

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
Palm Sunday Year C – 10th April 2022

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
Sat 9th	6:00pm Norma Price RIP (CMM)	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 10th	9:00am Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Thanksgiving Golden Wedding of George & Veronica	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	Palm Sunday
Mon 11th	—	9:30am Brian Armstrong RIP (PDR)	—	—
Tue 12th	11:30am Stations of the Cross 12:00 noon Lenten Lunch	1:00pm Funeral Service Hayley Johnson RIP	9:30am In Thanksgiving (50) (P&S) 10:00am – 11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—
Wed 13th	9:30am Angela Armstrong RIP (A&M) 10:45am Funeral Service Elsie Booth RIP	—	7:00pm Stations of the Cross	—
Thur 14th	—	7:00pm Mass of the Last Supper Healing (PT)	—	Maundy Thursday
Fri 15th	3:00pm Celebration of the Passion	3:00pm Celebration of the Passion	3:00pm Celebration of the Passion	Good Friday
Sat 16th	8:00pm Easter Vigil Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	—	—	Holy Saturday
Sun 17th	—	10:30am Deceased Legionaries from The Legion of Mary RIP	9:00am John (Jack) Henry RIP	Easter Sunday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available Saturday 9th April 5:00pm – 5:45pm
After Mass on Monday 11th April, Tuesday 12th April & Wednesday 13th April

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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St. Bede's



St. Joseph's

PARISH NEWSLETTER
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Clergy

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Millward
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Deacon: Paul Hargreaves

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Diocesan website: www.rcdhn.org.uk

Reflection – Palm Sunday

This reading announces the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem at the end of his long journey.

In Luke the cheers are concentrated not merely on the Kingdom, but on the King himself, who comes in the name of the LORD. Their cries of the people echo (and excel) those of the angels at the nativity, 'Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!'

For Luke, Jerusalem is the hinge: it is the turning-point where the gospel ends and the Acts of the Apostles begins, and the Good News is spread to the ends of the earth.

During the previous ten chapters of the Gospel all the concentration has been on this journey up to Jerusalem, where Jesus is to suffer and so rise again. There has been an air of tragedy about the journey: Jesus' death has been constantly in mind, for it has been stressed that no prophet can perish away from Jerusalem.

As Jesus enters the city, he weeps over its refusal to accept him, just as he had done earlier on his journey (13:34-35) and as he will do as he leaves Jerusalem for execution.

How do I welcome the Lord into my life? Do I constantly recognise his presence with me?

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

The following COVID 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.**
- **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.

Holy Places: There will be a second collection this weekend for Holy Places. Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory Envelopes PLEASE REMEMBER TO COLLECT YOUR NEW BOX OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR FROM CHURCH. Please let the Parish office know if you do not have any and would like some, if your address has changed, or if you no longer require a box. Many thanks.

St Joseph's Refurbishment Appeal

The new the roof at St Joseph's has been completed and has 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 £4,784 have already been received – Sincere thanks to those who have contributed so far.

Refurbishment Appeal Concert: Date for your diary - on **Saturday 23 April at 7.30pm.** Bella Canta Ladies Choir will be singing at St Joseph's. To raise funds for the roof there will be a retiring collection, a raffle and refreshments. In this week's newsletter at St Joseph's you will find a flyer for the roof fund raiser concert. Please give it to a friend or put it through your neighbour's door. The more people that come, the more tiles we will pay for!

CELEBRATE AFTER THE EASTER VIGIL: You are invited to join us in the hall after the service for refreshments and a shared table. Everyone is welcome any contributions gratefully received.

The Forge, Norton: Pope Francis says in Laudato Si "we can all collaborate.... so that our mother Earth returns to its original beauty and creation again shines according to God's plan." _In Norton we can help to do this on our own doorstep! **The Forge** offers a wide range of good quality eco-friendly household cleaning and toiletries products with refill options, reducing plastic waste. There is also a toy loan scheme. Open Thurs 10am - 7pm, Friday 10am - 2pm, Sat 9am - 2pm. Located under the Hambletonian on The Green, through the black gates at the side of the building, on the right.

Magnificat: Enjoy your free digital Holy Week and April issues of Magnificat at the following website address:www.magnificat.com/april

CAFOD: Thank you so much for your support of CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day, the Walk Against Hunger and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Your support means we can respond in crises such as Ukraine where our Caritas aid workers and volunteers could quickly help families fleeing conflict. It also means we're there in the long-term and can continue to respond to crises around the world, including in Afghanistan, Syria, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. We work alongside communities as they rebuild their lives once the conflict is over, as in Sierra Leone. For lots more detail on how your donations are being used, please go to the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk

Catholic Women Speak, an international forum for dialogue and awareness-raising around issues to do with women in the Catholic Church, invites Catholic women to take part in a survey that will form part of a submission to the Synodal process. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and is available in six languages, with further information available here: <https://catholicwomenspeak.com/catholic-women-international-synod-survey>

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'.

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. 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.

Proud Catholics: 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, 19th April at 7.30pm** (BST). Join us as we journey together in hope through the blessed Easter season. The meeting will offer an opportunity to take stock and rejoice in the wonders of the risen Lord as well as exploring ways to keep the sense of hope and renewal alive through prayer, scripture, song and art. Together lets experience peace, stillness, faith and inspiration in Christ our Paschal Mystery. For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit our website <http://www.proud Catholics.co.uk>

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis Monthly Intentions for April: Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Prayer and Liturgy News

CHURCHES TOGETHER NORTON – GOOD FRIDAY: The Good Friday celebration will take place outside Costa on Friday 15th April at 11am. After the service there will be refreshments at Norton Methodist Church.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 24 APRIL: St Joseph's Norton 2.30pm Holy Hour, Confessions – Chaplet – Benediction. Please begin the Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday

SAVE THE DATE: "God wants to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart." - Our Lady of Fatima: The Fatima Immaculate Heart pilgrim statue is coming to EMSPP on the **18-19th June.**

Liturgy Courses: The Diocesan Liturgy Team will be running the following courses in April and May: Welcomers' Course, New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Course and a Sacristans' Course. If you wish to find out more information about these courses and how to register for them, please contact the Faith & Mission admin team: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2022: Unfortunately, there is no Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year but it is hoped to have a large presence of pilgrims in Lourdes from the North East. Tangney Tours have **organised LOURDES 2022 direct from Newcastle July 29th – August 4th** For full details and costs which begin at £790 for travel by air, full board and full pilgrimage programme please contact Tangney Tours 01732886666 / email : sales@tangney-tours.com or book on line www.tangney-tours.com

Poverty Challenge: See Judge, Act - Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), the Catholic agency addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, and to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read and encourage groups and individuals to engage with it. Download from www.csan.org.uk

Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If any one asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it.' And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.'

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Psalms

21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
I can count every one of my bones.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Year of the Eucharist: The Vicariate for Faith and Mission has now produced the '*Encountering the Son*' booklet, which is the second of a series of three booklets to accompany the Year of the Eucharist and our Diocesan Synodal reflection. The booklet is available on the Diocesan website <https://diocesehn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Year-of-the-Eucharist-Encountering-the-Son-reflection-booklet.pdf> As we journey through this Lenten season, we hope that this booklet will help all the faithful of our diocese to deepen their personal relationship to our Lord, so they can more closely follow his example and teachings as active members of our universal Church family and in communion with all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

and now for some Light Relief...

Thought for the Day: In God's house we must try to accept any job for we know that our reward depends on the faithfulness with which we serve him. *Pope John Paul I*