

**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year C – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

	<b><u>English Martyrs and Ss Peter &amp; Paul's</u></b>	<b><u>St Joseph's</u></b>	<b><u>St Bede's</u></b>	<b><u>Feast Days this week</u></b>
<b>Sat 29th</b>	<b><u>6:00pm</u></b> Lawrence Stephenson RIP (PS)	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 30th</b>	—	<b><u>10:30am</u></b> Frank Kelly RIP	<b><u>9:00am</u></b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time
<b>Mon 31st</b>	—	—	—	St John Bosco, <i>Priest</i>
<b>Tue 1st</b>	—	—	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Audrey Villa RIP <b><u>10:00am – 11:00am</u></b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—
<b>Wed 2nd</b>	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> A Special Intention and Holy Souls	—	—	The Presentation of the Lord
<b>Thur 3rd</b>	—	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Alice Lackenby RIP <b><u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u></b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Blaise <i>Bishop, Martyr</i> St Ansgar, <i>Bishop</i>
<b>Fri 4th</b>	<b><u>5:00pm – 6:30pm</u></b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b><u>6:30pm</u></b> Stephen Ellis RIP (BG)	—	—	—
<b>Sat 5th</b>	<b><u>6:00pm</u></b> Doug Greenwood RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 6th</b>	—	<b><u>10:30am</u></b> Brian Connor and the Connor Family	<b><u>9:00am</u></b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>		
<b><u>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</u></b> <b><u>St Joseph's</u></b> <b><u>after 9.30am Mass</u></b>	<b><u>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February</u></b> <b><u>EMSSPP Sanctuary</u></b> <b><u>6:00pm – 6:30pm</u></b>	<b><u>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February</u></b> <b><u>EMSSPP Sanctuary</u></b> <b><u>5:30pm – 6:00pm</u></b>
<b>Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469</b>		

**Bulletin Items:** If you would like a notice included in the next bulletin, please email [parishnewsletterstockton@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## ST. HILDA PARTNERSHIP



English Martyrs and  
Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's



St. Joseph's

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year C – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

<b>Clergy</b>	<b><u>Parish Priest:</u></b> Fr Mark Millward <b><u>Assistant Priest:</u></b> Fr Oliver Keyes <b><u>Deacon:</u></b> Paul Hargreaves <b><u>Retired Priest:</u></b> Fr Pat McKenna
<b>Parish Office</b>	<b><u>Hours:</u></b> Tuesday to Friday 10.00am till 2:00pm <b><u>Contact:</u></b> Gill Hall Tel. 01642 806469 <b><u>Email:</u></b> <a href="mailto:parishfamilystockton@outlook.com">parishfamilystockton@outlook.com</a>
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### **Reflection – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The reaction of the villagers of Nazareth to Jesus' proclamation of good news for the poor, the handicapped and disadvantaged is predictable. We have all suffered from failure of our own people to recognise our talents! In this case it is also fuelled by a paradoxical jealousy: in the moment of rejecting Jesus' message the villagers also want to reap the advantage of his miraculous healings. The rejection of Jesus by his own people provokes Luke to develop Jesus' teaching beyond that given by Mark or Matthew in their gospels: in Luke Jesus quotes instances which show God's care for those outside his traditional 'chosen people'.

God's love is universal, not limited by ethnic or any other boundaries. The Chosen People were chosen not so that they would selfishly emphasise how special they were to God, but so that salvation might be brought to the whole world. In the same way, in Christ's New Dispensation, his people (the Church) are chosen not just to enjoy God's benefits and love for themselves, but to be the instruments of his love for all. This is the same message as that of Paul in today's second reading: true love has no limits. Luke is especially aware that Jesus sends his message beyond the limits of the Chosen People.

Each of us has been chosen not for our own advantage but as an instrument to bring Christ to others. What does it mean to be one of God's 'chosen' people?

*Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB 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 Johan Ketterick RIP and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

### COVID MEASURES:

**The following measures will continue to apply so that our churches remain safe places to attend Mass:**

- Please scan the QR code provided or give your details to the stewards for Track and Trace.
- You will be asked to sanitise your hands as you enter and leave church.
- **Please 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’.
- If you have any cold, flu or gastric symptoms then please stay at home.

Please follow the marshals' guidance and co-operate with them as they do their job to seat people making best use of all the available space in church.

Thank you all for your co-operation and understanding. Fr Mark.

**Our marshals have a very important part to play in keeping us safe, but more numbers are needed for the rota - please volunteer to assist with this vital role, if you are able**

### St Joseph's Appeal

You may have noticed that necessary work has begun to renew the roof at St Joseph's. This will cost almost £50,000. We would then like to renew the lighting and decorate internally, we anticipate that this may cost up to another £50,000. We urgently need your financial help in these endeavours please. You may be able to give a financial contribution and where possible Gift Aid it, you may have fundraising ideas or you may like to consider increasing your weekly offering and again when possible to Gift Aid your donation. However you can help or whatever you can do will be gratefully received. Thank you – Fr Mark

Donations towards the Roof Fund of £2,515 have already been received – Sincere thanks to those who have contributed so far.

**White Flower Appeal:** Due to a miscommunication the White Flower Appeal did not take place last weekend at St Joseph's, Norton. The appeal will now take place on Sunday, 30 January. The appeal at English Martyrs & SS Peter & Paul will also be held open for another two weeks and donations can be given to Brenda Elmer.

**SPUC Youth Conference:** Why not join people from around the country at the SPUC 2022 Youth Conference (18 – 30 years) which takes place from Friday, 25 February to Sunday, 27 February at the Yarnfield Park Training & Conference Centre, Stone, Staffordshire. The Conference aims to educate, inspire and empower our young people to work for the pro-life movement. Cost for the weekend is £135 and there is some sponsorship still available. For further details please see poster at back of church or Contact Christine Pope, SPUC Stockton Office, 01642 602842

**The Northern Cross** is on sale at the back of church - priced at £1.50 a copy.

**Vacancies:** The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following full-time permanent vacancies:  
Health and Safety Officer to co-ordinate and manage all aspects of health and safety across the Diocese,  
Senior Administrator to manage and provide high quality administration support for the Department for Education.  
For further information and details of how to apply please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) or contact us on 0191 243 3301

**General Cleaning at English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul church:** If you would like to help keep the church clean please add your name to the list at the back of church or call the parish office.

**Is God calling you to be a Priest?:** The Diocesan Vocations Team have organised an overnight retreat for men aged 18+ to discern whether God is calling them to the Priesthood. **Date:** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022 5.00pm to Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February (after lunch) **Place:** Minsteracres Retreat Centre, Minsteracres, Consett, DH8 9RT. **Cost:** £50 (including meals and accommodation) Spaces are limited. Please contact Fr Shaun Purdy to book a place or for more information: [vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk) 01670 812 200 Bookings to be made by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

### SVP Update

South Sudan Appeal: The SVP in the North East is having its annual appeal to help the people of South Sudan. You have always been very generous and last year we were able to send £1000 from our three parishes to help out. If anyone wants to make a donation this year please put it in an envelope marked “SVP – Sudan Appeal” and give it to one of the conference members or put in the collection at Mass. Thank you very much!

**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](mailto: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’.

**Proud Catholics** - Caritas in action in our Diocese

Do you identify as LGBTQ+ or are you questioning your sexual or gender identity? Would you like to attend a support group run by and for LGBTQ+ 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., Newcastle NE1 6UW

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 15th February at 7.30pm** (GMT) and we will be joined by Fr Adrian Tuckwell and Bernadette Hirst to explore the work of the Vicariate of Caritas, which has been established in the Diocese for two years. Fr Adrian will outline some of the work that has been undertaken over many years and the recent initiatives. Bernadette will give an insight into the projects she is involved with, including Joe's Place and Green Pastures, initiatives which support homeless people. 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](mailto:proud.catholics@yahoo.com), or visit our website <http://www.proud Catholics.co.uk>

**Walsingham Pilgrimage 2022:** The 2022 Pilgrimage to Walsingham will depart on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July and return on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July. The costs of rooms are: £195 en-suite or £165 standard. £30 non-refundable deposit will secure your place. For further details, please contact Mary on 07952 321396 or Pat on 01642 650904.

**Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Lourdes Pilgrimage:** Preparations are beginning for our annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk) for an ‘expression of interest’ form.

**Thank you:** for the overwhelming generosity to the Apostleship of the Sea collection. A large number of Christmas bags were made up and handed to the seafarers. They really made a difference. Parishioners have continued to leave items another box has been delivered since Christmas, which was so gratefully received. Thank you so much for the generosity of our parishioners.

## Worldwide Church News

### Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for January: For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

## Prayer and Liturgy News

### First Reading

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations ‘So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. ‘I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.’

### Psalm:

*My lips will tell of your help.*

1.In you, O Lord, I take refuge;  
Let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice rescue me, free me:  
Pay heed to me and save me.

3.It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,  
My trust, O Lord, since my youth.  
On you I have leaned from my birth,  
From my mother's womb you have been my help.

### Second Reading

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

### Gospel

### **Luke 4:21-30**

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue: ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’ And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, ‘This is Joseph's son, surely?’ But he replied, ‘No doubt you will quote me the saying, “Physician, heal yourself” and tell me, “We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside.”’ And he went on, ‘I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. ‘There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.’ When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

**Year of the Eucharist:** The Diocese Vicariate for Faith & Mission has produced a reflection booklet, entitled Encountering the Father, as part of the Year of the Eucharist. A copy has been emailed to those on our mailing list and the booklet is also available to view on our website [www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk](http://www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk) (under Parish News / Diocesan Events) and will also be made available for download on the Diocesan website [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) . If anyone is unable to view the attachment or access the websites and would like a printed copy, then please let the parish office know.

## and now for some Light Relief...

**Thought for the Day:** Advice is like snow – the more softly it falls the better it takes hold.