

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
6th Sunday Easter Year B – 9th May 2021

	<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 8th	6:00pm Live-streamed Peter Shaw RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 9th	—	10:30am Pat Chapman RIP	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	6 th Sunday Easter
Mon 10th	—	—	—	—
Tue 11th	—	—	9:30am Beatrice Timney RIP	—
Wed 12th	9:30am Live-streamed Eileen Pratt RIP (TJW)	—	—	Ss Nereus and Achilles, <i>Martyrs</i> St Pancras, <i>Martyr</i>
Thur 13th	6:30pm Live-streamed Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	9:30am Paul McPartland RIP (WJ)	—	The Ascension of the Lord HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION
Fri 14th	6:30pm Live-streamed Molly Byrnes RIP (P&DR)	—	—	St Matthias, Apostle
Sat 15th	6:00pm Live-streamed Dennis Jenkins RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 16th	—	10:30am Reg Watson RIP	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	7 th Sunday Easter

Sacrament of Reconciliation – EMSSPP Sanctuary

Friday 14th May
6:00pm – 6:30pm

Saturday 15th May
5:30pm – 6:00pm

Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469

If you would like to reserve a place at the Saturday Vigil Mass or the Sunday Morning Masses, 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

Parish Office

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Parish website: www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk
Diocesan website: www.rcdhn.org.uk

Reflection – 6th Sunday of Easter

Often nowadays we find neither the time nor the energy to stop and be kind to others, to say 'excuse me', 'pardon me', 'thank you'. (*Fratelli tutti* 224)

John 15:9-17 'Abide in my love'

The Greek word used most often in the New Testament for love is *agape*. *Agape* is a quality of love more akin to self-sacrifice and unconditional self-giving. St Paul taught us that love is the greatest virtue. St John of the Cross said that in the evening of our lives we will all be judged on the love we have shown to the stranger, the prisoner, the hungry and the poor. In the Parable of the Good Samaritan and Matthew 25 we learn that love is practical, down to earth and always involves self-sacrifice, and giving of ourselves. This quality of love isn't strained but falls from heaven like gentle rain and it blesses those that give and those that receive.

'Breathe in me. O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen' (St Augustine).

Fr 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 Olwyn Daley, Audrey Griffiths and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.



MARSHALLS: We are still legally required to have Marshalls to supervise and guide our parishioners and to clean the church after Mass. Without more Marshalls, we will not be able to sustain this move to getting our parishes back to the new normal. May I ask that you to give some serious thought as to whether you would be able to volunteer as a Marshall, to enable these increased weekly Masses. Please let me know as soon as possible if you can. *Fr. Jeff*

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 Saturday or Sunday, please remember to book your place (07716 944610)**, 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:

- ✓ You will be asked by the Marshall at the door for your name and contact telephone number to assist with the Test & Trace system. Your details will only be held for this purpose and for the time required by current Government guidance.
- ✓ Please 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.
- ✓ Please leave church as soon as you have received Holy Communion and remember to adhere to Government guidelines when gathering outside church – currently a maximum of 6 persons or 2 households.

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



Holy Communion: Parishioners are reminded that they must leave church as soon as they have received Holy Communion. If anyone wishes to light a candle, please do this before Mass begins. It is important that all our parishioners can feel safe when leaving church. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping our churches safe.

Offertory envelopes: All weekly offertory envelopes should have been delivered to you by now. If you have not received yours, or would like to receive a supply (either gift aid or non-gift aid), or you would like to make a donation direct into your parish bank account, then please contact the parish office on 01642 806469. Thank you.

Northern Brethren: the recent second collection for the Northern Brethren Fund raised a total of £231.45 from our parishes. Many thanks to all who generously donated.

Advanced Notice There will be a second collection for **The Lay Training Fund** on the weekend of 23rd May 2021. Thank you.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to request a Mass to be said, for any reason, please try to use one of the new style envelopes, which are available at the back of church. If you use your own envelope, then **please remember to include your name and contact number** in case there are any queries. We make every effort to honour specific dates, subject to the availability of a Priest, but please assist us by **giving as much notice as possible** if you are requesting a specific date or church. Thank you.

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.

Very many thanks to those kind people who have been sending donations to support the work of the SVP at St Joseph's and in the Sudan. Thanks to your generosity we have been able to send £1,000 to help in that war-torn country. May God bless you.

Further News from Uganda: Normally at Easter Fr. Vincent would baptise several adults but this year because of lockdown there were no baptisms and the Easter Vigil was celebrated early and was very low key. Father says life is very hectic because every morning needy people come to him. **Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his people.**

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2021: Our Pilgrimage to Walsingham has been confirmed as Friday 9th July to Sunday 11th July. Would those who gave their names for last year please contact Pat McLoughlin on 01642 650904 or Mary Atkinson on 01642 612222 or 07952 321396 as soon as possible to reconfirm for this year, please? Cost for standard full board accommodation is £165.00 per person and en-suite full board accommodation is £195.00. A deposit of £30 (non-refundable) is due now to secure a place with the balance to be paid no later than 19th June. Thank you. Our Lady of Walsingham - Pray for us.

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for May: The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens.

Partnership News – taking in Hartlepool, Billingham and Stockton

A Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass: Bishop Robert has kindly agreed to presiding along with Deacon Rob Wareing at a live streamed Mass from **St. Mary's Cathedral** in celebration of Marriage & Family Life on **Saturday 22 May 2021 at 12.00 noon**. Anyone wishing to attend the Mass **MUST BOOK in advance** by contacting the Cathedral office on **0191 232 6953** or by emailing **office@stmaryscathedral.org.uk**. Anyone celebrating a significant anniversary should also provide the details of this at the time of booking and a certificate of celebration will be offered. Read more on the Diocese website www.rcdhn.org.uk/family/marriagemass

Prayer and Liturgy News

First Reading

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days

Psalm:

97(98):1-4

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy.

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

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: It is enough to be naive to choose any direction. The one who wants to keep the chosen direction needs a compass. *K. Steinbach*