

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
4th Sunday of Easter Year B – 21st April 2024

	<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 20th	6:00pm Vigil Mass John W Henry (EFH)	9:30am The Finn Family (RF)	—	—
Sun 21st	—	10:30am Marcella Varey RIP (SVP)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	4th Sunday of Easter
Mon 22nd	—	—	—	—
Tue 23rd	—	—	9:30am Tom McMaster RIP 10:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St George Patron of England
Wed 24th	9:30am Pat Chapman RIP (AC)	—	—	St Fidelis of Sigmaringen <i>Priest, Martyr</i> St Adalbert <i>Bishop, Martyr</i>
Thur 25th	—	9:30am Phyllis Harbron RIP (CH) 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Mark Evangelist
Fri 26th	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Thanksgiving (Fisher Family)	—	—	—
Sat 27th	6:00pm Vigil Mass Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	9:30am Thanksgiving, birthday of Anaya Joseph	—	—
Sun 28th	9:00am Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Michael Lally RIP (WJ)	9:00am Grace Fletcher RIP (EF)	5th Sunday of Easter

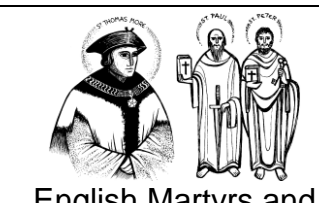
Thursday 25th April St Joseph's Legion Room after Mass	Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday 26th April EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm	Saturday 27th April EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm
Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469		

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. Joseph's



English Martyrs and Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 21st April 2024
4th Sunday of Easter - Year B

Clergy	Parish Priest: Fr Mark Millward Assistant Priest: Fr Oliver Keyes Deacon: Paul Hargreaves
Parish Office	Hours: Tuesday to Friday 10.00am till 2:00pm Contact: Gill Hall Tel. 01642 806469 Email: parishfamilystockton@outlook.com
Internet	Parish YouTube: Stockton Parish Family Facebook page: @ParishFamilyStocktonRC Parish website: www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk Diocesan website: diocesahn.org.uk
Parish Contacts	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 St. Joseph's Thornton Hall: For any requests to book / hire the Hall please contact Philip and Cath Jackson direct on 01642 284770 Thank you

Reflection 4th Sunday of Easter

Each year on this 4th Sunday of Easter there is a reading from John about the Good Shepherd.

To think of ourselves as woolly and cuddly sheep, obedient to the shepherd, would be a mistake. Sheep are renowned as being silly, contradictory creatures, always starting off in the wrong direction, getting themselves into tangles and difficulties. In the Holy Land they are scraggy beasts, pastured on rocky and often dangerous ground, amid boulders and cliffs, threatened by wild animals and marauders.

It was not simply a matter of the shepherd sitting on a rock and idly playing his pipe. He needed to be on the alert to save the sheep from hurting themselves. So Jesus as the good shepherd is kept well occupied by our foibles, our stubbornness, our mistakes and our fears.

Again, as in this Sunday's other two readings, there is the reassurance of a close relationship with the Father. Jesus knows us intimately, just as he knows the Father. It is questionable whether in real life a shepherd should lay down his life for his sheep. What would happen to the remainder of the flock? But it is an expression of Jesus' whole-hearted devotion to the flock that he shepherds.

What is a shepherd's job with the sheep? How can Jesus act as your shepherd? Who do you think of as shepherds in your life? What do you value most in those who guide you?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB, from 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 Brian Hedley, Anthony John Lowe and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Kathleen and John Morgan would like to express their great thanks to all the kind friends who have offered prayers and sent sympathy on the death of our daughter-in-law Faustina Morgan.

PARISH FINANCES

Parish Bank Account Details: Please make cheques payable to DHN Stockton Our Lady of Walsingham.

If you would like to make a direct Bank transfer or set up a standing order, please contact the parish office for the new account details. Thank you.

Offertory Envelopes: If you have not already collected your new BOX OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR USE FROM 7th APRIL, please do so as soon as possible. Please let the Parish office know if you do not have any envelopes and would like some, if your address has changed, or if you no longer require a box. Many thanks.

Northern Brethren Fund: the annual collection for the NBF Sick & Retired Priests fund will remain open until 28th April.

Mass Intentions: We have received a lot of requests, particularly at St. Joseph's, so if you would like a Mass to be said on a specific date, please give as much notice as possible to avoid disappointment.

Fr Mark has completed his Big Lent Walk: and has raised almost £3,000. His fundraising page is still open and can be accessed using the link below. All money raised will be used by CAFOD to fight poverty around the world. A great big thank you to everyone for your support. God bless, Fr Mark
<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fr-marks-big-lent-walk-24>

Thank you: Second collections and donations received during the quarter ended March 2024 have been passed on to the following: Fr Vincent £923.50; Holy Family India Project £90; Mary's Meals £50; CAFOD £339.20; Holy Places £495.05; Northern Brethren Fund £60; Lay Training Fund £24.10; Peter's Pence £23; Stella Maris £13; Evangelii Gaudium £3 and World Mission £7. Sincere thanks to all who donated.

Holy Island SVP Vinnies Camp: There are places still available for boys and girls in school years 5-7 (inclusive) at Holy Island Children's camp. A week's traditional holiday with meals and transport costs just £150! If you would like your child to have a week's holiday on Holy Island this Summer please visit our site <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island> If you know of any child who would benefit from this opportunity but may need assistance in paying, please email holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk

News from Uganda ON Easter Monday Fr. Vincent baptised more than 100 children. After the Baptism there was an Easter party attended by over 400 children. Father says "We shared rice and beef, then soft drinks For many that was their Easter meal. Indeed after good feeding they could feel the Good Lord was among them. Thanks for making them feel Christ is Alive and present in their life" Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his people.

Roseworth Naturally Creative Arts and Craft Group: Friday mornings 10am-12:30pm at Kiora Hall, Roseworth. Please see the copy of the 2024 Programme on the noticeboard at the back of church.

First Holy Communion: In the spirit of 'Reuse and Recycle', we are looking to set up a First Holy Communion Dress Bank at St. Bede's church, where dresses could be hired in return for a small donation. If you have any dresses which you are willing to donate then please contact the parish office. Thank you.

The Bread and Butter Thing: Every Thursday at 1pm at Redhill Family Hub, Roseworth. Get your weekly groceries at a fraction of the cost! See the fliers in church or visit www.stockton.gov.uk/TBBT for more information.

Roseworth Big Local Advice Service – in partnership with Citizens Advice, Roseworth Big Local has set up a new advice service to give free specialist and independent advice on benefits, grants, debts, finances, housing, energy costs, employment problems and much more. This can be arranged locally rather than travelling into town – call 01642 626135 to arrange an appointment. See leaflets in church for more information.

Stockton Hope Community Larder Hardwick: The larder is open every Wednesday from 11am to 1pm and is available for everyone. We also have a 'warm space' serving tea/coffee for free or just for a chat. Everyone at the Stockton Hope Community Larder thanks you all for your wonderful generosity.

Little Sisters of the Poor Appeal: St Joseph's Home (Little Sisters of the Poor) urgently need to replace some of the kitchenettes and furnishings. Specialist flooring on the main corridors of the care units requires essential upgrades to ensure the safety, comfort, and well-being of the residents and to maintain required standards of infection control. The flooring not only enhances the homeliness and comfort of St Joseph's Home but also plays a crucial role in maintaining the safety of the residents by providing a hygienic and comfortable surface, thus reducing the risk of trips and falls.

A collection for St Joseph's Home will be taken on Good Shepherd Sunday (20/21 April). If you wish to make a private contribute, you can do so by sending cheques made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' to St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Alternatively, secure online donations can be made by visiting our website at www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/. The Little Sisters of the Poor are deeply grateful for your continued support and prayers. Your generosity plays a significant role in enabling them to fulfil their mission of providing safe, affordable, and quality care to vulnerable older people in need. Please know that your contribution, no matter the size, will make a difference in the lives of the residents.

Holy Hikers: are out walking again for the summer season of monthly walks. Contact David Mackintosh for details on 07913 021814.

Job Vacancy: Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant **St Bede's Catholic Academy**, Green Lane, Stockton on Tees TS19 0DW
Terms: 10 hours per week/Term time only: Salary: £5,172.00. Closing date: **Monday, 22 April 2024**. Due to our continued growth we are looking to appoint a caring and dynamic Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant who will be responsible for overseeing children throughout the lunchtime period. You will assist with pupils' table manners and use of cutlery and will also be responsible for coordinating a range of interactive play activities, administering minor first aid and ensuring the welfare and safety of the pupils. Further details and application forms are available from the school website www.https://stbedesstockton.bhcet.org.uk/. Completed application forms should be returned to recruitment@stbedesstockton.bhcet.org.uk or posted to Mrs B Rizzi-Allan Executive Head Teacher, St Bede's Catholic Academy, Green Lane, Stockton, TS19 0DW

Public Lecture - The renowned historian and former President of Magdalene College, Cambridge, Professor Eamon Duffy FSA FBA KSG will visit The Church of the Holy Name, North Jesmond Avenue, Newcastle NE2 3JX on Saturday 4 May at 11.30am to give his lecture Celebrity Priest: Robert Hugh Monsignor Benson and the End of the World. Professor Duffy will discuss Fr Benson's life and work, and that of his father who was Archbishop of Canterbury. One of Fr Benson's brothers wrote "Land of Hope and Glory", while the other wrote the Mapp and Lucia novels. All are welcome for this non-ticketed event.

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'.

Prayer and Liturgy News

Pope Francis Monthly Intentions April: For the Role of Women

This month's prayer intention is "that the dignity and richness of women be recognized in all cultures, and for an end to the discrimination they suffer in various parts of the world.

Eamon Duffy: Holy Name Parish: invites you to hear this eminent historian speak on **Celebrity Priest: Robert Hugh Monsignor Benson** and the End of the World, on **Saturday 4th May** in the church (North Jesmond Avenue NE2 3JX). Open at 11:00am for 11:30 am start; ends at 12:30 pm

Pro-life Holy hour will take place on Thursday 25th April, at St Cuthbert's Church prior to Mass 8:30- 9:30 am. This is two days before the 56th anniversary of the implementation of the abortion act. Please come and join us to pray for respect for life from moment of conception to its natural end. Thank you

Readings 4th Sunday of Easter

First reading Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 117(118):1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29

R: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men;
it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

I will thank you for you have answered and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
You are my God, I thank you.
My God, I praise you.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end.

Second reading 1 John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel John 10:11-18

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. 'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. 'The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

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Thought for the Day

A Christian is a keyhole through which other folk see God.

Robert E. Gibson