

**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year C – 20<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 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
<b>Mon 21st</b>	—	—	—	St Peter Damian, <i>Bishop, Doctor</i>
<b>Tue 22nd</b>	—	—	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> In Thanksgiving for Prayers answered (CMO) <b><u>10:00am – 11:00am</u></b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b>The Chair of St Peter, Apostle</b>
<b>Wed 23rd</b>	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Family & Friends (PW)	—	—	St Polycarp, <i>Bishop, Martyr</i>
<b>Thur 24th</b>	—	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Jen Cadman RIP <b><u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u></b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	—
<b>Fri 25th</b>	<b><u>5:00pm – 6:30pm</u></b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b><u>6:30pm</u></b> Colin Clamp RIP (MH)	<b><u>2:00pm</u></b> Requiem Mass Denis Carroll RIP	—	—
<b>Sat 26th</b>	<b><u>6:00pm</u></b> Ronnie Watson RIP (MH)	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 27th</b>	<b><u>9:00am</u></b> Mass for the Polish Community	<b><u>10:30am</u></b> Betty & Jack Robson RIP and Margaret & Charles Garbutt RIP	<b><u>9:00am</u></b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>		
<b><u>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February</u></b> <b><u>St Joseph's</u></b> <b><u>after 9.30am Mass</u></b>	<b><u>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February</u></b> <b><u>EMSSPP Sanctuary</u></b> <b><u>6:00pm – 6:30pm</u></b>	<b><u>Saturday 26<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

### **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year C – 20<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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**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 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

Luke's version of the Beatitudes, which formed last Sunday's reading, puts the emphasis not on Christian attitudes, as Matthew's version does, but on the blessing on those in real, dire need. Now he continues this without duty to respond to those in need, even if they are hostile, even if they hate us. There must be no calculation whether we will get back money or property lent, no limit to how much we lend or give.

At first it seems as if Luke is concerned only with money, and indeed he is so concerned, for he is always warning of the danger of possessions and the need to use them for those who have none. Luke is proclaiming Christ's Good News to a more affluent society than do Mark and Matthew, and places all the more emphasis on the danger of wealth. But, after dealing with money, Luke goes on to other acts of generosity. We must not judge, but must forgive in order to obtain forgiveness. Most of all, we must be compassionate.

Whereas Matthew ends his instructions here with a general, 'Be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect', Luke focuses on compassion, 'Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate.' It is an affair of the heart: we must be emotionally involved with those in need.

Which is more important, compassion or generosity?

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 Denis Carroll, Mary Ascough 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 Refurbishment Fund of £3,210 have already been received – Sincere thanks to those who have contributed so far.

**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.

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

**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'.

### **Synod: Join the Conversation...**

Last weekend, Partnerships across the Diocese sent people to join Bishop Robert for a morning of prayer, talking and listening, and to feedback on what they have heard during the last few months of our Diocesan Synod process. There was a lot of energy in the room, a joyful atmosphere, and people described "an overwhelming feeling of the Holy Spirit at work"; "It has been uplifting and inspiring."; "So many people with so many really good things to talk about."; "Coming along today has been a real joy." Bishop Robert said, "We've had a very fruitful morning... we go forward trusting each other, and with a confidence in the joy and power of the Gospel".

If you've not been part of the conversation yet, there is one more opportunity at 7 pm on Wednesday 23rd February. There will be an online gathering where you can join in to add your voice to the Synod. To register and Join the Conversation, visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/synod-join-the-conversation/>

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Online Retreat for Lent:** the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow is holding an online retreat for Lent which is open to all and this year, to celebrate the 500 years since the conversion of St. Ignatius Loyola, is based on his life. Each day of Lent the retreat we provide an episode from the life of Ignatius, Music, Art, a reading from Scripture and a reflection. Participants can join an online group for a weekly meeting with others to share the fruits of their prayer. The retreat is available on the web ([www.onlineprayer.net](http://www.onlineprayer.net)) as an App, or a book. For more details see their website at [www.iscglasgow.co.uk](http://www.iscglasgow.co.uk)

## 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**

**1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 11-13,22-23**

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. He called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

### **Psalm**

*The Lord is compassion and love.*

**102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13**

1.My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
All my being, bless his holy name,  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
And never forget all his blessings

2.It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion.

3.The Lord is compassion and love,  
Slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
Nor repay us according to our faults.

4.As far as the east is from the west  
So far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion for his sons,  
The Lord has pity on those who fear him.

### **Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 15:45-49**

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

### **Gospel**

**Luke 6:27-38**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

**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:** If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together. *African Proverb*