

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
Second Sunday in Lent Year A – 5th March 2023

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
Sat 4th	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Sheila Dennis RIP (CP)	9:30am Healing Mass Intention of Suzanne Kenny (AT)	—	—
Sun 5th		10:30am Kathleen & Bob Martin RIP (LC) 4:00pm Holy Hour	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	2nd Sunday in Lent
Mon 6th	—	—	—	—
Tue 7th	11:30am Stations of the Cross 12:00 noon Lenten Lunch	—	9:30am Whole School Mass Eileen Frances Henry RIP 12:00noon Requiem Mass Mary Robson RIP 6:00pm Prayer & Bible Study Group 7:00pm Stations of the Cross	Ss Perpetua & Felicity, <i>Martyrs</i>
Wed 8th	9:30am Sheila Earl RIP	—	—	St John of God, <i>Religious</i>
Thur 9th		9:30am Golden Jubilee of Fr Butters (LoM Billingham) 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10:30am Funeral Service Faith Lillian Harper RIP	St Frances of Rome, <i>Religious</i>
Fri 10th	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Denis Harrington RIP (GEM) 6:30pm Stations of the Cross	11:30am Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten Lunch	—	—
Sat 11th	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Anne Brannen RIP	9:30am George Askew RIP (HH)	—	—
Sun 12th	9:00am Mass for the Polish Community 3:00pm Holy Hour with Confessions	10:30am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	9:00am Anne & Steve Golden Wedding	3rd Sunday in Lent

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St. Joseph's



English Martyrs and Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 5th March 2023

2nd Sunday of Lent: Year A

Clergy

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Reflection Second Sunday in Lent Year A

Each year on this second Sunday of Lent we read the account of the Transfiguration.

It was the moment when the disciples were shown the divinity of Jesus on the Holy Mountain. The scene is reminiscent of Moses' encounter with God on Sinai, when his face, too, shone like the sun. Moses and Elijah are present because they are the two Old Testament figures who experienced the presence of God on the Holy Mountain.

With his usual impetuous generosity Peter attempts to 'freeze' the moment. The public declaration of Jesus as God's Son at the Baptism is repeated, but with the addition that Jesus is the authorized divine teacher; Matthew is alert to the implications for the Church of the presence of Christ as Teacher.

The cloud is also a symbol of God's presence, to which the human response can only be to fall to the ground in fear and reverence. The awesome moment of revelation cannot, however, last, and Jesus brings his disciples back to the dire realities before them with the reminder that his death must precede the revelation of his glory at the Resurrection.

Until they have experienced the limitless generosity of his death, and the vindication by God of this love, they are not ready to spread the message of Jesus. What stands out for you in this account of the Transfiguration?

How may it help you to deepen your own relationship with Christ?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB, from Wednesday Word

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 9th March
St Joseph's Legion Room
after 9.30am Mass

Friday 10th March
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 11th March
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469

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 Mary Robson, Faith Lillian Harper, Sheila Potter and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.



February Baptisms: Please pray for Belle Delilah, Wilfred, Tommy George and Erin Carol who received the Sacrament of Baptism in February. May they and their godparents grow in their Faith in the years ahead.

St Joseph's Refurbishment Appeal: The new the roof has been completed and the lighting has been renewed – almost £54,000 has been spent. **£12,597 has now been received towards this – Sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed.** Envelopes are in now church for one off donations, if you are a UK taxpayer please use the yellow forms to Gift Aid your donation where possible. However you can help or whatever you can do to assist with the fundraising effort will be gratefully received. Thank you – Fr Mark.



Stockton Hope Community Larder Hardwick: Many many thanks for all your generous donations for the Community Food Larder. Much appreciated by both volunteers and users. We are getting more and more people coming in to the Larder each week and your supplies have been invaluable. As well as food we are also collecting children's pyjamas, hats, gloves & scarves.

With sincere thanks once again; from Stockton Hope Trustees &Volunteers.

Spring Bingo / Coffee Evening: on Friday 24th March at 7pm in St. Bede's Sharratt room. Refreshments available.

Entrance tickets £1 - available at the back of church. Donations for raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

Red Boxes (St. Bede's or others): 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.

CONTACT US PLEASE: Would **M W Pearce** please contact Gill in the Parish Office on 01642 806469. Many thanks.

St. Joseph's Thornton Hall: For any requests to book / hire the Hall please contact Philip and Cath Jackson direct on 01642 657436. Thank you.

BIBLE ALIVE SUBSCRIPTION: would those who have not yet done so please hand their £30.00 in to the parish office. Thank you.

St Vincent De Paul Society: For anything SVP related please speak to one of our members or contact Alan on 07939 912354 or Mary on 07714 327665 or email **PresidentC211509@svp.org.uk**.

Our Lady and St. Bede School are looking for invigilators for the upcoming exams. Working as part of a team, invigilators contribute to ensuring a calm environment for the exams, giving candidate's confidence in the process. The public examination period is May and June; however, Invigilators will be required to attend during the year for training and to assist with internal exams. Readers/Scribes are required to support individual students by reading aloud and/or transcribing verbal answers to examination questions. If anyone would be interested in this role, could you, please email gilrainej@olsb.bhcet.org.uk or call school for further information.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: Can you help the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes next year? We need nurses, healthcare assistants, doctors and volunteers to provide care to the assisted pilgrims who travel with us. Previous helpers have found it is a rewarding and spiritually uplifting week. We plan to travel on Friday 28th July. If you would like to find out more information, please email or look at our website <https://www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk/> or email lourdes@rcdhn.org.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'.

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Lent Appeal: This Lent, CAFOD is supporting families with the skills and tools they've asked for to fight the climate crisis. In Bangladesh, 14 year old Dristy and her mum Rupali are building seed beds and planting palm trees to protect their crops from flooding and cyclones. Give today to help families grow in strength to adapt to the climate crisis. Use the envelope or give online at cafod.org.uk/lent

CAFOD – The Big Lent Walk: Walk 200km in 40 days to help fight global poverty. Challenge yourself and take on The Big Lent Walk! Walk when and where you choose over 40 days, alone or with friends. Raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. Go to CAFOD website for further information <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

St Cuthbert's Care Lenten Alms: This Lent, we hope to call upon your generosity once again to help us raise funds to purchase a small vehicle across our two nursing homes. Your continued support allows us to offer the little extras that mean the world to our residents – Thank you.

We currently have vacancies at our two nursing homes in Newcastle and Sunderland. If you or anyone you know would like more information, please contact Gill Ennis, registered manager, on 07779 248 185 and she will be delighted to help.

Holy Island SVP Vinnie Camp 2023

Are you interested in your child having a holiday in 2023? Let them join us for a week on Holy Island, They'll stay in our Centre and be looked after by DBS checked and trained helpers who will ensure they have a safe, fun time. We do lots of interesting and enjoyable activities such as rock pooling, longball, football, rounders, walking, craft and art, table tennis, long ball, Quizzes and competitions and marathons as well as laser tag, silly sports, sand castle building, swimming and scavenger hunts. Girls and boys can be aged 9-12 and it is a great way for them to meet new people and make friends from all over the North East. A week's all-inclusive holiday costs £150 and can be paid in instalments. In some circumstances children may be able to receive partial or full funding to attend. If you're interested, or know of a child who could benefit from such a holiday, please visit our website for further details at <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island> Applications open from 10th February 2023.

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, 21st March at 7.30pm** (GMT). To continue our journey through Lent, we will be praying with the Stations of the Cross. It will be possible to connect through Zoom if you are unable to join us in person. Please get in touch for the link. 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 March: For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Prayer and Liturgy News

World Day of Prayer (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer) takes place on Friday 3rd March. This year our Parish is hosting the service, which will be held at St. Bede's Church, **Friday 3rd March, at 2pm.** The theme is 'I have heard about your faith' and has been prepared by Christian women of Taiwan. All are welcome, including men!

Lent Reflection Booklet: . . . the Diocese Vicariate for Faith and Mission has now produced the first part of a booklet of Lenten reflections. The reflections have been contributed by a mix of clergy, religious and lay people to express the richness and variety of our diocesan community. 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. To access the booklet visit www.diocesehn.org.uk, select 'Liturgy & Prayer', then scroll down to Lent Reflections 2023. They are working on distributing the link for the second book of Lenten reflections within the next few weeks.

Are you ready to accept? The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Priestly Vocations Team **invite men aged 18+** who might be **experiencing the call from God** to discern priesthood to join the Vocations Team in finding out more.

Discernment Evenings for 2023 are planned for: Tuesday 4th April; Tuesday 27th June; Tuesday 3rd October; Tuesday 5th December
Cloister Café - St Mary's Cathedral Clayton Street West, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 5HH 6.00pm - 8.00pm

There will be a time of Prayer, talk/discussion, followed by a meal together.

If you would like to attend, or for more information, please contact the Vocations Promoter, Fr Shaun Purdy by email: vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk or by phone: 01670 812 200.

LENT Activities



11.30 am: Tuesdays at EMSSPP:

7.00pm: Tuesdays at St Bede's

11.30am: Fridays at St Joseph's:

6.30pm: Fridays at EMSSPP:

Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten Lunch.

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Stations of the Cross after Mass.

Sunday 12th March 3:00pm at EMSSPP

Sunday 19th March 3:00pm at St. Bede's

Sunday 26th March 3:00pm at St. Joseph's

HOLY HOUR: including Confessions, Sacrament of the Sick and Exposition.

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First reading

Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 32(33):4-5,18-20,22

May your love be upon us, O Lord,

As we place all our hope in you.

The word of the lord is faithful

and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right

and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,

on those who hope in his love,

to rescue their souls from death,

to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord,

as we place all our hope in you.

Second reading

2 Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

Thought for the Day

The witness of a Christian life is more powerful than any argument.

Fr. P Devine C.S.Sp

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.