

**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
Pentecost Sunday Year C – 29th May 2022**

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
Sat 4th	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Clare & Thomas Evans RIP (CJ)	9:30am Intentions of Mary Marshall (SVP)	—	—
Sun 5th	2:00pm Parishes' Platinum Party	10:30am Intentions of Ann, Denis Sutheran & Family (KLG)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	Pentecost Sunday
Mon 6th	—	—	—	Mary Mother of the Church
Tue 7th	—	10:30am Funeral Service John-Paul French RIP	9:30am Lawrence Moorside Snr & Lawrence Moorside Jnr RIP (GEM) 10:00am – 11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Robert of Newminster, <i>Abbot</i>
Wed 8th	9:30am Les Pollas RIP	—	—	St William of York, <i>Bishop</i>
Thur 9th	—	9:30am McQueeney Family 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest
Fri 10th	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Catherine & Ronald Watson RIP (MH)	—	—	—
Sat 11th	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Lawrence Stephenson RIP (PS)	10:00am First Holy Communion St. Joseph's School	10:00am First Holy Communion St. Bede's School	St Barnabas, <i>Apostle</i>
Sun 12th	9:00am Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	9:00am Irene, Stan & Peter Collins RIP (DO)	Trinity Sunday

Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Thursday 9th June St Joseph's Legion Room after 9.30am Mass	Friday 10th June EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm	Saturday 11th 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
Pentecost Sunday Year C – 5th June 2022

Clergy

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Millward
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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 John Paul French, Madeline Spencer, Reginald Cook 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.



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 flyer and posters for full details. Everyone is welcome.

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.**

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.

The Lay Training Fund Collection: There will be a second collection for The Lay Training Fund on this weekend. Please give generously if you can.

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.

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.

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/

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.

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'.

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>

Certificate in Pastoral Ministry – starting in September 2022

Are you currently involved in Church ministry but wish you knew more about your faith? Do you sometimes lack confidence and feel you could benefit from further training and formation? Do you want to grow in your faith and ministry and perhaps find new ways to share your gifts with others? We have a course designed just for you.

The Certificate in Pastoral Ministry is an online, two-year learning experience created with the busy person in mind. It will take you on a journey of discovery about key aspects of the Catholic faith while helping you to reflect upon your own ministry and the ministry of others. To find out more join us online for one of our information evenings: Tuesday 14th June 2022 or Wednesday 22nd June 2022 from 7:30pm - 9:00pm. To register your interest for one of the information evenings, or for further information please email adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

The 'Raise the Roof' May Flower Festival: on 29th May raised £891.00. All proceeds are to be donated for the renovation of St. Joseph's church. Thank you all for your continued support. God bless.

The Vincentian Appeal: a total of £1,151.15 was raised for Fr Jude's appeal last weekend. Sincere thanks to everyone for your generosity.

More news from Uganda

Fr. Vincent reports that refugees are coming in big numbers from Congo as there is fresh fighting there. On Easter Sunday he fed more than a dozen people who had arrived at the Mission. Father says "It is very stressful to see the little children looking for food from me. All their clothes are torn and there are a lot of malaria cases. **Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his Mission.**

Worldwide Church News

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.

Pope Francis Monthly Intentions for June: For families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

Prayer and Liturgy News

Pentecost - Teesside Churches Together Unity Service Sunday 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.

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>

First reading

Genesis 11:1-9

Throughout the earth men spoke the same language, with the same vocabulary. Now as they moved eastwards they found a plain in the land of Shinar where they settled. They said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks and bake them in the fire.' (For stone they used bricks, and for mortar they used bitumen). 'Come,' they said 'let us build ourselves a town and a tower with its top reaching heaven. Let us make a name for ourselves, so that we may not be scattered about the whole earth.' Now the Lord came down to see the town and the tower that the sons of man had built. 'So they are all a single people with a single language!' said the Lord. 'This is but the start of their undertakings! There will be nothing too hard for them to do. Come, let us go down and confuse their language on the spot so that they can no longer understand one another.' The Lord scattered them thence over the whole face of the earth, and they stopped building the town. It was named Babel therefore, because there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth. It was from there that the Lord scattered them over the whole face of the earth.

Psalm

103(104):1,24,29-31,34

Response: Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches.

2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-17

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live. Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel

John 14:15-16,23-26

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever. 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Thought for the Day: A lie can travel halfway around the world, while the truth is putting on its shoes.

Mark Twain