

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
Christ the King Year B – 21st November 2021

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
Sat 20th	6:00pm Val Ellis RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 21st		10:30am Mary McCune RIP (PM)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
Mon 22nd	—	—	—	St Cecilia <i>Virgin, Martyr</i>
Tue 23rd	—	12:00 Noon Requiem Mass Tommy Lakey RIP	9:30am Sally Davidson RIP (PT) 10:00am – 12noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Clement I <i>Pope, Martyr</i> St Columban, <i>Abbott</i>
Wed 24th	9:30am Caroline Suttill RIP 12:30pm Funeral Service Kath Stott RIP	—	—	St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, <i>Martyrs</i>
Thur 25th	—	9:30am Deceased members of the Chapman & Harrington families RIP 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Catherine of Alexandria <i>Virgin, Martyr</i>
Fri 26th	5:00pm – 6:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30pm Dennis Jenkins RIP	—	—	St Leonard of Porto Maurizio, <i>Religious</i>
Sat 27th	6:00pm Peter Shaw RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 28th	9:00am Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Holy Souls (MK)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	1 st Sunday Advent

Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Thursday 25th November St Joseph's after 9.30am Mass	Friday 26th November EMSSPP Sanctuary 6:00pm – 6:30pm	Saturday 27th 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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English Martyrs and Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's



St. Joseph's

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Our Lord Jesus, Christ the King

21st November 2021

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
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Reflection Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 2021

There's a scene in one of my favourite films, Wayne's World, where Wayne spontaneously bursts into song whilst driving his car. He apologises to his passenger, and excuses himself by explaining he had heard the song on the radio just before leaving home, and he couldn't get it out of his head. Much the same thing happened to me yesterday, Monday, but you'll be pleased to hear I didn't start randomly singing during any of my meetings that day. Instead, a well known saying kept popping into my head- 'If only I had known X then I would have done things differently...'

I have no idea why this happened, it just did. This saying has been used both seriously, and for fun over the years. It has been attributed to scientists whose work resulted in weapons of mass destruction, as well as comedians poking fun at themselves. All of us have probably used it at some time or other. No matter who utters this phrase and no matter in what circumstances they do so, the meaning remains the same. I would change my behaviour if I had known where that behaviour was leading me and what it would result in. It's not knowing the end result that is the problem since we don't know what life has in store for us- or do we?

Our Faith tells us that our life on earth leads on to life in Heaven - that is what God wants for us, and that is why He sent us His Son to show us the way to Him. So in truth, we do know our destiny, and we know how to get there - by following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. If you have done things this last week that have taken you away from the path that leads to eternal life in heaven, and I know I have, rejoice in the fact that *you know* that has happened - and then rejoice in the fact that you now have the opportunity to put that right.

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 Kath Stott, Tommy Lakey & Betty Nicholson RIP and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Covid: UPDATE:

Some controls have been 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.

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 **rolling commitment** of at least half an hour **every week**. This is an ideal opportunity for our communities to be actively involved in the Year of the Eucharist.



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.

MEMORIAL MASS - Remembering those who died since the Pandemic began. The Book of Remembrance will be taken to Saint Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, so that all those named may be remembered at a Solemn Requiem Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert at 11.00am on Saturday 27th November. Representation from the parishes will be invited to this Mass while respecting the ongoing need for distancing.

2021 Remembrance Service: Tuesday 30th November at St Joseph's Church Norton at 7.00pm. For all those who have died in the last year from our three Parishes. Memorial cards are available at the back of each Church for all parishioners who would like family or friends remembered at this time and these cards will be taken to the Altar to be blessed during the service. It is an opportunity to remember our deceased family and friends.

The Rosary will be prayed straight after the Thursday 9-30am Mass at St Joseph's church, starting from Thursday November 25th.

The Divine Will group will meet in Thornton Hall at St Joseph's from Monday November 29th at 11 am, Father Colahan will lead. Everyone is welcome.

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.

A Fundraising Event for SVP: featuring the band 'Jeremy McMurray and the Pocket Orchestra' is being held on **Thursday 2nd December at 7.30pm in Billingham Catholic Club**. Tickets £5.00 Contact Bill Scott on 07757 062798.

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'

News from Fr Vincent: Before the rains started Fr Vincent gave out lots of seeds for planting, the beans are almost ready for eating. At Sunday Mass recently some families who planted first brought some beans for the offertory collection. Later Fr. Vincent gave them to 2 families who were in dire need of food. He says the maize will be ready by the end of November and his plan is to get all families with extra harvest to commit to bring some maize to the parish to make a food bank for the needy. At his last meeting with those who got seeds everyone agreed to do this. Father is praying for a good harvest and says all this would not have been possible without our support to buy the seeds. Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his people.

This Sunday is World Youth Sunday. Saint Pope John Paul II said "All young people must feel that they are cared for by the Church. Therefore, may the entire Church on a worldwide level be more and more committed to young people." We are very blessed to have YMT providing opportunities for our young people encouraging them into a relationship with Christ and fully into the life of the Church. Through retreats and formation sessions, local faith in action activities, the John Paul II Awards, Youth Council, Transcend and other opportunities, YMT support and accompany young people on their faith journey. Today is an opportunity to support this essential work. There will be a retiring collection or you can Text to Donate (text **Youth10** to **70500** to donate £10 or **Youth20** to donate £20)

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.

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 EMSSPP Church and by the door in the Hall. Please give if you can. Thank you.

Mary's Meals - Double the Love Campaign: Thanks to a group of generous supporters, every donation given to Mary's Meals before 31st January 2022 will be doubled, up to £1.6 million! To find out more about this amazing charity please visit: www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove

Pro-Life: There will Be a Pro-life Holy Hour on **Monday 22nd November** following the 9:15 Mass at St Patrick. Please come and join us to pray for the unborn and sanctity of life.

A Concert for Christmas with Bella Canta Ladies Choir on **Friday 3 December at 7.00pm** at St Mary's Church, Norton. Tickets £10 from St Mary's Parish Centre or on the door. Raising funds for St Marys Clock Tower repairs and Eastern Ravens Charity.

Advent Preparation: As part of our preparation for Christmas we will celebrate St. Bede's 70th Anniversary on the 5th December. Look out for further details next week.

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

Daniel 7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Psalm:

92(93):1-2,5

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power.

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time.

Second Reading

Apocalypse 1:5-8

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel

John 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

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: A smart person only believes half of what they hear. A wise person knows which half.

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