

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
8th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C – 27th February 2022

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
Sat 26th	6:00pm Ronnie Watson RIP (MH)	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 27th	9:00am Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Betty & Jack Robson RIP and Margaret & Charles Garbutt RIP	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	8 th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 28th	—	—	—	
Tue 1st	—	—	9:30am The Livingston Family 10:00am – 11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales
Wed 2nd	9:30am Wayne Thomas RIP (MS)	7:00pm Betty Sparks RIP	12:00noon Sheila Peggs RIP (PA)	ASH WEDNESDAY
Thur 3rd	—	9:30am Noel Rodrigues RIP (PDR) 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	—
Fri 4th	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Colin Clamp RIP (JC) Followed by Stations of the Cross	11:30am – 12:30am Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Casimir
Sat 5th	6:00pm Anne Brannen RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 6th		10:30am Kathleen & Bob Martin RIP (LC) 4:00pm HOLY HOUR	9:00am Eileen Frances Henry RIP	1 st Sunday of Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Thursday 3rd March St Joseph's after 9.30am Mass	Friday 4th March EMSSPP Sanctuary 6:00pm – 6:30pm	Saturday 5th March 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

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Clergy

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Millward
Assistant Priest: Fr Oliver Keyes
Deacon: Paul Hargreaves
Retired Priest: Fr Pat McKenna

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Diocesan website: www.rcdhn.org.uk

2022 Lent Activities in our parishes



EMSSPP: Tuesdays at 11:30am
 Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten Lunch at 12noon

St. Bede's: Tuesdays after Mass
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Joseph's: Fridays 11:30am – 12:30am
 Stations of the Cross followed by
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

EMSSPP: Fridays
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00pm,
 followed by **Mass at 6:00pm**,
 followed by Stations of the Cross

Lent Study Group
 Tuesdays at 7:00pm in EMSSPP Hall

All are Welcome

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 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 Refurbishment Appeal

The work to renew the roof at St Joseph's has been completed. This cost almost £50,000. We would now like to renew the lighting and decorate internally and externally, and 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 £3,431 have already been received – Sincere thanks to those who have contributed so far.

Proud Catholics - Stations of the Cross: Do you identify as LGBT+ or are you questioning your sexual or gender identity? Would you like to attend a support group run by and for LGBT+ 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.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 15th March at 7.30pm** (GMT). Christians traditionally pray the Stations of the Cross during Lent to remember and share in Jesus' painful journey from the Garden of Gethsemane to the garden of his tomb. We will pray the Stations together around the walls of St Andrew's, joining those who encountered Jesus during those hours of suffering, and remembering that this is ultimately an uplifting pilgrimage, culminating in the Resurrection. For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit our website <http://www.proud Catholics.co.uk>

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'.

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: £195en-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.

St. Bede's Red Boxes: The Mission Boxes are now due for collection. Could you please leave the boxes at the back of Church, or ring John Evans on 01642 895739 who will arrange collection.

St Cuthbert's Care Lenten Alms 2022: Five members of our clergy are living with us at Holy Cross. **Canon Robert Spence** has asked to share a Lenten message with you all: "This has always been one of my favourite charities. I've always loved supporting St Cuthbert's Care right from the time that Sister Fintan engaged me as a football coach at the lovely children's home at Ryhope! I never thought I would end my days at Holy Cross Home in the care of the marvellous staff who keeps us all safe, peaceful, and happy. With your help, through your Lenten Alms, St Cuthbert's Care can bring a smile to the faces of countless folk of all generations' right across the North East. Thank you for all the support you give this great local charity. You are helping make Hexham and Newcastle the sort of church Pope Francis is urging us to be!" This Lent, we hope that we may be able to call upon your kindness to help us raise funds towards a new vehicle. Please give generously.

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.

Women's World Day of Prayer: A service for everyone will be held at **2:00pm on 4th March at Norton Methodist Church.**

Lent Reflection Booklet: As we approach the season of Lent, the Diocese Vicariate for Faith and Mission has now produced the first part of the booklet of Lenten reflections. Last year's Lenten booklet was very well received. The past couple of years have probably felt like a very long Lent to many people, so now is a very appropriate liturgical season to express and engage fully with our tribulations. As Christians, we have a hope that shines at the end of every rough road, and we trust that this year's booklet will foster prayerful reflection on the Scriptures' relevance to our daily Christian living as we look forward to Easter. The reflections have been contributed by a mix of clergy, religious and lay people to express the richness and variety of our diocesan community. To access the booklet visit www.diocesehn.org.uk, select 'Liturgy & Prayer', then scroll down to Lent Reflections.

Sycamore for Lent: "We are pilgrims 'journeying together' whose listening and speaking is that of those who seek and not that of those who believe they have found."

Sycamore opens up the heart of the Christian message and helps people to grow in faith. The films give an inspiring vision of Catholic Christianity. They involve some clear teaching and thought-provoking testimonies. The discussion groups, even online, help people grow in friendship and build a sense of community. The Diocese Vicariate for Faith and Mission invite you to join on such a journey this Lenten season. We will gather online each Sunday from 6 March to 10 April at 4.00pm until 5.15pm. Why not invite a friend to come along too? This is a free course. Please register at www.diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/lent-sycamore-course.

Stations of the Cross: Commence on Friday this week, see times on the back of the newsletter. **Please note the earlier Mass time at EMSSPP.**

Lent Study Group: Fr Mark will host a Lent Study Group on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in EMSSPP Hall. All are welcome.

Eighth Sunday – Year C – 27th February 2022

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

Psalm:

91(92):2-3,13-16

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night.

2. The just will flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

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: Do you want the Lord to give you many graces? Visit him in the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist and the devil will be powerless against you. *St John Bosco*