

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
24th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 12th September 2021

| | English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's | St Joseph's | St Bede's | Feast Days this week |
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| Sat 11th | 6:00pm Pro Populo (People of the Parish) | — | — | Sunday Vigil Mass |
| Sun 12th | — | 10:30am Margaret Blackwood RIP (PM) | 9:00am Irene & Roy Whitehead RIP (S&P) | 24th Sunday Ordinary Time |
| Mon 13th | — | — | — | St John Chrysostom, <i>Bishop, Doctor</i> |
| Tue 14th | — | — | 9:30am Priests Intention | The Exaltation of the Holy Cross |
| Wed 15th | 9:30am In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered | — | — | Our Lady of Sorrows |
| Thur 16th | — | 9:30am Pat Chapman RIP | — | Ss Cornelius, <i>Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i> |
| Fri 17th | 6:30pm Norah & Tony Saint RIP | — | — | St Robert Bellarmine, <i>Bishop, Doctor</i> |
| Sat 18th | 6:00pm Raymond Kirk RIP | — | — | Sunday Vigil Mass |
| Sun 19th | — | 10:30am Peter White RIP (AW) | 9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish) | 25th Sunday Ordinary Time |

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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| Thursday 16th September St Joseph's after 9.30am Mass | Friday 17th September EMSSPP Sanctuary 6:00pm – 6:30pm | Saturday 18th September EMSSPP Sanctuary 5:30pm – 6:00pm |
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Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469

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. Mark Millward
Assistant Priest: Fr. Oliver Keyes
Deacons: Jeffrey Parkes, Paul Hargreaves
Retired Priest: Fr. Pat McKenna

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Diocesan website: www.rcdhn.org.uk

Welcome to Stockton, Fr Mark and Caroline

We warmly welcome Fr Mark Millward and Caroline to our parishes here in Stockton.

This is a new beginning for all of us as Fr Mark finds his feet and we become acquainted with one another. Even though we are living in a time of uncertainty, we look forward to the future with hope.

Change brings new challenges and we anticipate embracing new experiences with joy.

We are sure that Fr Mark and Caroline will enjoy their time with us and enjoy familiarizing themselves with new people and new territory but the one same God.

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 Noel Rodrigues and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Covid: Let's take a step forward

You will be aware that the legal requirements re social distancing, mask wearing etc. were removed by the Government on 19th July and it is now up to each one of us to help to keep us all Covid free. Thank God, Covid infection rates in our area are now reducing but we still need to be cautious.

In view of these changes in circumstances we are now able to give a seat to everyone who wants to attend weekend Masses. It is no longer necessary to book a place in advance. Each church can now be filled to its capacity.

However, a number of measures will remain in place for the present time so that our churches remain safe places to attend Mass.

- ✓ 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.

Our marshals have a very important role to play in keeping us safe. We know you will co-operate with them as they do their job to seat people making best use of all the available space in church.

The obligation to attend weekend Mass remains suspended for the present time.

Thank you all for your co-operation. Fr Mark.

Readers Weekend 11th/12th September: We have not been able to have our Lay Readers proclaim the Word of God at Mass in the way we normally do. Only one Reader has been allowed and many have not been able to join us at Mass.

At our Sunday Mass on this weekend we shall celebrate the ministry of proclaiming God's holy Word and ask Readers to commit themselves again to this important service. Eventually we shall return to our patterns of ministry that we had before the Pandemic.

Holy Mass Intentions: Holy Mass can be celebrated for many reasons – the death of a loved one, for someone who is sick, an anniversary, a birthday or in thanksgiving for a favour received from God. Envelopes in which to place your offering are available at the back of churches - please clearly write the description of your Intention request on the envelope and, if you have a preference, indicate the name of the church where you would like it to be celebrated. If you have a particular date in mind for the Holy Mass then please give us as much notice as possible - every effort will be made to accommodate your request, but dates are allocated on a first come first served basis. Please also remember to include your name and contact number in case we have any queries. If you would prefer to make your offering by bank transfer, please contact the parish office for the bank account details. Thank you.

Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea): A total of £472.30 was collected in July. Stella Maris and their seafarer beneficiaries have passed on their heartfelt thanks to all who contributed for your compassionate and generous support of their work.

Advance Notice: There will be a second collection for Home Mission on the weekend of 18th/19th September. Thank you.

SVP Update: SVP Update - Help! The need now is greater than ever

The St Joseph's SVP conference is appealing to all parishioners across our three churches for help. The St Vincent de Paul Society is a small group of volunteer parishioners, men and women, who set out to help anyone in need. Our work is mainly visiting or phoning those who are housebound or lonely, either at home or in care homes and hospital or providing lifts where needed.

As a result of the pandemic there are many families short of food, lonely people who need a friend, homeless individuals and families, people struggling with financial hardship, or those facing illness. If there were more of us, we could do even more to help those in need, even a few extra volunteers will make a big difference.

If you want to get involved and can commit a few hours each week to help in whatever way you can or want to know more about the SVP first, please speak to a member of the conference, send an email to PresidentC211509@svp.org.uk or call Alan on 07939912354

Latest News from Fr. Vincent: The Ministry of Health in Uganda insist on the washing of hands. Fr. Vincent says "Remember here the people use their hands for eating, no knives and forks, so soap and water are on high demand. I use part of the donations you give me to buy soap for some families. When they come for it, since they have no money I encourage them to do barter trade. They bring some farm produce, especially maize and beans in exchange for soap and a bucket. This has saved a lot of lives. Indeed, from afar you have saved lives through your generosity." *Please pray for Fr. Vincent as he tries to respond to the needs of his people.*

First Steps – Exploring the Catholic Faith Online: Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? Join us on a journey this Autumn and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you. It may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church. We gather weekly via Zoom and invite you to come along to find out more. Starts **Wednesday 22nd September at 7pm**. If you are interested to find out more, you can enquire/register using the **Online Enquiry Form** or email adminfaith.mission@diocesahn.org.uk. For full details, please see the poster on the noticeboard.

Conference: Caring for Our Common Home: You are invited you to attend a conference *Caring for Our Common Home – Responding to the Cry of the Earth and the Poor* on Saturday 18th September at the Emmaus Village – please see the poster on the notice board. The conference is free to attend, but as numbers are limited, please book your place by the deadline of 10th September. Further information and booking form are available on the Diocesan Environmental Group page on the website <http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/caritas/deg.php>

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.

Pro-life Holy Hour: will take place on Wednesday 15:09:21 at St Mary's 11am before Mass. Please come and Pray for the unborn and sanctity of life.

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for September: An Environmentally, Sustainable, Lifestyle.

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

Prayer and Liturgy News

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First Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a cause against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who will dare to condemn me?

Psalm:

Psalm 114(116):1-6,8-9

Response: *I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living*

1 Alleluia!

I love the Lord for he had heard

the cry of my appeal;

for he turned his ear to me

in the day when I called him

2 They surrounded me, the snare of death,

with the anguish of the tomb;

they caught me, sorrow and distress.

I called on the Lord's name.

O Lord my God, deliver me!

3 How gracious is the Lord, and just;

our God has compassion.

The Lord protects the simple hearts;

I was helpless so he saved me.

4 He has kept my soul from death,

my eyes from tears

and my feet from stumbling.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord

in the land of the living.

Second Reading

James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

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...

Thought for the Day: Your good deeds are the only investments worth having as they are the only luggage you can take into eternity. *Thought for Today Radio 4*