

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
7th Sunday of Easter Year C – 29th May 2022

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
Sat 28th	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Brian Alderson RIP (PA)	9:30am Colin Clamp RIP (PMc,CR,PW)	—	—
Sun 29th	1:00pm 'Raise the Roof' May Flower Festival	10:30am Intentions of Susan Douglas (PM&WJ)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	7th Sunday of Easter
Mon 30th	—	—	—	—
Tue 31st	12:30pm Requiem Mass Madeline Spencer RIP	—	9:30am Intentions of Bernadette Lamb (PR) 10:00am – 11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed 1st	9:30am Anton Ayupalu RIP	—	—	St Justin, <i>Martyr</i>
Thur 2nd	—	10:30am Pat Johnson RIP (SVP) 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	Ss Marcellinus & Peter, <i>Martyrs</i>
Fri 3rd	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Pat Chapman RIP	—	—	St Charles Lwanga and Companions, <i>Martyrs</i>
Sat 4th	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Clare & Thomas Evans RIP (CJ)	9:30am Intentions of Mary Marshall (SVP)	—	—
Sun 5th	—	10:30am Intentions of Ann, Denis Sutheran & Family (KLG)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	Pentecost Sunday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 2nd June
St Joseph's Legion Room
after 9.30am Mass

Friday 3rd June
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 4th June
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

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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Reflection 7th Sunday of Easter

The final chapter of Jesus's sayings at the Last supper is a prayer which both gives meaning to the sacrifice which Jesus is about to make and at the same time is a meditation on the Lord's Prayer.

In today's portion Jesus speaks to his Father (also 'Our Father') with that perfect love which he will express most fully in his acceptance of torture and death on the cross.

The story of the Crucifixion is not a story of rejection, but is the story of the most perfect union of Father and Son in love and willing obedience. It will make the Name, that is the love, of the Father fully known ('Hallowed be thy Name'). It will also grant Jesus that 'glory which he had before the foundation of the world' (Thy Kingdom come').

But the kingdom is not complete without those who believe in Jesus and belong to him. The completion of the Kingdom is the work of the Spirit which is to come upon the Church at Pentecost. The story of its completion is, with all its twist and turns, its failures, its chastisements and its recoveries, the history of the Church.

Which petition of the Lord's Prayer is most important to you?


Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB from Wednesday Word

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family who are ill.
Recent Bereavements
Please pray for Madeline Spencer, John-Paul French 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.

 **'Raise the Roof' May Flower Festival:** will be held at **1pm on Sunday 29th May** in EMSSPP Church and grounds. There will be a Flower procession with floral art representing images of Mary, refreshments and activity stalls and children's games. All proceeds will go towards the St. Joseph's refurbishment fund. All are welcome.

PARISHES PLATINUM PARTY SUNDAY 5th JUNE: Join us on at 2.00pm at English Martyrs SS Peter & Paul's Church to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. See the posters for full details. Everyone is welcome.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Friday 3rd June: Norton will celebrate the with a Community Picnic at Norton Green/ Parish Hall from 11am to 4 pm. There will be a Bake Off competition, Dog Show, children's crafts and games, Family Bingo, music, celebration cake and prize-giving. (Bring your own picnic, deck chairs etc.) Toilet facilities will be open and tea and coffee served from St. Mary's Parish Hall with donations to the Disaster Emergency Committee.

Vincentian Appeal: Fr Jude, a Vincentian Missionary Priest will be visiting our parishes on the weekend of 28th & 29th May to appeal for support with their work.

Advance Notice: there will be a second collection for The Lay Training Fund on the weekend of 4th / 5th June.



All the Parishes are asked to Support the Community Larder St Andrews Church Hardwick.

Boxes will be available at each Church for donations of tinned and dry products (pasta, rice, cereals, flour etc.) toiletries, toilet rolls, nappies, sanitary and laundry products. The Larder is open every Wednesday 11-1.30pm. Everyone is welcome regardless of income, no referral is required. You can purchase 8 items for £1; some items are free or for a small donation. In this challenging time any donation will be gratefully received. Fr Mark.

Diocesan Corpus Christi Celebration: A bus will leave **Ss Peter & Paul Church on Sunday 19th June 1:15pm** to go to Ushaw to celebrate a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament with Bishop Robert. **The bus will be free, please sign up at the back of church if you would like to go.**

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 £5,560 have already been received – Sincere thanks to those who have contributed so far.

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.

Little Sisters of the Poor Appeal: The Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's Home in Newcastle are finding the current economic climate increasingly more difficult. The emergency lockdown measures we have had to implement to aid efforts to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and keep our residents safe have had a massive impact on our fundraising activities and the charitable donations we rely on to meet the ever increasing daily running costs of the Home. We are appealing for urgent donations to help us continue with our work of caring for the Elderly. In these uncertain times, small acts of kindness can make a huge difference in helping our Home. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We are extremely grateful to you for the kindness shown to us. Cheques made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' can be sent to: **St Joseph's Home, Westmoreland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA.** Alternatively, secure, online donations can be made by visiting: **www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/**

Walsingham Pilgrimage: Balances are due by 28th May – for further details contact Mary on 07952 321396 or Pat on 01642 650904.

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'.

Vacancies: The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:
Property Surveyor – full-time, fixed term contract – 2 years. Flexible working is available. Closing date for applications: 1 June 2022
IT Project Manager – full-time. Fixed term contract – 12 months.
Closing date for applications: 2 June 2022Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us 0191 243 3301

Proud Catholics – Mass: 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, 21st June at 7.30pm** (BST). We will join together to celebrate Mass at St Andrew's and Mass will be followed by social time in the Chaplaincy room. 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>

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis Monthly Intentions for May: Faith-Filled Young People:
We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service
CAFOD: The paradox of abundance Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in

transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! **CAFOD's** new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our *Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey* resource.

Prayer and Liturgy News

Pentecost - Teesside Churches Together Unity Service 5th June 6pm at Stockton Parish Church. Teesside Churches Together, an evening of worship and prayer at Stockton Parish Church. The evening will be led by a number of leaders from across denominations and areas of Teesside. There is no need to book, but please arrive early if you need a seat.

Fatima Weekend: On the 18-19th June, the World Apostolate of Fatima-England and Wales is bringing to our parish the national pilgrim statue of Fatima Immaculate Heart of Mary, as approved by the Bishop. This beautiful statue was blessed at the Chapel of the Apparitions at Fatima, Portugal in 2018 to prepare the faithful for the Centenary of the Pontevedra apparition. On 10 December 1925, Our Lord and Our Lady requested the communion of Reparation on the Five First Saturdays. Pope St John Paul II said the Fatima message "is the true Gospel of Christ presented anew to our generation... Let us receive the light that comes from Fatima, let us be guided by Mary." All are invited and encouraged to come and see this beautiful statue with the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco.

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>

Stella Maris Day of Prayer & Pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne: Saturday 4th June 2022 led by the Rt Rev Paul Mason, Stella Maris Bishop Promoter, England & Wales. A peaceful day of prayer and reflection. Join us to pray for seafarers and for everyone involved in our ministry and charity. **Celtic** Prayers on the Green 12noon. Concelebrated Mass in **St Mary the Virgin Church 3pm.**
Safe Crossing Times9:10am – 17.05pmParish groups, families & individuals all welcome. For further information, please contact Regional Port Chaplains Paul Atkinson (07906 212 426) or Peter Barrigan (07713 924 504)

Seventh Sunday of Easter – Year C – 29th May 2022

First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at God's right hand. 'I can see heaven thrown open' he said 'and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' At this all the members of the council shouted out and stopped their ears with their hands; then they all rushed at him, sent him out of the city and stoned him. The witnesses put down their clothes at the feet of a young man called Saul. As they were stoning him, Stephen said in invocation, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and said aloud, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them'; and with these words he fell asleep.

Psalm:

96(97):1-2,6-7,9

The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, the many coastlands be glad. His throne is justice and right.	The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. All you spirits, worship him.	For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth, exalted far above all spirits.
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Second Reading

Apocalypse 22:12-14,16-17,20

I, John, heard a voice speaking to me: 'Very soon now, I shall be with you again, bringing the reward to be given to every man according to what he deserves. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Happy are those who will have washed their robes clean, so that they will have the right to feed on the tree of life and can come through the gates into the city.'
I, Jesus, have sent my angel to make these revelations to you for the sake of the churches. I am of David's line, the root of David and the bright star of the morning.
The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' Let everyone who listens answer, 'Come.' Then let all who are thirsty come: all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free.
The one who guarantees these revelations repeats his promise: I shall indeed be with you soon. Amen; come, Lord Jesus.

Gospel

John 17:20-26

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, I pray not only for these, but for those also who through their words will believe in me. May they all be one. Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me. I have given them the glory you gave to me, that they may be one as we are one. With me in them and you in me, may they be so completely one that the world will realise that it was you who sent me and that I have loved them as much as you loved me. Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Father, Righteous One, the world has not known you, but I have known you, and these have known that you have sent me. I have made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and so that I may be in them.'

and now for some Light Relief...

Thought for the Day: Peace begins with a smile.

Mother Teresa