

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
30th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 24th October 2021

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
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
Mon 25th	—	—	—	—
Tue 26th	—	—	9:30am Pauline Rodrigues (BL)	Ss Chad & Cedd, Bishops
Wed 27th	9:30am Priests Intention	—	—	—
Thur 28th	—	9:30am Lance Robinson RIP (LR) 1:00pm Requiem Mass Frederick Brian Armstrong RIP	—	Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles
Fri 29th	6:30pm Priests Intention	—	—	—
Sat 30th	6:00pm Lawrence Stephenson RIP (PS)	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 31st	—	10:30am Cecilia Hodgkiss, Betty Wing & Martin Wing RIP	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	All Saints Day

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 28th October
St Joseph's
after 9.30am Mass

Friday 29th October
EMSSPP Sanctuary
6:00pm – 6:30pm

Saturday 30th October
EMSSPP Sanctuary
5:30pm – 6:00pm

Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469

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St. Bede's



St. Joseph's

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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24th October 2021

Clergy

Parish Priest: Fr. Mark Millward
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Deacon: Paul Hargreaves
Retired Priest: Fr. Pat McKenna

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Reflection Thirtieth Sunday of the Year 2021

Bartimaeus is a lonely and quietly desperate figure as he sits by the roadside. He is blind and begging, he is physically disabled resulting in him being socially outcast and almost certainly anxious and depressed about life.

As he hears that Jesus is near by he calls out: **'have pity on me!'** a prayer not out of a book or religious practice but straight from his heart. Those four words eloquently describe his desperation. Have you ever prayed from the depths of yourself when you've struggled physically, mentally or spiritually? Are you able put your deepest feelings into words or do you express yourself in the silence of tears? Those around him then encourage him, 'Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you'. **'He jumped to his feet and came to the Lord'**. Who are the people who encourage you in difficult times, who guides you to the Lord? Spend some time remembering and giving thanks for them.

Then Jesus asks Bartimaeus what he wants – another four short words: **'I want to see'**. Imagine Jesus asking you what you long for – what would you say? Bartimaeus takes three steps that will change his life, he prays from his heart, he responds to those who encourage him, and in faith he places his deepest needs and longings before the Lord. That's what many of us need to do: to be ourselves, to free ourselves from whatever stifles our relationship with God and to trust the Lord with our deepest longings.

Fr Mark

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 Brian Armstrong 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.

Retiring Collection: there will be a retiring collection for the **Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary this weekend**. Please give generously. Thank you.

Funeral collection: the collection in memory of Mary Barnett RIP came to £90.66, which will be donated to Cancer Research UK. Sincere thanks to all who donated.

World Mission Sunday - 24th October: There will be a retiring collection this weekend to help support missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor and in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the Pontifical Mission Societies throughout the world and give what you can. There are gift aid envelopes in the Porch. Thank you.

Diocese Courses coming up: Please note that there have been changes made from last week

Sacristans Training: 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.

Tuesday 26th October 10am to 3pm. Commissioning Mass at 12.15pm. **St. Bede, Chapel Road, Jarrow, NE32 3LX.** Cost £5. Please bring a packed lunch.

Readers Training: 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.

Monday 8th November 7pm to 9pm and Saturday 13th November 10am to 3pm. Commissioning Service at 3pm. **St. Joseph's, Thorneyholme Terrace, Stanley, DH9 0BL.** Cost £10. Please 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 and we will book you a place.

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.

St. Joseph's Prayer Meeting: Please note that the prayer meeting in St. Joseph's **will be held at 2:30 pm this Thursday (28th)**. For more details, please contact Jon Morgan on 07726 690757.

SVP Update: 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.

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.

Would you like someone to talk to? A trained listener is available who can offer a confidential listening service to anyone who needs a listening ear. This could include issues such as loss, anxiety, loneliness or any other matters of concern. An initial phone call can be made with the option of meeting one to one or continuing on the telephone. Please contact the parish office on 01642 806469 or email parishfamilystockton@outlook.com leaving your name and contact details and a listener will get in touch.

'Being listened to and heard is one of the greatest desires of the human heart'

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

Norton Village Carol Service will be held on Sunday, 19 December, at 4.30 pm. If any musicians would like to be involved/take part in the Service, please contact Pastor Cath Harris at cath.harris@thedestinychurch.co.uk by 31 October. Please supply name and contact details.

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

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!' See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm:

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

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2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

Second Reading

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

Mark 10:46-52

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 measure of your life will not be in what you accumulate, but in what you give away. *Anon.*