

**MASS INTENTIONS and SERVICE TIMES**  
**1st Sunday Advent Year A-1<sup>st</sup> December 2019**

	<u>English Martyrs and Ss. Peter &amp; Paul's</u>		<u>St. Bede's</u>		<u>St. Joseph's</u>	
Sat 30th	Vigil 6:00pm	Peter Shaw RIP	Vigil 4:30pm	Sarah-Ellen Stainsby RIP	9:15am	Service of The Word and Holy Communion
					9:45am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
					10:30am	
Sun 1st	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Solemn Vespers</b>			<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Norah and Peter McPartland RIP</b>
Mon 2nd					9:15am	Service of The Word and Holy Communion
Tues 3rd			9:15am	<b>Souls in Purgatory especially Deceased Foss Family</b>	6:30pm	Service of The Word and Holy Communion
					<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SPUC Holy Hour</b>
Wed 4th	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament				
	9:30am	<b>Mavis Key RIP</b>				
Thurs 5th					<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>REQUIEM MASS Francis Monaghan RIP</b>
					2:00pm 7:30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri 6th	5:15pm 6:15pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament			8:00am 9:00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6:30pm	Richard H Hunter RIP				
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS</b>				
Sat 7th	Vigil 6:00pm	Betty and Don Wallace RIP	Vigil 4:30pm	Vera Riley RIP	9:15am	Service of The Word and Holy Communion
					9:45am 10:30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sun 8th					<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Hilda Tinkler RIP</b>
					<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>Advent Holy Hour</b>

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Week**

English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul      **Wed 8:30am – 9:15am**      **Fri 5:15pm – 6:15pm**  
 St. Joseph's:      **Thurs 2:00pm -7:30pm**      **Fri 8:00am - 9:00am**      **Sat 9:45am - 10:30am**

**Feast Days this Week:**

**Tuesday** – St Francis Xavier P, **Wednesday** – St Osmund Bp or St John Damascene P D

**Friday** – St Nicholas Bp      **Saturday** – St Ambrose Bp D

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Thursday** St. Joseph's:  
**Friday** English Martyrs and Ss. Peter & Paul's: 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm  
**Saturday** St. Bede's: 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm

**WEEKLY GATHERINGS**

**Saturday:** Little Church, children's liturgy 6.00pm English Martyrs & Ss. Peter & Paul's Hall  
**Sunday:** Tea and Coffee is served in St. Joseph's Thornton Hall after Mass  
**Monday:** Mother and Toddler Group meet 9:15 am - 11:00 am in the Thornton Hall (*term time only*)  
**Tuesday:** Friendship Group meets 10.30am – 12:00 noon in the Thornton Hall  
**Wednesday:** Tea & Coffee will be served in English Martyrs & Ss. Peter & Paul's Hall after Mass  
 Divine Will Prayer Group meets 7:00 pm in St. Joseph's Thornton Hall

**Bulletin Items:** If you would like a notice put in the next bulletin, please email [parishnewsletterstockton@gmail.com](mailto:parishnewsletterstockton@gmail.com) by **Wednesday evening** at the latest. Alternatively, post through the letterbox at English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's presbytery, or put in the RED FOLDER in St Joseph's porch (by 10:00am Wed).  
 Please remember to add your contact details in case we have a query.

**HILDA PARTNERSHIP**



English Martyrs and Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's



St. Joseph's

**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

Parish Priest: Fr. Jeffrey Dodds  
 Deacons: Jeff Parkes, Paul Hargreaves  
 Retired Priests: Fr. Denis O'Mahony, Fr. Pat McKenna

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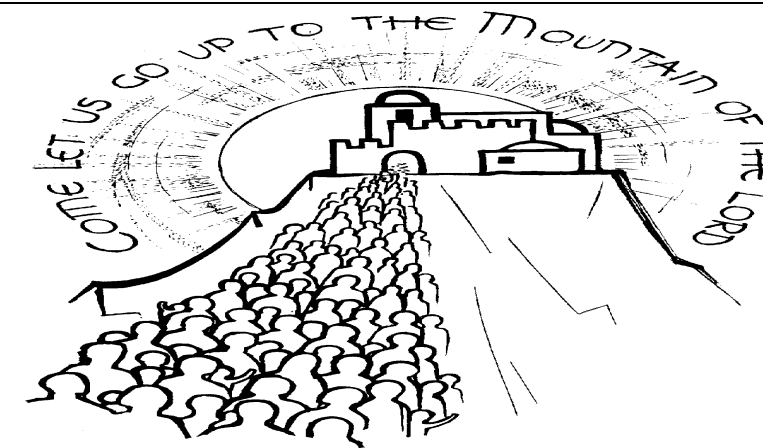
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**First Sunday of Advent, Year A Sunday 1st December 2019**



**SOLEMN VESPERS**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 4:30pm**  
**at English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul**  
**ALL WELCOME**




**Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for December:**

**The Future of the Very Young**

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritise the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

**Sick and in need of Prayer:** Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family who are ill.



 Please pray for Francis Monaghan and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December			
<b>SUN</b> <b>1</b>	<p><b>Solemn Vespers</b> Will be held on Sunday 1st December at English Martyrs and Ss Peter &amp; Paul in Roseworth at 4:30pm to launch The Year of the Word: "The God who Speaks". People from our own Partnership as well Hogarth (Darlington) and Escomb (Bishop Auckland) have been invited to make this a very special occasion. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.</p>	<b>TUES</b> <b>3</b>	<p><b>SPUC HOLY HOUR</b> Tuesday 7:00pm at St Joseph's Norton. All are welcome.</p>
		<b>SAT</b> <b>7</b>	<p><b>Journey in Faith</b> 2:00pm in the Thornton Hall at St. Joseph's. <i>Please pray for those who are enquiring about our Faith and also those who are walking with them.</i></p>
<b>MON</b> <b>2</b>	<p><b>Understanding the Scriptures:</b> This week we will be hearing about 'New Moses, New Covenant' and 'The Kingdom Transformed' in the last two lessons <i>Genesis to Jesus</i> series. Learn the basic Catholic principles for reading Scripture and to survey the broad outlines of the books of the Bible and their place in the story of salvation. Join us on Monday 2nd December in St Patrick's parish hall at 7-00 pm</p>	<b>SUN</b> <b>8</b>	<p><b>St Mary's Stockton:</b> On 8th December Bishop Robert will be coming to celebrate the 6.00pm Mass at St. Mary's. During the Mass he will present Edwin with a <b>BENE MERENTI MEDAL</b> from Pope Francis in recognition of his many years as an Altar Server and contribution to the Church. After Mass you are invited to cheese and wine in the house to celebrate this special occasion for Edwin and St. Mary's Parish Church.</p>

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Gluten-Free Altar Breads:** Where parishioners or visitors need gluten-free Altar Breads, please inform a Sacristan who will supply the gluten-free Altar Bread. It is important that this is done before Mass begins. Thank you.


**St. Joseph's School Choir** will be singing Christmas Carols and other songs in Norton Library on **Tuesday 10th and 17th December** between 10:00am and 11:00am. Everyone is welcome to support our children.

**St. Cuthbert's Care:** This Advent we ask that you consider supporting our Red Van.


Over the last two years, our Red Van has delivered thousands of food parcels, good quality clothing and toys to some of the most-needy families and individuals in our Diocese. Your Advent Alms will help us to keep this essential service on the road. Thank you. *Moira Ashman*


**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.

**Theotokos Prayer Group:** meets on Tuesdays, at 7:30pm at St. Mary's. All welcome.

 **English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's Wednesday Coffee Morning after Mass:** for the Indian Project. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**Walk With Me Advent:** There are still some Walk With Me Booklets available at £1 per copy. Please contact the Parish Office on 01642 806469 to secure a copy of this excellent publication to help you prepare for Christmas.

 **FUNERAL COLLECTION - Joe Ritchie:** The collection in memory of came to £258.88p and will be divided between Fr. Vincent's Uganda Mission Fund and St Joseph's Parish Fund. Thank you to everyone who contributed. God bless you all.

 **Walsingham Pilgrimage 2020:** The 2020 Pilgrimage to Walsingham will depart on Friday 29th May and return on Sunday 31st May. The costs of rooms are: £181 en-suite or £151 standard. £30 non-refundable deposit will secure your place. For further details please contact Mary on 07952 321396 or Pat on 01642 650904.

### The God Who Speaks – The Year of the Word (1st December 2019 – 28th November 2020)

As part of the Year of The Word, Pauline Books & Media have produced an excellent book called Gospel Power 2020 to accompany readers through the Year of The Word. The book is supported by Archbishop McMahon of Liverpool. If you would like a copy, please contact the Parish Office on 01642 806469. The books will cost £5.50 each.

### ADVENT 2019

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December

4:30pm Solemn Vespers at English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul. Refreshments to follow

#### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

10:00am – 12:00 Noon **Sacrament of Reconciliation** at English Martyrs and Ss Peter Paul.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December

4:30pm Holy Hour led by the Legion of Mary at St. Joseph's. Refreshments to follow.

#### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Advent Day of Recollection: 10:00am **Sacrament of Reconciliation** and Rosary, 10:30am Holy Mass, 11:30am Faith testimonies and musical worship, 1:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, 2:00pm Refreshments.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December

4:30pm Holy Hour at St. Bede's. Refreshments to follow.

#### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December

10:00am – 12:00 Noon **Sacrament of Reconciliation** at English Martyrs and Ss Peter Paul.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

4:30pm Holy Hour at English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul. Refreshments to follow.

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

#### Christmas Eve

Vigil 6:00pm English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul

Vigil 8:00pm St. Bede's

#### Christmas Morning

9:30am St. Joseph's

**S.V.P: SUDAN APPEAL:** Once again we are appealing to your generosity to support the work of the SVP in helping the suffering people of Sudan and South Sudan and so we provide a description of the situation. The original country of Sudan split into these separate countries in 2011 after several years of Muslim-inspired violence. The northern section, which was called Sudan, is home to Arabic-speaking Muslim communities while the south has no dominant culture but after independence a power struggle there led to civil war on tribal lines. The result of these conflicts is over 2 million deaths and 4 million displaced with 100,000 children orphaned or abandoned. Those refugees who fled to the North have not been granted refugee status so get no help from official agencies but suffer discrimination.

This is the context in which the SVP now operates. We work mainly in the refugee camps in both countries providing baby-feeding stations, pre-school meals, medical help and fresh drinking water. We can only fund this work due to your generosity. Accordingly, all the money you give us between this Sunday and the end of the year will go to the Sudan (unless you specify otherwise).

**Uganda Mission Fund- Fr Vincent:** Donations: £20, £50 and £100. Sincere thanks to the very generous donors. God bless you all.

**News from Uganda:** Last week Fr. Vincent went to the refugee camp to assess what can be done to improve the refugee children's education. The journey took 5 hours in very heavy rain and over rough ground and he managed to get through on the third attempt. Father took with him a blanket, food and water. He slept in his truck overnight and returned to the mission the next day. There is no furniture so children sit on the ground for lesson in the open air. The 'blackboard' is a large piece of wood with a chalk line down the middle and is shared by two classes. As a first response Fr. Vincent will buy some basic supplies of pens, pencils, books etc.

**Christmas Shopping Fair Trade Style:** Great opportunities to buy a wide range of Fairtrade Christmas gifts, jewellery, toys, decorations, cards, foods and lots of other treats in the Fairtrade popup shop in the Dundas Arcade, Middlesbrough (same place as last year in the old Boyes' premises). An Aladdin's Cave with many new products made by skilled artisans. Something for everyone. The shop is open Monday – Saturday 10.00am to 5.00pm until 21<sup>st</sup> December. Also look out for the Fairtrade Popup stall at St Joseph's on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec, before Mass and afterwards until 1.00pm.

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**Jamie's Paws for Thought:** Leave this world a little better than you found it. *Baden Powell*