

**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

	<b>English Martyrs and Ss Peter &amp; Paul's</b>	<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>St Bede's</b>	<b>Feast Days this week</b>
<b>Sat 25th</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> Veronica Paxton (EF)	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 26th</b>	—	<b>10:30am</b> Noel Rodrigues RIP (K&JM)	<b>9:00am</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	26th Sunday Ordinary Time
<b>Mon 27th</b>	—	—	—	St Vincent de Paul, <i>Priest</i>
<b>Tue 28th</b>	—	<b>First Holy Communion Mass</b> Please pray for the children and their families <b>12:00 Noon</b> Requiem Mass Noel Rodrigues RIP	—	St Wenceslaus, <i>Martyr</i>  St Laurence Ruiz & Companions, <i>Martyrs</i>
<b>Wed 29th</b>	<b>9:30am</b> Ronnie Watson RIP (MH)	—	—	<b>Ss Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael, Archangels</b>
<b>Thur 30th</b>	—	—	<b>First Holy Communion Mass</b> Please pray for the children and their families	St Jerome, <i>Priest, Doctor</i>
<b>Fri 1st</b>	<b>6:30pm</b> Thomas & Clare Evans RIP	—	—	St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, <i>Virgin, Doctor</i>
<b>Sat 2nd</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> William Saint & William Rogers RIP (100 <sup>th</sup> birthdays)	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 3rd</b>	—	<b>10:30am</b> Molly Byrnes RIP (SVP)	<b>9:00am</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	27th Sunday Ordinary Time

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October**  
**EMSSPP Sanctuary**  
**6:00pm – 6:30pm**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**  
**EMSSPP Sanctuary**  
**5:30pm – 6:00pm**

Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469

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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. Mark Millward  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr. Oliver Keyes  
**Deacons:** Jeffrey Parkes, Paul Hargreaves  
**Retired Priest:** Fr. Pat McKenna

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**Gospel Reflection**

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that we must accept good wherever we can find it, not only in our own group and where we expect it to be. It is the same lesson that is presented in this Sunday's first reading. The spirit of God is at work not only in Catholics, not only in Christians, not only even in explicit believers. As the Second Vatican Council taught so strongly, the Holy Spirit is at work too in those who are seeking the Kingdom under signs and symbols.

They can even be better people and better Christians than we who sometimes rely too comfortably on our membership of Christ's Church!

*Think of and pray for  
a really good person whom you admire  
who is not a Catholic or even a Christian*

*Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB  
(The Wednesday Word: <http://www.wednesdayword.org>)*

## 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, especially Noel Rodrigues. Noel's body will be received into St Joseph's Church on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 5:00pm. May Noel and all our deceased rest in peace. Amen.

### Covid: UPDATE

We have received updated guidance from Bishop Robert regarding our Diocese Covid procedures following the recent meeting of the Bishop's Council. As you are aware, legal restrictions were lifted in July, however local infection rates and hospital admissions are now increasing and health officials in the region are advising that maintaining Covid control measures such as face covering, and social distancing throughout the coming autumn/winter period will be vital to controlling infections. It is still down to all of us to keep each other safe by reducing the potential spread of infections.

Some controls are being relaxed, but a number of measures will continue for the present time so that our churches remain safe places to attend Mass.

- ✓ You will still be asked to sanitise your hands as you enter and leave church
- ✓ It is recommended that you continue to wear a face mask in church, unless you are exempt
- ✓ Churches will continue to be cleaned between Masses and other services
- ✓ Please try to keep 1m distance from those not in your household or 'bubble'
- ✓ The one-way system in church will continue
- ✓ Ministers, servers and readers can return to their normal duties
- ✓ We will no longer be taking contact details for test and trace

Our marshals have a very important role to play in keeping us safe. Please follow their guidance and co-operate with them as they do their job to seat people making best use of all the available space in church.

The obligation to attend weekend Mass remains suspended for the present time.

Thank you all for your co-operation and understanding. *Fr Mark.*

**First Holy Communion Masses:** Please note that the First Holy Communion Masses are for the children and their invited guests only. Due to social distancing church capacity is limited and we need to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your understanding.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Weekend 2nd/3rd October:** There are many ways in which parishioners have helped with Holy Communion in the past. Many of our housebound parishioners find Communion to the Sick the spiritual highlight of their week. In churches where priests and deacons need support in distributing Holy Communion this ministry has been a tremendous benefit in the past. At our Sunday Mass on this weekend, we give thanks for these ministers, and we ask them to commit themselves again to this work.

**Love Christmas:** Looking for a way to spread love, hope and kindness in your community this Christmas? Love Christmas is a national initiative to do just this. Together we are mobilising volunteers through local churches to sponsor and deliver a million Christmas Boxes to the most vulnerable and isolated. By partnering together, you will be joining thousands of churches from across the UK. It is easy for parishes to take part and it is an effective way to let your neighbourhood know that your parish cares! Join the Love Christmas webinar on Wednesday 6 October, 11:00am – 12:00 noon to hear more and to find out how to get involved. Sign up here: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4917266>

**SVP Update:** We recently held a conference meeting, our first since March 2020, and will continue to meet fortnightly for the time being. If anybody want to know more about our work please feel free to come along to one of our meetings. We now want to cautiously reconnect with those across our three parishes who might need some support. If you know of anyone who we might be able to help, even if it's just a phone call or a visit, please speak to one of the conference members or call Alan on 07939 912354.

**Diocesan Days of Reflection for Ministers:** Are being held at Ushaw College, Durham. During these days we shall reflect together on the call of our ministry and how the Pandemic may raise the need to introduce new ways of working and also we shall consider the approaching Synod.

**Called to the Supper of the Lamb** for those who have served as ministers taking Holy Communion to the Sick or helping distribute during Mass.

Option 1: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021 10:30am – 3:30pm (*book by Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September*)

Option 2: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021 10:30am – 3:30pm (*book by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October*)

See the posters in church for further details. The cost of the day will be paid by your parish and refreshments will be provided. Please contact the Parish office if you wish to attend any of these events.

**SPUC Pro-Life Mission:** Please feel warmly invited to join the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) for a Pro-Life Mission taking place at **St. Thomas More's Church, Kirkham Row, Beechwood, Middlesbrough, TS4 3EE from Monday 27th September – Friday 1st October.** There will be Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 10:30am at St. Thomas More's; on Wednesday 29th the Mass and the presentation which follows will take place at St. Joseph's Church, Park Road South, Middlesbrough, TS4 2RB. All presentations and workshops will be given by members of staff from SPUC. For further details, please see poster and leaflets at the back of church or contact **Terry Graham, SPUC Northern Development Officer: 07549 068226; terrygraham@spuc.org.uk**

Latest News from Fr. Vincent: Fr Vincent writes, "The rains are starting soon and I am sure we shall face a problem of getting seeds for planting since a lot of them have been eaten as food. I pray to God for a solution since the people will run to me. However, I will use part of the grain in the food bank for planting. Once again, thank you for all the support. Here each day is very stressful but God sees me through." Please pray for Fr. Vincent as he tries to respond to the needs of his people.

## RESULTS OF SPUC CLUB DRAW:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** No. 10 Mrs P Kennedy **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** No. 53 Mrs C Moran **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** No. 33 Mrs M Martinsen

Many thanks to all those who support this club draw. If you would like a number, please contact Christine Pope on 01642 602842 or 07980 290432.

## Worldwide Church News

**Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for September:** An Environmentally, Sustainable, Lifestyle.

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

## Prayer and Liturgy News

### **Numbers 11:25-29**

### **First Reading**

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

### **Psalm:**

**18(19):8,10,12-14**

*Response: The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.*

1 The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple.

2 The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just.

3 So in them your servant finds instruction;  
great reward is in their keeping.  
But who can detect all his errors?  
From hidden faults acquit me.

4 From presumption restrain your servant  
and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless,  
clean from grave sin.

### **Second Reading**

**James 5:1-6**

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord:

consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

**Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48**

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

**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...**

### **Thought for the Day:**

Remember the past with gratitude, the present with enthusiasm and look forward to the future with confidence.

*St John Paul II*