

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
6th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 14th February 2021

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
Sat 13th	6:00pm Marie Therese Ling RIP Ethel & Walter Roberts RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 14th	10:30am Live-streamed Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	—	—	6 th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 15th	—	—	—	—
Tue 16th	—	—	9:30am Thank you for Sheila Langford (B&S)	—

Ash Wednesday
Please ring or text 07716 944610 to book a place.

Wed 17th	9:30am Live-streamed Enid Johnson RIP	—	—	—
Thur 18th	—	9:30am Mary McCune RIP	—	—
Fri 19th	6:30pm Live-streamed David Roddam RIP	—	—	—
Sat 20th	6:00pm Pat Chapman RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 21st	10:30am Live-streamed Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	—	—	1st Sunday Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation – EMSSPP Sanctuary

Friday 19th February
6:00pm – 6:30pm

Saturday 20th February
5:30pm – 6:00pm



Parish Family Stockton Mass by Phone Service You can now listen to Father Jeff celebrating Sunday Mass. This is 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.

If you would like to reserve a place at the Saturday Vigil Mass or the Sunday Morning Mass, please ring or text 07716 944610 by 7:30 pm on the Thursday.
 Please leave your name, contact number and the number of places requested; you will be informed if there is a place available for you by Friday evening.

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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English Martyrs and Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's



St. Joseph's

PARISH NEWSLETTER
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Clergy

Parish Priest: Fr. Jeffrey Dodds
Assistant Priest: Fr. Oliver Keyes
Deacons: Jeffrey Parkes, Paul Hargreaves
Retired Priest: Fr. Pat McKenna

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Diocesan website: www.rcdhn.org.uk

Reflection

In today's Gospel reading Jesus cures the leper and warns him not to report this to anyone. This feature of Jesus' ministry is special to Mark's Gospel, possibly the Lord knew how people could misunderstand who he was. A revolutionary come to overthrow the Romans, a teacher, a healer, a magician, a god. This misunderstanding would cause people to come to him for the wrong reasons. Who Jesus is to us, is the most important question we can ask ourselves. Is he someone who can just heal our infirmities and help us to get what we want for ourselves or others? I suppose the deeper underlying question is, 'What do we want?'. Do we want to have a personal relationship with Jesus and so learn from him or do we just want something from him, when it suits?

The leper pleaded to Jesus on his knees, 'If you want to you can cure me.' Jesus responds to the leper and us, 'Of course I want to.'

Jesus wants us to get to know who he really is, so that we can tell others about him. But we can only get to know someone by spending time with them. What do we really want?

**Lord Jesus, place in my heart a desire to please You
 and fill my mind with thoughts of Your Love,
 so that I may grow in Your Wisdom and enjoy Your Peace. Amen**

Deacon Jeff

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 Iris Hutchinson, Stanley Bell, Maureen Lee and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Weekday and Weekend Masses:

I would encourage you to attend Mass during the week at the times advertised. For those of you who wish to attend on a Sunday, please remember to book your place, but be aware that we MUST adhere to social-distancing and so there may be fewer places available.

We have a duty to play our part in bringing this virus under control, whilst continuing to provide the best service to our communities. Please make sure you follow the guidance and advice from our Parish Marshalls and keep yourself and others safe. *Fr. Jeff*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Marshalls are required to be in attendance when our churches are open. Without them we would not be able to open. The Marshalls are there to help and advise you:

- ✓ To assist with the mandatory Test& Trace system, please give your name and contact telephone number to the Marshall at the door.
- ✓ Remember to sanitise your hands before you enter church.
- ✓ A Marshall will advise you where you are to sit.
- ✓ If you wish to light a candle, please do so before you sit down.
- ✓ Please do not block access to benches.
- ✓ Please remember to sanitise your hands before you leave church.

Let's keep everyone safe. *Fr. Jeff*

ASH WEDNESDAY: Lent begins on Wednesday 17th February. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30am in English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's church. **BOOKING IS REQUIRED** for this Mass. Due to the pandemic, please note that Fr Jeff only will receive Ashes as a Sign and Symbol on behalf of everyone.

Respond to Department of Health consultation to stop home abortions: The Department of Health is holding a consultation on whether to continue the practice of sending dangerous abortion pills to women to undergo abortions at home. We need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Department of Health's questionnaire in order to stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step by step guide to completing the questionnaire. Please go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/Tell-the-Truth-DIY-Abortion-Consultation>. The consultation ends on 26 February.

Called and Gifted: A new programme starting Wednesday 24th February. God is calling you to a work of love that will fill your life with purpose and joy. Discerning your charisms can help you discover that call. If you are wondering how you are to fulfil the mission God has for you, or navigate a life transition, you might find that gifts discernment helps you decide what turn to take next. For more information, visit <https://siena.org/charisms-faq>. To apply for your place please email adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk by Friday 19th February.

S.V.P. We hope you are all managing at this difficult time. We cannot make our usual visits now but if anyone who is housebound would like someone to talk to, please give one of our members a 'phone call.

Cafod: Walk for Water A message from Deacon Jeff.

I will be taking up the Walk for Water challenge this Lent by walking 10,000 steps a day - **My way. Every day. For 40 days.** If you would like to support by prayers or by helping to raise vital funds for the world's poorest people, then Sponsorship/Donations can be made in any of the following ways:

- Visiting my Just Giving fundraising page link also on the Parish Website <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/dj-walk-for-water>
- In an envelope Sponsorship donations marked "Walk for Water" dropped into the Presbytery.
- Or Sponsorship form at the back of Church.

Thank you for helping to end water poverty.
Deacon Jeff

Lenten Alms - St Cuthbert's Care I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kindness throughout the pandemic - it has been truly heart-warming. Parish support makes all the difference, allowing us to go that extra mile in ensuring we provide outstanding care and peace of mind to families and loved ones. If you are able to do so, please may I ask that you consider supporting our work once more. Thank you. *Moirra Ashman*, Chief Executive, St Cuthbert's Care.

Partnership News – taking in Hartlepool, Billingham and Stockton

The North East Catholic Writers` Guild: Are running a literary competition for schoolchildren – the theme is: ***“Compose a hopeful prayer for this difficult time”*** Maximum 20 lines. The lines don't have to rhyme. **Open to 8-10 year-olds.** Please include your age, name, address and phone number and send to: Veronica Whitty, Secretary,

Catholic Writers` Guild (NE), 51 Queen`s Crescent, Wallsend, NE28 8DW or e-mail: veronicawhitty@hotmail.com
Deadline: 8th April 2021. NB: Entries: excludes anyone related to any member of the Guild or related to anyone connected with the Northern Cross.

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for February: Violence against women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Readings for 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

First reading

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons. 'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

Psalm 31

R: You are my hiding place, O Lord; you surround me with cries of deliverance.

1 Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile

2 But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: "I will confess my offence to the Lord."
And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin.

3 Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel

Mark 1:40 – 45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

Prayer and Liturgy News

Prayer to St Joseph

Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.

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.

...and now for some Light Relief...

Jamie's 'Paws' for Thought:

"Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure." *St. John Paul II*

