

**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**  
**Corpus Christi Year A – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

	<u>English Martyrs and</u> <u>Ss Peter &amp; Paul's</u>	<u>St Bede's</u>	<u>St Joseph's</u>
	<b><u>Mass without Congregation</u></b>		
Sat 13th	<b>Mass (not live-streamed)</b> Ethel Scott RIP (AMJ)		
Sun 14th	<b>Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Jesus)</b> <u>10:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish) <b>4:30pm</b> Holy Hour		
Mon 15th	<u>10:00am</u> Special Intention for JD		
Tue 16th	<u>10:00am</u> Mary Walker RIP		
Wed 17th	<u>10:00am</u> Winnie Heal RIP		
Thur 18th	<u>10:00am</u> McQueen Family		
Fri 19th	<u>8:30am</u> Mavis McQuillan RIP		
Sat 20th	<b>Mass (not live-streamed)</b> Don Wallace RIP		
Sun 21st	<u>10:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)		

**Week by week, each day will have a theme to help us to pray for those affected by Covid-19:**

**Please keep these themes in your daily prayers.**

Sunday will be Pro Populo  
Monday for our Primary Schools  
Tuesday for Care Workers  
Wednesday for Transport Workers

Thursday for all Volunteers  
Friday for Diocesan Priests  
Saturday for The Homeless

**DIAMOND JUBILEE**

**Feast Days this Week:**

**Tuesday:** St Richard of Chichester, *Bishop*  
**Friday:** The Sacred Heart of Jesus  
**Saturday:** The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Fr Denis O'Mahony will celebrate **60 years of Priesthood** on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Ordained in 1960, he served in many parishes in our Diocese as well as in Argentina and Mexico. We wish him well on this very significant day. Our Parishes are going to send a Spiritual Bouquet. If you would like to contribute a Mass, Rosary, Holy Communion or Novena, please let the Parish Office know.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available **by appointment.**

**Bulletin Items:** If you would like a notice included 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. Please remember to add your contact details in case we have a query.

**ST. HILDA PARTNERSHIP**



English Martyrs and  
Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's



St. Joseph's

**PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
**Corpus Christi Sunday Year A – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

**Clergy**

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

**Parish Office**

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**Diocesan website:** [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

**Bulletin Reflection Solemnity of Corpus Christi 2020**

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ, the source and summit of our faith. We are reminded of how Jesus is fully present in the consecrated bread and wine.

To reflect and to write about this Sacrament most Holy goes against the grain of my own Spirituality, as I believe that any words of mine will fail so miserably to express this gift given to us. Silence would be my most appropriate response.

However, here are just a few words: It is through the Holy Spirit that the Word was made flesh in the Incarnation. At the consecration it is through the Holy Spirit, as the priest speaks in the words of Jesus, that it is Jesus himself who speaks and transforms the elements of bread and wine to that of his own Eucharistic presence. And it is through the gift of the Holy Spirit that we dare to consume what we experience in faith.

Maybe then, we can use this time away from our Church buildings to ask the Holy Spirit to renew our Faith, to bring us to life, to cleanse and refresh us, so that we are enabled to see and understand how much we are loved by God, made visible through the sacrifice of Jesus in the Mass.

O Sacrament most holy! O Sacrament divine!  
 All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine.

**Deacon Jeffrey Parkes**

## **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 all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen

**FAIRTRADE:** Sadly, we are unable to hold a **Fairtrade** stall at present, but many **Fairtrade** producers still need our support at this difficult time; if anyone would like to order anything it would be appreciated. Jenny is a local **Fairtrade** trader who is very keen to sell on behalf of producers and will accept orders by email. Please email Lorraine Clark on [kathleen.lorraine.clark@gmail.com](mailto:kathleen.lorraine.clark@gmail.com) and she will send you an order form and Jenny's email address. Jenny is willing to deliver in the Stockton area. You may be surprised at the large amount of food available, much of which is very hard to find as **Fairtrade** in supermarkets. Thank you for your support.

**A Message from Fr Vincent:** Father Vincent writes: "I am well. We have partial lockdown now. We are stressing social distance, but many families of over six people sleep under one mosquito net. Otherwise here we are getting more cases of Corona Virus now. No death yet. Food is still a problem". Recent donations received are: 1 of £220, 9 of £40, 3 of £20 and 1 of £10. Sincere thanks to everyone who has made it possible for us to help Fr. Vincent in his work. God bless you all!

**Parish Family: Supporting Each Other:** Members of our Parish family from the Eucharistic Ministry Teams are ringing people who we know are self-isolating so that we can offer them a hand of friendship and faith. If you haven't heard from us yet and you are self-isolating, or you are on your own and would like a friendly chat, or if you know of someone in our Parish family who is lonely, please let us know so that we can arrange to contact you.

Ring or text: **St Bede's** - Karen 07939 495837 or Bernie 07922 154863. **St Joseph's** - Mary 07523 861661

**English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul** - Joan 07528 523873

*St Anthony, patron of the elderly, Pray for us. St Rita, patron of the lonely, Pray for us.*

**Newsletter Distribution:** Many people are able to look at the Newsletter through the parish website, but if you know of someone who doesn't have the internet and would like to have a copy of the Newsletter please ring or text the name and address to Colette 07849 712694 and a copy will be posted out. Let's keep in touch as a Parish Family.


**IMPORTANT: CENSUS FORM:** If you haven't yet filled in a Parish Census Form which asks for contact details, family members and involvement in the Parish, please ring the Parish Office on 01642 806469 for one or look on the Parish Website under Parish News, Extra Parish Events. This information will be used to help us to keep in touch with you especially whilst we are unable to gather as a parish family. Thank you.

**TED PATULAN:** sends his sincerest gratitude to everybody from the Stockton parishes who supported his cause. He ran a total of 109 miles for the whole month of May and raised **£728** through sponsorship. With the help of Couples for Christ - ANCOP (acronym for ANswering the Cry Of the Poor), money will be used to distribute food packages to poor families in the Philippines who are severely affected by the COVID-19 lockdown measures. JustGiving page will be kept available until 13<sup>th</sup> June for those who wish to donate. <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/120kmin30days>

**CATALYST – Stockton-based Charity:** have volunteers who can collect prescriptions, deliver food etc. for all who are socially isolating and in need of assistance. The contact telephone number is **01642 524500**.

**The Spiritual and Pastoral Development Group** which is made up of various members of our Parish communities, continues to meet via a Zoom conference to discuss the initiatives that are already in place to support you, our Parish Family. If you have any suggestions for consideration, please contact Fr Jeff at the Parish Office.

## **Prayer and Liturgy News**

 **Parish Family Stockton Mass by Phone Service:** You can now listen to Father Jeff celebrating Sunday Mass: available after 12:00 Noon by telephone on 01642 130032. Calls are charged at local rate. There may be a short delay so please be patient; the recording will then start to play.

**Broadcast of Mass by the BBC:** BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship will broadcast Mass for the Feast of Corpus Christi, celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols in Westminster Cathedral, on Sunday 14 June at 8:10am. Please share news of this broadcast with any isolated parishioners who may not have access to the internet and therefore have been unable to attend online Mass services. For more information see [bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000k1bj](http://bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000k1bj)

**Spiritual Communion Prayer - My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as already being there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

**A prayer for Racial Justice:**

God, You are the source of human dignity and it is in your image that we are created. Pour out on us the spirit of love and compassion. Enable us to reverence each person, to reach out to anyone in need, to value and appreciate those who differ from us, to share the resources of our nation, to receive the gifts offered to us by peoples from other cultures. Grant that we may always promote the justice and acceptance that ensures lasting peace and racial harmony. Help us to remember that we are one world and one family. Amen.

**A prayer for a loved one who is isolated in hospital or in a care home:**

Lord Jesus, as you suffered on the Cross, your Mother and friends could only stand at a distance unable to help you. In our helplessness we ask for strength to help us through this time. Look on the one we love who is sick, out of our reach never out of your care, beyond our embrace, never beyond your power. We pray you stay close at N.'s bedside and though we cannot draw near, touch him/her with your mercy and hold him/her safe in your arms. Amen.

**A prayer for a loved one whose funeral we are not able to attend:**

Lord, at this time I cannot be at the funeral of N., whom I have loved dearly. Help me through this moment that I may say goodbye to one who has meant so much. Fill my heart with peace and give everlasting life to him/her. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A prayer for carers and hospital staff:**

Bless the hands of those who nurse him/her. Let their care be rewarded. May it convey the deep love of our hearts. Inspire the skill of the doctors who treat him/her. Look with kindness on all who serve the sick and work for their comfort. Keep them safe for their loved ones. May they know our gratitude that they are with N. when we cannot be there. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A prayer for strength for ourselves:**

Lord Jesus, You faced suffering and hardship in fear and trembling. Yet in your isolation You entrusted yourself to the will of your Father. Stand beside us now to help us through this hour. Keep us mindful that we are never alone for you share our burdens and you promise your peace. You who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

**A prayer for those who live alone:**

I live alone dear Lord, stay by my side. In all my daily needs be thou my guide. Grant me good health, for that indeed I pray. To help me carry on my work from day to day, keep pure my mind, thoughts and deeds. Let me be kind and unselfish to my neighbours' needs. Spare me from harm. Hear my call when I am feeling low or in despair. Lift up my heart and help me in my prayer. I live alone, dear Lord yet I have no fear because I feel your presence ever near. Amen

**Diocesan Day of Prayer:** Join us on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020** for a Diocesan Day of Scripture, as part of our 2020 Year of the Word celebrations. All of the aspects of the day can be accessed via our diocesan website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) and social media account. It is a great opportunity for people to increase their knowledge, understanding and experience of Scripture.

## **Finances**

**Offertory Envelopes:** Please continue to use your offertory envelopes and if you wish, you can deliver them to one of our Presbyteries and they will be collected from there; alternatively, please keep them until our churches reopen. If anyone would like to make a donation, please ring the Parish Office on 01642 806469 and Fr Jeff will give you the paying-in details. Inevitably, income has reduced but we still need to pay bills, so please do what you can to help. This is an opportunity to set up a standing order with your bank which makes giving your weekly offering so much easier.

**GIFT AID:** Your contribution to the Parish can be increased by 25% if you pay tax. There is no catch. Please contact your Parish Gift Aid organiser, email the Parish Office or speak with Fr. Jeff who will advise you.

## **Partnership News – taking in Hartlepool, Billingham and Stockton**

We continue to pray for our Partnership of St. Hilda that we will continue to support each other not only at this time but in the future as we face the aftermath of the Covid-19 virus. May our parishes here in Stockton work together to build up God's Kingdom in our own area.

## **Diocesan News**

**Please be aware of the developing situation regarding the Coronavirus**

Masses will be celebrated by Parish Priests but **without a congregation** on a daily basis. Congregations can join in spiritual communion with priests. **All Sacraments** will be deferred until such time that congregations can gather safely.

**Bishop Robert Byrne announces the first five Churches to reopen for individual prayer:** HM Government has announced that churches and other places of worship are set to open for individual prayer from 15 June 2020. But, as advised by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, not all churches will immediately reopen due to the ongoing Covid-19 safety measures to protect clergy, parishioners, staff and volunteers. There will be a phased opening of more churches after safety measures have been assessed and implemented. The first five churches to reopen for individual prayer in the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle are: St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, St. Aidan's, Ashington, St. Patrick's, Consett, St. Mary's, Sunderland, St. Joseph's, Hartlepool. Further details, including the date and times of opening, will be announced as they become available.

**Do you need to speak to someone for support?**

Dedicated counsellors and listeners are available at the Cathedral Listening Service on 0191 232 6953

## **Worldwide Church News**

**Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for June: The Way of the Heart**

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

## **...and now for some Light Relief...**



**Jamie's Paws for Thought:** Seven days without God makes one weak. *Thora Hird*