

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
32nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 7th November 2021

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
Sat 6th	6:00pm Ian Langford RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 7th	—	10:30am Pro Populo (People of the Parish) 4:00pm Holy Hour	9:00am Vincenza Morgan RIP	32 nd Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 8th	—	—	—	—
Tue 9th	—	—	9:30am John & Daisy Evans (CJ)	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Wed 10th	9:30am Thank you to Joan & William Rogers	—	—	St Leo the Great, <i>Pope, Doctor</i>
Thur 11th	—	9:30am Special Intention of Susan Douglas	—	St Martin of Tours, <i>Bishop</i>
Fri 12th	6:30pm Peter Saint RIP (MS)	—	—	St Josaphat, <i>Bishop, Martyr</i>
Sat 13th	11:00am - 2:30pm CHARIS Launch 6:00pm Raymond Kirk RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 14th	9:00am Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Michael Cox RIP (PH)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	33 rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Thursday 11th November St Joseph's after 9.30am Mass	Friday 12th November EMSSPP Sanctuary 6:00pm – 6:30pm	Saturday 13th November 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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St. Bede's



St. Joseph's

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Clergy	Parish Priest: Fr. Mark Millward Assistant Priest: Fr. Oliver Keyes Deacon: Paul Hargreaves Retired Priest: Fr. Pat McKenna
Parish Office	Hours: Tuesday to Friday 10.00am till 2:00pm Contact: Gill Hall Tel. 01642 806469 Email: parishfamilystockton@outlook.com
Internet	Parish YouTube: Stockton Parish Family Facebook page: @ParishFamilyStocktonRC Parish website: www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk Diocesan website: www.rcdhn.org.uk

Reflection 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

We are presented in the gospel with a contrast between the dignitaries of the Temple, parading in their splendour, and the least of the least.

These little coins of the widow are called lepta, meaning 'light', hardly more than shavings of copper, hardly worth picking up. Yet the value of a gift depends not on its absolute worth, but in the love with which it is given. The value of a birthday present depends on the love which it expresses, and the care which has gone into choosing or making it.

One can imagine the widow debating with herself: if she made this supreme gift to the Lord, could she survive without these two little coins. What would she have to go without? As with the Sidonian widow in the first reading overleaf, this paltry gift is a rich expression of the widow's trust in divine love and care, and of her wanting to do something for the Lord. The little gift would go unnoticed among the riches of the exquisite and lavish Temple building, for its splendour was the wonder of the eastern Mediterranean, but her offering is a heartfelt expression of her love.

Just so with our prayer of praise: it is the joyful outpouring of our love. What gift could you give to the Lord?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB *from Wednesday Word*

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:

Some controls are being relaxed, but a few 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.
- Please try to keep 1m distance from those not in your household or 'bubble'

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.



Bishop Robert will celebrate Requiem Mass, particularly for all those affected by the Covid19 pandemic, at the **Church of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary**, Sidlaw Road, Billingham on **Thursday 25th November 2021 at 7pm**.

All are welcome.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is going to be introduced in our three churches. There are sheets at the back of church for you to sign on for a weekly commitment of at least half an hour. This is an ideal opportunity for our communities to be actively involved in the Year of the Eucharist.

A Prayer Meeting: will be held at **1.00pm** every Thursday in the chapel at **St Joseph's** to pray the Peace Rosary and the Jesus Rosary. 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.

Advance notice there will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund *next* weekend, 13th / 14th November.

Apostleship of the Sea - Appeal for donations of Christmas Gifts

The seafarers have had an even more difficult time through lockdown, unable to leave the ships and visit home. Donations, particularly of men's toiletries, socks and gloves would be especially welcomed, but hats and chocolate/sweets would also be appreciated. Collection boxes will be placed at the back of EMSPP Church and by the door in the Hall. Please give if you can. Thank you.

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'

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.

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.

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

News from Fr Vincent: In Uganda only about 5% of the population has been vaccinated. Fr. Vincent says if they get more vaccine he will ask for a vaccination centre to be set up at the church. Unfortunately, some local people are very sceptical about the vaccine. The churches have partially opened and they are supposed to only have half the congregation. Father says social distancing is very difficult as some village churches have no benches, so people stand and others sit on the floor. Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his people.

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, 16th November at 7.30pm** (GMT). Gerard Swan, the Chairperson of Quest (a group which provides pastoral support to LGBT+ Catholics) will join us via Zoom, and together with him we will explore both the history of Quest and how it perceives its role today in the lives of LGBT+ Catholics. The meeting will be followed by social time. It will be possible to connect through Zoom for people who are not able or don't feel safe to come to St Andrew's.

For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit <http://www.proud Catholics.co.uk>

A message from CAFOD: Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information, see cafod.org.uk/COP26 *May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.*

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for November: People Who Suffer from Depression.

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

Prayer and Liturgy News

First Reading

1 Kings 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth"' The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Psalm:

145(146):7-10

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign forever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.' He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

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: Seek not to understand so that you may believe, but believe so that you may understand.
St Augustine of Hippo