

**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year C – 13<sup>th</sup> February 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 12th</b>	<b><u>6:00pm</u></b> Paul & Vinnie Debono RIP (AA)	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 13th</b>	<b><u>9:00am</u></b> Mass for the Polish Community	<b><u>10:30am</u></b> Deceased McGuinness, Flynn & Duffy Families RIP	<b><u>9:00am</u></b> Norah McKevitt RIP (AE)	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time
<b>Mon 14th</b>	—	—	—	<b>Ss Cyril, Monk &amp; Methodius, <i>Bishop</i> Patrons of Europe</b>
<b>Tue 15th</b>	—	—	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Eileen Prat RIP (BL) <b><u>10:00am – 11:00am</u></b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—
<b>Wed 16th</b>	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Colin Clamp RIP (MS)	—	—	—
<b>Thur 17th</b>	—	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> John & Anne Scott in thanksgiving for 60yrs Marriage <b><u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u></b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	Seven Founders of the Service Order, <i>Religious</i>
<b>Fri 18th</b>	<b><u>5:00pm – 6:30pm</u></b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b><u>6:30pm</u></b> Thank you to all Church Helpers	—	—	—
<b>Sat 19th</b>	<b><u>6:00pm</u></b> Pat Chapman RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 20th</b>	—	<b><u>10:30am</u></b> Heather Hopfl RIP	<b><u>9:00am</u></b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February**  
**St Joseph's**  
**after 9.30am Mass**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February**  
**EMSSPP Sanctuary**  
**6:00pm – 6:30pm**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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](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

### **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year C – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

### 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  
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### Internet

**Parish YouTube:** [Stockton Parish Family](https://www.youtube.com/StocktonParishFamily)  
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**Parish website:** [www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk](http://www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk)  
**Diocesan website:** [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

Reflection 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

I may have mentioned to you once or twice before that I am not a fan of football. However, I came pretty close last Friday evening as I watched a match on the TV- Middlesbrough versus Manchester United in the FA Cup at Old Trafford- with friends who are most definitely football fans, and in particular fans of 'the Boro'.

What I saw of the game itself was neither here nor there for me. It was much the same as other games I have seen, although it turns out that by the time we switched on a good deal of the drama was already over- Ronaldo had missed a penalty, and Boro's equalising goal was shrouded in controversy. Some appeared to think that the goal should have been disallowed, but it was deemed to be in accordance with the rules of the game so it counted.

The penalty shoot-out was something else though. Talk about edge of your seat stuff. Boro emerged victorious, and even I may have let out a congratulatory 'yes!' when that happened... The next day I checked out the messages on the BBC Sport website. There was a mixed bag as you might expect, but on the whole huge support for Boro's win, even from Manchester fans. Many pointed out that the TV commentary appeared to favour Manchester. One such message was that as the game neared the end of extra time, a commentator said that Manchester only had a few minutes left to score again. Middlesbrough too only had a few minutes left to score again said the person who left the message, but that was not mentioned. The Boro had been overlooked, ignored- again.

We can all overlook things. We can all ignore things when it suits us - even those things that we really should pay attention to, that ought to prick our Christian conscience and that we should do something about.

We are all equal in God's eyes- even Manchester United and the Boro - so if we see or hear of any injustices this coming week, anything out of balance, may He give us the Grace to try and put things 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 Denis Carroll 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 £3,020 have already been received – Sincere thanks to those who have contributed so far.



**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.

**Funeral Collection:** The collection in memory of Pat Johnson RIP raised £112.55 which will be donated to Butterwick Hospice. Thank you to all who contributed.



**Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes:** Sean Jewitt designed and made a beautiful reflection for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes last year. This is still available to view on our Facebook website under 'videos' Thank you Sean!

**Bible Alive:** The Bible Alive annual subscription of £29.99 is now due. Please hand in to the parish office. Thank you.

**The Family of Norma Price** would like Norma's fellow parishioners to know that Norma died on the 20<sup>th</sup> January and her funeral took place on the 27<sup>th</sup>. We know you will remember her in your prayers.

**Thank you:** the following totals have been passed on to the relevant charities in respect of donations received during the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021:

Holy Family India Project £90; St Cuthbert's Care £118; CAFOD £174.80; PACT £5 and Missionaries of Africa (Fr Vincent) £1,525.21. Sincere thanks to all those who contributed.

**Pro-Life Holy Hour:** The next pro-life Holy Hour will take place on Thursday 24th February after 9:30 Mass at St Cuthbert. All welcome. Please come and pray for the Sanctity of life and the unborn.

**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

### **SVP Update:**

South Sudan Appeal: Thanks to your kindness and generosity our SVP conference has been able to send a cheque for £1500 on behalf of our three churches to the annual South Sudan appeal. Your donations will make a big difference in supporting the baby feeding centre in Lologu, providing rations at the Displaced Persons Camp and helping the Health Care Centre with the provision of free health services. Once again, many many thanks for your continued kindness and generosity and may God bless 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](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'.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:** Dates: April 28<sup>th</sup> - May 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 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.

## 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

**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.

### **First Reading**

**Jeremiah 17:5-8**

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

**Psalm:**

**1:1-4,6**

***Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.***

1. Happy indeed is the man  
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;  
nor lingers in the way of sinners  
nor sits in the company of scorners,  
but whose delight is the law of the Lord  
and who ponders his law day and night.

2. He is like a tree that is planted  
beside the flowing waters,  
that yields its fruit in due season  
and whose leaves shall never fade;  
and all that he does shall prosper.

3. Not so are the wicked, not so!  
For they like winnowed chaff  
shall be driven away by the wind:  
for the Lord guards the way of the just  
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

### **Second reading**

**1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20**

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

### **Gospel**

**6:17,20-26**

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

## and now for some Light Relief...

**Thought for the Day:** I sought to hear the voice of God and climbed the topmost steeple, but God declared: "Go down again- I dwell among the people." *St John Henry Newman*