

Prayer and Liturgy News

Nativity of the Lord Year A – 25th December 2022

First reading: Isaiah 52:7-1

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, 'Your God is king!' Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion. Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem. The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 97(98):1-6

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. his right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.
 2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love. or the house of Israel.
 3. All the ends of the earth have seen. the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.
4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

Second reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name. God has never said to any angel: *You are my Son, today I have become your father*; or: *I will be a father to him and he a son to me*. Again, when he brings the First-Born into the world, he says: *Let all the angels of God worship him*.

Gospel: John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. John appears as his witness. He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.' Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received – yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Mary, Mother of God Year A – 1st January 2023

First reading: Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: 'This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.' This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

Responsorial Psalm 66:2-3,5,6,8

Oh God, be gracious and bless us.

1. God be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.
2. Let the nations be glad and exult For you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, You guide the nations on earth.
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; Let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing Till the ends of the earth revere him.

Second Reading Paul 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts; the Spirit that cries, Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you a son, then he has made you heir.

Gospel Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told. When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him, before his conception.

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis Monthly Intentions for December: Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Pope Francis Monthly Intentions for January: For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Thought for the Day

I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. Charles Dickens

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English Martyrs and
Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's



St. Joseph's

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Fr Mark, Fr Ollie and Deacon Paul wish you and your loved ones a very Happy, Holy and Peaceful Christmas. With every Blessing for the New Year.

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

The Nativity of the Lord Year A – 25th December 2022

	<u>English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's</u>	<u>St Joseph's</u>	<u>St Bede's</u>	<u>Feast Days this week</u>
Sat 24th	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	9:30am Maureen Simpson & Mary McCune RIP (PM)	—	—
Sun 25th	9:30am Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Catherine Hanson RIP (MH)	9:00am Deceased Members of the Henry & Hamill Families RIP	The Nativity of the Lord
Mon 26th	9:30am Valerie, Marsden & Stephen Ellis RIP (BG)	—	—	St Stephen First Martyr
Tue 27th	—	—	9:30am Don & Betty Wallace RIP (AF) 10:00am – 11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St John Apostle & Evangelist
Wed 28th	9:30am Deceased Members of the Watson Family RIP (MH)	—	—	The Holy Innocents Martyrs
Thur 29th	—	9:30am Colin Clamp RIP (JC) 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Thomas Becket Bishop
Fri 30th	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Ian & Keith Langford RIP	—	—	Holy Family
Sat 31st	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Dennis Jenkins RIP (CJ)	9:30am Deceased Members of the Williams & Hamilton Families RIP (PH)	—	Seventh Day of Christmas Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 1st	4:00pm Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Gwen Campbell RIP (BH)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	Mary Mother of God

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 29th December
St Joseph's Legion Room
after 9.30am Mass

Friday 30th December
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 31st December
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.

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

Mary The Mother of God Year A – 1st January 2023

	<u>English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's</u>	<u>St Joseph's</u>	<u>St Bede's</u>	<u>Feast Days this week</u>
Mon 2nd	—	—	—	Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen <i>Bishops, Doctors</i>
Tue 3rd	—	—	9:30am Intentions of the Hamilton Family (PDR) 10:00am – 11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	The Holy Name of Jesus
Wed 4th	9:30am In thanksgiving for family & friends of the three parishes	—	—	—
Thur 5th	—	9:30am For a Special Intention (SAG) 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	12 Noon Funeral Service Ronald Duncan RIP	—
Fri 6th	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Rose & Jack Matthews RIP	—	—	Epiphany
Sat 7th	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Deceased Members of the Foley Family RIP (MF)	9:30am Healing Mass Delia Carling, Fay Burlinson & Families RIP (CB)	—	—
Sun 8th	9:00am Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Elizabeth Ann Hunter RIP (MH)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	The Baptism of the Lord

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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 Mary Joan Redhead and Ronald Duncan and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

December Baptisms: Please pray for Margot, George, Harriett Elizabeth and Archer who received the Sacrament of Baptism in December. May they and their godparents grow in their Faith in the years ahead.

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year: Thank you for your incredible support throughout the year, I look forward to making more of an impact alongside you in 2023. The church relies on people getting involved. Our church, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our church? What aspects of church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish? **CAFOD**, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in your parish, bringing people together to help build a better world or by visiting local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese? Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with mmaughan@cafod.org.uk Wishing you a Merry Christmas and all the best this New Year! Regards, Mark Maughan, CAFOD Community Participation Coordinator, Hexham & Newcastle Diocese