

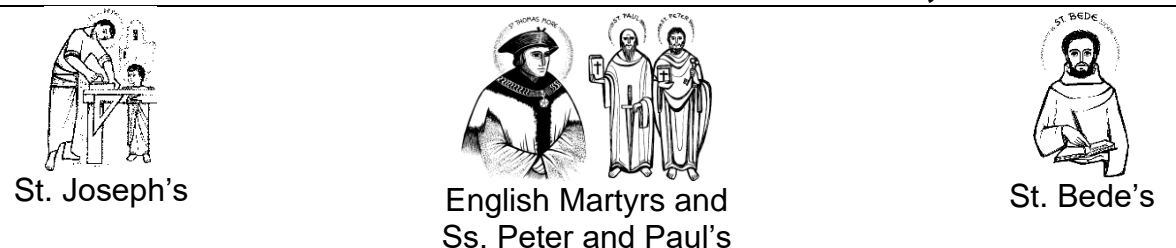
Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
2nd Sunday of Easter Year B – 7th April 2024

	<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 6th	6:00pm Vigil Mass Intention of Mathew Newman	9:30am Healing Mass Richard H Hunter RIP (MH)	—	Easter Saturday
Sun 7th	—	10:30am Pat Templeman RIP (PA&WJ) 2:30pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	2nd Sunday of Easter DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
Mon 8th	—	9:30am Joan Colley RIP (AW)	—	The Annunciation of The Lord
Tue 9th	—	—	9:30am Intentions of Detta Lamb & family (PR) 10:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—
Wed 10th	9:30am Pat Chapman RIP (AC)	—	—	—
Thur 11th	—	9:30am Nuala Sinclair & Ursula Croft RIP (JS) 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Stanislaus Bishop, Martyr
Fri 12th	6:00pm Sheila Earl RIP	10:30am Funeral Service Joan Reed RIP	—	—
Sat 13th	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Vigil Mass Angela Armstrong RIP (AF&MS)	9:30am Intention of Cheryl C (AW)	—	—
Sun 14th	9:00am Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	9:00am Raymond Chesser RIP (MS)	3rd Sunday of Easter

<p>Thursday 11th April St Joseph's Legion Room after Mass</p>	<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation</p> <p>Friday 12th April EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm</p>	<p>Saturday 13th April EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm</p>
<p>Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469</p>		

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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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 7th April 2024
2nd 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: diocesehn.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 2nd Sunday of Easter

There are several accounts in the various gospels of the discovery of the empty tomb. The slight variations between them show all the marks of oral tradition, for in genuine oral tradition each 'performance' is different. Different people tell the story slightly differently, stressing different aspects.

This story stresses the proof that the tomb really was empty, for the apostles examine the evidence carefully. Other accounts concentrate less on the evidence and more on the message, that they will meet the Risen Lord in Galilee.

It was important to establish that the tomb was empty, to prevent the charge that the meetings with the Risen Christ were simply ghost-appearances. Apart from the proof that this was a real, living and bodily person, these meetings emphasise two factors, the power of the Risen Christ and the commission given to the disciples.

The disciples are to go out into the whole world and spread the message, always accompanied and strengthened by Christ himself. In this account Simon Peter is clearly the senior, authority figure, to whom the Beloved Disciple defers. But it is the love of the Beloved Disciple which brings him to faith.

What aspects of the gospel accounts of the resurrection help to strengthen your own faith?

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 Joan Reed and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: The Journey in Faith Team wishes to thank most sincerely everyone who has prayed for the success of the group. A special thanks must go to those who gave their time to come along and share some of their Faith Journey with the group. May God bless you all.

We welcome into our Parish Family our Elect who were Baptised or Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at Easter. Please pray for **Angela, Kerri, Lucy, Wendy, Katie, Michele, Michaela, Lisa, and Sarah** and for their families and sponsors.

Journey in Faith: The group will meet on Saturday 13 April at 2 pm in the Thornton Hall at St Joseph's

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: THE NEW BOXES OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR USE FROM 7th APRIL ONWARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM CHURCH. 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: there will be a second collection for the NBF Sick & Retired Priests annual collection this weekend (6th & 7th April).



March Baptisms: Please pray for Cillian James, Thomas Anthony Stephen, Robyn George, Jacob Geoffrey and Ivy Amy who received the Sacrament of Baptism in March. May they and their godparents grow in their Faith in the years ahead.

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 an amazing £2,560. 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>

Lent Lunches: at EMSSPP raised a fantastic £606.50, which will be split equally between RASPS and our Walsingham Pilgrimage Fund. At St. Joseph's £73.50 was raised for Fr Vincent. Sincere thanks to all who contributed.

News from Fr. Vincent: Fr. Vincent has been quite unwell with malaria recently, but he sends Easter greetings to our 3 parishes and says 'Thank you' to all who support him. After the Easter Mass, he shared out food with poor children. Father says, "These children have never met you but they all know you through the generosity you extend to them. Be assured of our constant prayers." 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.

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'.

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 from 7th March 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: are fundraising for St Joseph's Home in Newcastle by collecting used postage stamps (any country or period), or foreign currency (again from any time or country). If you have any, please put them in the separate collection envelope at the back of church (not into the offertory baskets please) or hand in to the parish office. Thank you.

Holy Hikers: are out walking again for the summer season of monthly walks. The first walk of the season will be on **Sunday 21st April** – to Bishop Auckland for the 2024 Food Festival. 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

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.

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday 7th April There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour with Confessions starting at 2.30 pm at St Joseph's Church followed by Tea/ Coffee in the Thornton Hall.

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

Readings Divine Mercy Sunday, 2nd Sunday of Easter

First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 117(118):2-4,15-18,22-24

R: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.'

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;

his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live

and recount his deeds.

I was punished; I was punished by the Lord,

but not doomed to die.

3. The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe. 'Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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Thought for the Day

What do you fear? Is the Heart of Jesus not powerful enough to sustain you? Trust in Him. *St Margaret Mary*