

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
29th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 17th October 2021

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
Sat 16th	6:00pm Mavis Key RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 17th	—	10:30am Clare Berry RIP (EF&JS) Sally Davidson RIP (PT)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	29th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 18th	—	—	—	St Luke, Evangelist
Tue 19th	—	—	9:30am Priests Intention	Ss John de Brébeuf, Priest, Isaac Jogues, Priest and Companions, Martyrs St Paul of the Cross, Priest
Wed 20th	9:30am Priests Intention	—	—	—
Thur 21st	—	9:30am Dorrie Tait & Christine Kenny RIP (AT)	—	—
Fri 22nd	6:30pm George Heaviside RIP (JC) 7pm Holy Hour	—	—	St John Paul II, Pope
Sat 23rd	6:00pm Paul & Vinnie Debono RIP (AA)	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 24th	—	10:30am Mary Barnett RIP (AW & Family)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	30th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 21st October
St Joseph's
after 9.30am Mass

Friday 22nd October
EMSSPP Sanctuary
6:00pm – 6:30pm

Saturday 23rd October
EMSSPP Sanctuary
5:30pm – 6:00pm

Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469

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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. Mark Millward
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Reflection 29th Sunday Ordinary Time

Three times in Mark's gospel Jesus formally tells his disciples about his coming Passion, and each time they seem entirely deaf to it. So each time Jesus counters their misunderstanding by repeating the need for a disciple to follow him in suffering. Today's reading begins just after the third prophecy, and – true to form - the sons of Zebedee reply with a request for the best seats at the banquet of the Kingdom! Matthew in his gospel spares the two disciples by putting the request in their poor mother's mouth; only in a second exchange with Jesus do they woodenly accept to share Jesus' 'cup' and 'baptism'. Do they really know what they are accepting, or do they just blithely agree and answer 'Yes' to Jesus' question about sharing the same 'cup' as their 'Master'? The indignation of the other disciples prompts Jesus to deliver his clearest statement in words that authority in the Church should be regarded as service. His clearest statement in action about service is the smelly business of washing the travel-gnarled feet of his disciples at his last meal with them. How does Jesus envisage leadership in the Church? How may we all live better lives of service?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB *from Wednesday Word*

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.

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 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.



October Baptisms: Please pray for Annie Jane Mallen, Lyla-Mae Moody, Isaac Lee Theakston, Lily Ann Sills, Charlie Alexander Stead and Lyla Rae Dyson who received the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend. May they and their godparents grow in their Faith in the years ahead.

Diocese Courses coming up:

Sacristans: The course will look at the importance of preparing for the celebration of the Liturgy and the Sacramental Rites. We shall study the proper use and care of those things that are needed for worship in the Parish Church during the Liturgical Year. St Bede **Tuesday 26 October** 2021 - 10.00am - 3.00pm Chapel Road Commissioning Mass at 12.15pm Jarrow NE32 3LX Cost £5.00 Participants will need to bring a packed lunch on the day.

Readers: The course will look at the importance of the Word of God in the Liturgy. We shall consider the need to reflect on the meaning of the sacred text and provide training to help improve technique in proclaiming it. St. Joseph's **Monday 8 November** 2021 - 7.00pm-9.00pm and Thorneyholme Terrace **Saturday 13 November** 2021 10.00am – 3.00pm Stanley Commissioning Service at 3.00pm DH9 0BL Cost £10.00 Participants will need to bring a packed lunch on the Saturday. Places are limited on these courses and are subject to change, depending on the current Government Coronavirus regulations.

Please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible if you would like to attend either of the above and we will book you a place.

A Prayer Meeting: will be held **every Thursday in St. Joseph's Chapel** at 2pm to pray the Peace Rosary and Jesus Rosary. For more details, please contact Jon Morgan on 07726 690757.

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>

A Holy Hour Celebrating the Holiness of Life and Praying for the upholding of the Sanctity of Life: will take place on **Friday 22nd October** after 6:30 Mass at EMSSPP please come along.

SVP Update: Our next Conference meeting is 1030 on Tuesday 19th October in Thornton Hall at St Josephs. If anybody wants to know more about our work please feel free to come along. If you are aware of anyone in need 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 Day of Reflection for Lay Leaders: Is being held on **Saturday 6th November** 2021 10:30am – 3:30pm at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, High West Street, Gateshead, NE8 1LX (*book by Friday 29th October*) See the poster in church for further details. The cost of the day will be paid by your parish and tea & coffee will be provided but please bring a packed lunch with you. Contact the Parish office if you wish to attend.

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Lourdes Pilgrimage

Preparations are beginning for our annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday 29th July - Friday 5th August 2022. It is hoped that this year, we will be able to travel together as a Diocese once more. In order to aid the planning stages, it would be helpful if you could indicate your interest in travelling to Lourdes in July 2022 and state if you would be willing to offer any help or volunteer for any of the roles that support the smooth running of the Pilgrimage. Please contact lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk for an 'expression of interest' form.

Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers

The Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers will be at **11am on Saturday 20th November at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle**. Bishop Robert will celebrate the Mass and it is hoped that we see servers come together from across the Diocese. It will be great to see everyone after missing last year and building on the great success of the previous Diocesan Altar Servers' Mass in 2019.

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 date and venue: 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

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.

Prayer and Liturgy News

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First Reading

Isaiah 53:10-11

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over, he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

Psalm:

32(33):4-5,18-20,22

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

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| 1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. | 2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. | 3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. |
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Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help

Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

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: Success seems to be largely a matter of hanging on when others have let go. *William Feather*