

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
5th Sunday of Lent Year B – 21st March 2021

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
Sat 20th	6:00pm Valerie Ellis RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 21st	10:30am Live-streamed Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	—	—	5 th Sunday Lent
Mon 22nd	—	—	—	—
Tue 23rd	—	—	9:30am Recovery from Illness (PW)	St Turibius of Mongrovejo, <i>Bishop</i>
Wed 24th	9:30am Live-streamed Alan Parkes RIP	—	—	—
Thur 25th	—	9:30am Kallaghan Family	—	The Annunciation of the Lord
Fri 26th	6:30pm Live-streamed Pat Chapman RIP	—	—	—
Sat 27th	6:00pm Deceased Members of the Watson Family RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 28th	10:30am Live-streamed Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	—	—	Palm Sunday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 23rd March – St. Bede's 9:00am – 9:30am

Wednesday 24th March – EMSSPP 9:00am – 9:30am

Thursday 25th March – St. Joseph's 9:00am – 9:30am

Friday 26th March – EMSSPP 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Saturday 27th March

St. Joseph's
10:00am – 11:00am

EMSSPP
5:30pm – 6:00pm

Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469



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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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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Reflection 5th Sunday of Lent Year B

As each weekend approaches I like to read the readings for that weekend which these days we print in their entirety in our bulletin. I'm sure I'm not the only one who does this. Sometimes, a particular word or phrase sticks in my mind - and once that has happened it can be difficult to pull myself away from whatever has grabbed my attention.

This week, I found such a phrase and it stuck in my mind. Our Gospel is all about Jesus recognising that very soon He was going to suffer and die -

'Now sentence is being passed on this world (He says) now the Prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself'.

But this isn't the phrase that sticks in my mind- the phrase that stands out for me is -

'If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him'.

Jesus made us many promises during His Ministry on earth and I think this one must rate as one of the most inspiring, a promise to bring a smile to your face in these dark days.

I am sure that we are all doing our best to serve our Lord as best we can. And look what happens when we do this - '...my Father will honour him'.

God the Father Himself, our Creator, will honour us if we serve His Son faithfully. That honour is to remain with Jesus, the man we serve for ever - '...wherever I am, my servant will be there too'.

We've walked a long way with our Lord so far this Lent. He tells us today that as He approaches the hour for which He came down to earth His soul is troubled.

Let's pray for the strength to stay by His side and help Him carry His load, as any faithful servant must do for their Master.

Deacon Paul Hargreaves

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 Betty Butler, Molly Byrnes, Charles Baker 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*

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 or alternatively please contact the parish office on 01642 806469.

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>. An envelope with sponsorship donations marked "Walk for Water" can be dropped into the Presbytery, or Sponsorship form at the back of Church. Thank you for helping to end water poverty. Deacon Jeff.

Pro-life Holy Hour: From Father Shaun on **Sunday 21st March at 4:00pm**. Access via the Diocese web site live-streaming **Newcastle St Teresa** face book and probably YouTube. Please join in praying for unborn and sanctity of life.

SPUC CLUB DRAW RESULT 15th MARCH 2021 1st Prize: No. 45 - Lorraine Toole, 2nd Prize: No.44 - Pat Kennedy, 3rd Prize: No. 14 - Veronica Bowron. Many thanks to all who support the Club Draw, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

St Bede's Red Mission Boxes Could you please ring John Evans on 01642 895739, who will arrange to collect your Box/Donation. As with all charities, The Missions have suffered financially over the past year, so please be as generous as possible. Thank you.

Thank you The funeral collection in memory of **Mary Ansboro** RIP raised **£100.50** for St. Joseph's church funds. Grateful thanks to all the generous donors.

Advanced Notice There will be a second collection for **The Holy Places** next weekend 28th March 2021.

Partnership News — taking in Hartlepool, Billingham and Stockton

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.
Moir Ashman, Chief Executive, St Cuthbert's Care.

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions - for March: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Prayer and Liturgy News

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First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming— it is the Lord who speaks— when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive— it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest— it is the Lord who speaks— since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Psalm:

50(51):3-4,12-15

1 Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

3 Give me again the joy of your help;

In your compassion blot out my offence.

with a spirit of fervour sustain me,

O wash me more and more from my guilt

that I may teach transgressors your ways

and cleanse me from my sin.

and sinners may return to you.

2 A pure heart create for me, O God,

put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,

nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel

John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die. The Gospel of the Lord

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 A friend is someone who knows all about you and loves you just the same.
Anon.

