

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
27th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 3rd October 2021

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
Sat 2nd	6:00pm William Saint & William Rogers RIP (100 th birthdays)	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 3rd	—	10:30am Molly Byrnes RIP (SVP) 4:00pm Holy Hour	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	27th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 4th	—	—	—	St Francis of Assisi, <i>Religious</i>
Tue 5th	—	—	9:30am Priests Intention	St Maria Faustina Kowalska, <i>Virgin</i>
Wed 6th	First Holy Communion Mass Please pray for the children and their families	—	—	St Bruno, <i>Priest</i>
Thur 7th	—	First Holy Communion Mass Please pray for the children and their families	—	Our Lady of the Rosary
Fri 8th	6:30pm Matthew Evan Chipchase RIP	—	—	—
Sat 9th	6:00pm Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 10th	—	10:30am Nellie & Hughie Kennedy RIP (AW)	9:00am Michael Lamb RIP	27th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Friday 8th October EMSSPP Sanctuary 6:00pm – 6:30pm	Saturday 9th October EMSSPP Sanctuary 5:30pm – 6:00pm
Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469	

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. Mark Millward
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Deacon: Paul Hargreaves
Retired Priest: Fr. Pat McKenna

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Diocesan website: www.rcdhn.org.uk

Reflection 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

As I settle down to write this reflection, with the sound of my typing pretty much drowned out by the rain lashing down outside and overwhelming my gutters, all I can think about is petrol.

I've never really given much thought to petrol before - it's just something that is there and which I put into the car every now and again to make it go and take me places.

This last week though, two separate things have made me think about petrol probably more than I have ever done since I passed my driving test some forty years ago.

The first was that the formulation of petrol has changed as of this month. We are now being encouraged to buy what is known as E10 petrol, which is said to be kinder to the environment than the petrol it replaces. You can also buy a petrol called E5, but you need to check which is best for your car.

I filled up at a well-known supermarket the other day, but didn't realise these changes had already been made. Once I realised, I was utterly convinced I had put in the wrong petrol and had damaged my car beyond repair - but I hadn't. Panic over.

But the panic returned when I saw on the news that there is a national petrol shortage. People are 'panic buying' and supplies are running dry, so then I began to worry about what would happen when the petrol I have runs out, which it will very soon. Will I be stranded at home forever? Maybe I should fill up again now.

But having just seen a sparrow land on my patio table, shake itself dry and fly off into the refuge of my hedge I am reminded that God is watching over me.

I don't really need to worry about petrol, or how I am going to get about.

There are many other things that I should be worrying about - like have I helped anyone today? Have I made someone happy? Have I been a good witness to my Faith?

I'll have a think whilst the rain continues to fall. I can fill up the car with petrol some other time.

Deacon Paul

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.

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.

Holy Hour: On Sunday 3rd October there will be a Holy Hour at 4:00pm in St Joseph's. All welcome.



Mary's Meals: Details have just been released for this year's Mary's Meals Online Family Pilgrimage Day from Medjugorje, which will take place next Saturday, 2nd October. If you would like to join in with this online event, please visit www.marysmealsmedjugorje.org/pilgrimage2021

Many thanks for your continued support of Mary's Meals and their mission to feed the world's poorest children with a daily meal in school.

Proud Catholics: Do you identify as LGBT+ or are you questioning your sexual or gender identity? Would you like to attend a support group run by and for LGBT+ Catholics in the North East? We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at St Andrew's RC Church, Worswick St. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 19th October at 7.30pm** (BST). We will share how our devotion and connection to Mary helps us in our life of faith. The meeting will be followed by social time. There will be the possibility to connect through Zoom for people who are not able or don't feel safe to come to church. For more information, phone Isabel on **07858 934457**, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com or visit our website <http://www.proud Catholics.co.uk>

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, 11am – 12pm 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 wants 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 07939912354.

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 16th October 2021 10:30am – 3:30pm (*book by Thursday 30th September*)

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

See the poster 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.

Diocesan Vacancies:

Diocesan Dept. for Education

Senior Administrator – permanent, full-time. Closing date for applications – 4 October. For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us on **0191 243 3301**

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for October: Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

Prayer and Liturgy News

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First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Psalm:

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May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall
eat.

You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;

your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem

all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children.

On Israel, peace!

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

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: Preach the gospel at all times and when necessary use words.

St Francis of Assisi