda Mission Fund he recently bought 300 kilos of beans and 1,430 kilos of maize flour to share with hungry families. One day he helped 16 families with food. Fr. Vincent says *"All was possible because of your generosity. The families send their gratitude. Thanks for lightening our burden."* **Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his people.**

**Ongoing Faith Witness Against Hassockfield:** In October, the Home Office plans to open an Immigration Removal Centre at Hassockfield on the site of the former Medomsley Detention Centre. This will be for 80 women seeking asylum in the UK. The proposal is inhumane, unjust and incompatible with our faith which calls us to recognise the intrinsic dignity of each person. These women are people like ourselves who have the right to a place of safety and to be treated with respect and compassion. A monthly prayer vigil will be held at the barrier to Hassockfield on the first Sunday of each month at 3pm starting on Sunday 1st August. This will last for about 30 minutes and will incorporate a time of silent witness. Please support this with your prayer and, if at all possible, come along. For further information, please contact [lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com](mailto:lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com).

**Visit by Sisters from St Elisabeth Convent, Belarus:** Sisters from Belarus will be visiting our Parishes at the end of July into August. They will be at St Bede's at the 9:30am Mass on Tuesday 27th July; at English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul at the 6:30pm Mass on Friday 30th July and then on Saturday 31st July at the 6:00pm Vigil Mass. On Sunday August 1st they will be at St Bede's 9:00am Mass and St Joseph's 10:30am Mass. Please see their poster for further details

**Welcomers' Weekend 24th/25th July.** During the pandemic there have been so many people who have made it possible for us to gather for Mass by stewarding and guiding our people, by cleaning and sanitising our churches. All this is part of the great Ministry of Welcome. At our Sunday Mass on this weekend we shall say 'thank you' and ask them to carry on in their ministry. It is going to be different after the end of lockdown but we still need their help in other ways.

**Lourdes 2021:** As the Diocese is unable to travel to Lourdes this year, there will be a **'Virtual Pilgrimage'**, providing opportunities for our Pilgrimage Family to join together in prayer and worship over the course of a week which starts on 31<sup>st</sup> July with a day at Ushaw. Unfortunately, numbers are restricted and places do need to be booked in advance. Following our opening day of reflection at Ushaw, all other Masses and services will be streamed via YouTube or Facebook. During the week there will be a Service of Healing and a Bereavement Service. You can access the links to the services via the Pilgrimage website: [www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk) or searching YouTube for HN-Lourdes Hospitalite.

## Prayer and Liturgy News

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#### First Reading

**2 Kings 4:42-44**

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

#### Psalm:

**144(145):10-11,15-18**

***You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.***

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
And your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God.

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you  
And you give them their food in due time.  
You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live.

3. The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts.

#### Second Reading

**Ephesians 4:1-6**

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

#### Gospel

**John 6:1-15**

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

**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:** "By these methods we may learn wisdom: first by reflection, which is the noblest; second by imitation which is the easiest; and third by experience which is the bitterest." *Confucius*