

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
5th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C – 6th February 2022

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
Sat 5th	6:00pm Doug Greenwood RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 6th	—	10:30am Brian Connor and the Connor Family 4:00pm HOLY HOUR	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	5 th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 7th	—	—	—	—
Tue 8th	—	2:00pm Funeral Service Johan Ketterick RIP	9:30am For the Holy Father & the Synod of Bishops. That all may be guided by the Holy Spirit. That God's will be done 10:00am – 11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Jerome Emiliani, <i>Priest</i> St Josephine Bakhita, <i>Virgin</i>
Wed 9th	9:30am Sheila Earl RIP (MS)	—	—	—
Thur 10th	—	9:30am Catherine & Des Douglas RIP 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Scholastica, <i>Virgin</i>
Fri 11th	5:00pm – 6:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30pm Albert Swales	—	—	Our Lady of Lourdes
Sat 12th	6:00pm Paul & Vinnie Debono RIP (AA)	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 13th	9:00am Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Deceased McGuinness, Flynn & Duffy Families RIP	9:00am Norah McKeivitt RIP (AE)	6 th Sunday Ordinary Time

Thursday 10th February St Joseph's after 9.30am Mass	Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday 11th February EMSSPP Sanctuary 6:00pm – 6:30pm	Saturday 12th February 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. . .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
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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
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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Here I am send me'. Isaiah 6:8

Isaiah, Peter and Paul when contemplating the wonder and mystery of God are overcome by their sense of unworthiness. Isaiah: 'What a wretched state I am in, I am lost!', Peter: 'Leave me Lord, I am a sinful man', Paul: 'I hardly deserve the name apostle'.

An experience of mystery and sheer beauty moves us to realise our smallness, limits and weakness. We can despair in a sense of inadequacy: 'I am lost' - 'Leave me'. We can allow a sense of unworthiness to leave us like a rabbit in the headlights, paralysed by shame.

Our scriptures today inspire and motivate us to seek to move beyond our limits, to expand our hearts, to broaden our minds.

Of course all of us have our faults, weaknesses and yes, sinfulness, but God's grace ministered through his love for us heals and forgives us.

All three characters today experience God calling them despite their limitations and failings. They open their heart to God's mercy and compassion. They hear his call and say yes. 'Here I am, send me'

Fr Mark.

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 and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

UPDATE COVID MEASURES:

The following measures will continue to apply 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.
- You can register for track and trace by scanning the QR codes at the entrance of the church.
- We recommend that you wear a face mask in church unless you are exempt.
- Please still be mindful of social distancing.
- 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 rotas - please volunteer to assist with this vital role, if you are able to.

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: The appeal at English Martyrs & SS Peter & Paul will be held open for another week 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



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.

Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes: An invitation from the Hexham and Newcastle Lourdes Hospitalite: All are welcome to a Mass at St Aloysius, Hebburn on **11th February at 7pm** to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes which is also World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

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 25th February 2022 5.00pm to Saturday 26th 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 01670 812 200 Bookings to be made by **Thursday 10th February.**

SVP Update:

South Sudan Appeal: Thank you for the very generous donations we have received so far for the SVP South Sudan appeal. We will close this year's appeal this weekend by having a retiring collection at the end of Mass in each of our three churches. Once again, thank you very much for your generosity"

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'.

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, or visit our website <http://www.proud Catholics.co.uk>

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Dates: April 28th - May 5th, cost £900.00 for half board, flight extra flying to Tel Aviv. Please see poster for further details or contact Mrs J Thompson on 07726 147850 or Mrs J Taylor on 074602 55556. See poster on the notice board for full details.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2022: The 2022 Pilgrimage to Walsingham will depart on Friday 8th July and return on Sunday 10th 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.

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for February: *For religious sisters and consecrated women*

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Prayer and Liturgy News

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord of Hosts seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts. His glory fills the whole earth. The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of Hosts. Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Psalm:

137(138):1-5,7-8

Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

3. All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:
'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:3-8,11

Brothers, in the first place I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. But what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

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 (under Parish News / Diocesan Events) and will also be made available for download on the Diocesan website 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: One kind word can warm three winters. *Japanese proverb*