

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
28th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 10th October 2021

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
Sat 9th	6:00pm Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 10th	—	10:30am Nellie & Hughie Kennedy RIP (AW)	9:00am Michael Lamb RIP	28th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 11th	—	—	—	St John XXIII, <i>Pope</i>
Tue 12th	—	12:30pm Requiem Mass Mary Barnett RIP	9:30am Priests Intention	St Wilfrid, <i>Bishop</i>
Wed 13th	9:30am Winnie Allinson RIP	—	—	St Edward the Confessor, <i>King</i>
Thur 14th	—	First Holy Communion Mass Please pray for the children and their families	—	St Callistus, I, <i>Pope, Martyr</i>
Fri 15th	6:30pm Val & Marsden Ellis RIP	—	—	St Teresa of Avila, <i>Virgin, Doctor</i>
Sat 16th	6:00pm Mavis Key RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 17th	—	10:30am Clare Berry RIP (EF&JS)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	29th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Friday 15th October EMSSPP Sanctuary 6:00pm – 6:30pm	Saturday 16th October EMSSPP Sanctuary 5:30pm – 6:00pm
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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English Martyrs and Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's



St. Joseph's

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Clergy

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Reflection 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Last week as I typed my Reflection I was at home, and it was pouring down with rain.

This week as I type it's glorious sunshine and I'm not at home- I'm at the Fire Service College in Moreton-in-the-Marsh attending a National Conference of Prison Service Managing Chaplains, and the strap-line for our meeting is 'Refresh, Rejuvenate, Refocus'.

The hope is that those attending the Conference will come away refreshed, rejuvenated and ready to refocus not just themselves but also the Teams of Chaplains that they manage and the Prisoners and staff that they minister to. Early indications look promising with some good feedback, although we still have quite a heavy programme of talks to get through as yet.

It is fitting that we meet together in the week leading up to Prisoners' Sunday, 10th October 2021, the day that marks the beginning of Prisons Week 2021.

During that week, we are urged by the Catholic Church and many other Christian Churches and Organisations to pray for Prisoners, their families, victims of crime and others who are in any way connected to the Criminal Justice System. Could I please ask you to spend some time in prayer either on Sunday or else during the week- or both- bringing this to mind? Thank you.

There is a dedicated website where you can read and download various resources, and there is a specially commissioned film to watch called 'Consider the Ravens'. The website address is <https://www.prisonweek.org>

I'll end with some words from a prayer written by a Prisoner the full text of which (with others) you'll find on the website-

'They don't see me Lord, but you do. They do not hear me, but you do... I feel like no-one cares, but you do... Thank you for those who visit me when I am lonely...'

Deacon Paul

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 the repose of the soul of Mary Barnett, Lance Robinson, Damian Perry and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Covid: UPDATE

We have received updated guidance from Bishop Robert regarding our Diocese Covid procedures following the recent meeting of the Bishop's Council. As you are aware, legal restrictions were lifted in July, however local infection rates and hospital admissions are now increasing and health officials in the region are advising that maintaining Covid control measures such as face covering, and social distancing throughout the coming autumn/winter period will be vital to controlling infections. It is still down to all of us to keep each other safe by reducing the potential spread of infections.

Some controls are being relaxed, but a number of measures will continue for the present time so that our churches remain safe places to attend Mass.

- ✓ You will still be asked to sanitise your hands as you enter and leave church
- ✓ It is recommended that you continue to wear a face mask in church, unless you are exempt
- ✓ Churches will continue to be cleaned between Masses and other services
- ✓ Please try to keep 1m distance from those not in your household or 'bubble'
- ✓ The one-way system in church will continue
- ✓ Ministers, servers and readers can return to their normal duties
- ✓ We will no longer be taking contact details for test and trace

Our marshals have a very important role to play in keeping us safe. Please follow their guidance and 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 and understanding. Fr Mark.

First Holy Communion Masses: Please note that the First Holy Communion Masses are for the children and their invited guests only. Due to social distancing church capacity is limited and we need to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you: During the quarter ended 30th September some generous donations were received and the following totals have been passed on to the relevant charities:

Holy Family India Project £90; Little Sisters of the Poor £50 and Missionaries of Africa (Fr Vincent) £4,305 (£3,000 of which was from one very generous donor). Sincere thanks to all those who contributed.

Home Mission Sunday: A total of £249.20 was collected recently – sincere thanks to all for their generous donations.

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 at St Andrew's RC Church, Worswick St. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 19th October at 7.30pm** (BST). We will share how our devotion and connection to Mary helps us in our life of faith. The meeting will be followed by social time. There will be the possibility to connect through Zoom for people who are not able or don't feel safe to come to church. For more information, phone Isabel on **07858 934457**, email **proud.catholics@yahoo.com** or visit our website **http://www.proud Catholics.co.uk**

SVP Update: We recently held a conference meeting, our first since March 2020, and will continue to meet fortnightly for the time being. If anybody wants to know more about our work, please feel free to come along to one of our meetings. We now want to cautiously reconnect with those across our three parishes who might need some support. If you know of anyone who we might be able to help, even if it's just a phone call or a visit, please speak to one of the conference members or call Alan on 07939912354.

Diocesan Days of Reflection for Ministers: Are being held at Ushaw College, Durham. During these days we shall reflect together on the call of our ministry and how the Pandemic may raise the need to introduce new ways of working and also we shall consider the approaching Synod.

Called to the Supper of the Lamb for those who have served as ministers taking Holy Communion to the Sick or helping distribute during Mass.

Saturday 30th October 2021 10:30am – 3:30pm (*book by Thursday 14th October*)

See the posters in church for further details. The cost of the day will be paid by your parish and refreshments will be provided. Please contact the Parish office if you wish to attend any of these events.

CHARIS - Catholic Charismatic Renewal International Service

On the 8th June 2019, Pope Francis initiated a new structure for Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church.

CHARIS' objective is to serve and create communion between the different realities existing in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal for the proclaiming of the Gospel in the world. International, national and now Diocesan Service of Communion teams have now been created with the emphasis on three priorities, given by Pope Francis:

- To help deepen and promote the grace of baptism in the Holy Spirit throughout the Church.
- To promote the ecumenical dimensions of the Catholic Renewal and foster the commitment to serving the unity of all Christians.
- To promote service to the poor and social action through Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

Our Diocesan CHARIS Team are inviting you all to our launch events to discover about CHARIS and also to ask how CHARIS can be used by the Diocese and parishes to further Pope Francis' vision of Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

Launch dates and venues:

Saturday 16th October 11am – 2:30pm English Martyrs Church, Stamfordham Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE5 3JR.

Saturday 13th November 11am – 2:30pm English Martyrs & SS Peter and Paul, Redhill Road, Stockton, TS19 9BY

To book your place at either of the launch events, please email adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk. Alternatively, you are welcome to turn up on the day at either launch event (COVID safety measures will be in place).

For more information about CHARIS please visit our Diocesan Webpage and you will find CHARIS under the Vicariate for Faith and Mission. Our email is charis@diocesehn.org.uk. John Wheeler, CHARIS Coordinator, Vicariate for Faith & Mission

Note from Deacon Jeff

I thought I should let you know that I have been seconded to support the parishes at Hartlepool for a year. Any move or change we face can throw us off guard and make us feel a little anxious and insecure. When we read scripture we find God's word speaking to us in our need.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

I expect my work there will be the same as here at Stockton, visiting the sick, baptising infants, witnessing marriages, performing funeral services, distributing Holy Communion, and proclaiming the Gospel.

I will try to get back to the parishes here in Stockton once in a while, to stop me from missing you all too much.

God Bless

Deacon Jeff

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for October: Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

First Reading

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Wisdom 7:7-11

Second Reading

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves

Hebrews 4:12-3

Psalms 89

R: Fill us with your love that we may rejoice

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?
Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune.

Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.

Gospel

Mark 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.

Prayer and Liturgy News

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: The only difference between a flower and a weed is a judgement.

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