

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
2nd Sunday of Easter Year C – 24th April 2022

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
Sat 23rd	6:00pm Annie O'Shea RIP	—	—	Easter Saturday
Sun 24th	9:00am Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Neil Sutheran RIP (LoM) 2:30pm Holy Hour	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	2nd Sunday of Easter
Mon 25th	—	—	—	St Mark Evangelist
Tue 26th	—	—	9:30am Grace Fletcher RIP 10:00am – 11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St George, Patron of England
Wed 27th	9:30am Jimmy Boxer RIP	—	—	—
Thur 28th	—	9:30am Brian & Ann Armstrong RIP (PDR) 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	—
Fri 29th	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm John Barker RIP	—	—	St Catherine of Siena Virgin, Doctor Patron of Europe
Sat 30th	6:00pm Lawrence Stephenson RIP (PS)	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 1st	—	10:30am Brian Armstrong RIP (SVP)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	3rd Sunday of Easter

Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Thursday 28th April St Joseph's after 9.30am Mass	Friday 29th April EMSSPP Sanctuary 5:00pm – 5:45pm	Saturday 30th April EMSSPP Sanctuary 5:00pm – 5:45pm
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
Assistant Priest: Fr Oliver Keyes
Deacon: Paul Hargreaves

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Reflection 2nd Sunday of Easter

Are you one of those people who keeps hold of things that others would probably throw away, just in case they might come in handy one day?

I am.

Very often this means that stuff just accumulates, takes up space and gets in the way - but occasionally the very same stuff might be exactly what you need to fix something, or even make something.

One of my piles of stuff lingers behind the shed in the garden. When Debra decided on Easter Sunday that she'd like to have a compost bin, I volunteered to make one using only what was in that pile or in similar piles.

I found that I had a number of rusty bits of scaffolding, some pallets, assorted pieces of timber and a length of wire - and in only a few days, with help from our son Tom, we have managed to create a two-compartment compost bin with doors.

In fact, we got a bit carried away in that it's ended up so big it could double up as a sheep pen. We're quite proud of it though, since everything we used had at one time been thrown away, or at least put out of mind. You might say that these things had been rejected, like the stone rejected by the builders in today's Psalm.

Just like our Lord Himself, who only a matter of days ago was rejected in the cruelest of ways by His own people and crucified. But now His glory shines bright for all of us to see.

Sometimes we need gentle reminders about the gifts that through God's grace we have available to us to live our lives.

One such gift is our Lord Jesus Christ. Let's pray that we never reject Him, but instead do all we can to keep him at the centre of our lives in this Easter season and beyond.

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 Christopher (Kit) Hardy and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

The following COVID MEASURES will continue to apply 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.**
- **We recommend that you wear a face mask in church unless you are exempt.**
- **Please still be mindful of social distancing.**
- **If you have any cold, flu or gastric symptoms then please stay at home.**

Please follow the marshals' guidance and co-operate with them as they do their job to seat people making best use of all the available space in church. Thank you all for your co-operation and understanding. Fr Mark.

Offertory Envelopes PLEASE REMEMBER TO COLLECT YOUR NEW BOX OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR FROM CHURCH. Please let the Parish office know if you do not have any and would like some, if your address has changed, or if you no longer require a box. Many thanks.

St Joseph's Refurbishment Appeal

The new the roof at St Joseph's has been completed and has cost almost £50,000. We would now like to renew the lighting and decorate internally and externally, and we anticipate that this may cost up to another £50,000. We urgently need your financial help in these endeavours please. You may be able to give a financial contribution and where possible Gift Aid it, you may have fundraising ideas or you may like to consider increasing your weekly offering and again when possible to Gift Aid your donation. However you can help or whatever you can do will be gratefully received. Thank you – Fr Mark. Donations towards the Refurbishment Fund of £4,784 have already been received – Sincere thanks to those who have contributed so far.

Refurbishment Appeal Concert: Date for your diary - on **Saturday 23 April at 7.30pm.** Bella Canta Ladies Choir, featured last week on Radio Tees, will be singing at St Joseph's. To raise funds for the roof there will be a retiring collection, a raffle and refreshments.

Northern Brethren Fund Annual Sick and Retired Priests Collection (23rd/24th April): The NBF, which looks after our sick and retired priests, gives out approximately £15,000 per month to our sick and retired priests. We need your support to keep this going. In the last three years our collections raised only £35,000 which lasted for only two months of grants to our priests. Every one of us will be able to recall a priest who has been a support to us in our journey of faith. One of those priests may now be relying on your support at this time. Our priests give their lives to work in our parishes, to support you through your good times and be to be at your side through more difficult times as well. Please support this collection if you can. Thank you.

Sincere thanks: to parishioners who gave donations towards St Bede's Easter flowers last Sunday. A total of £202 was raised.

Holy Places: The collections on 9th/10th April raised £29.90 at St Joseph's and £72.80 at EMSSPP. Thank you to all those who donated.

Magnificat: Enjoy your free digital Holy Week and April issues of Magnificat at the following website address:www.magnificat.com/april

Catholic Women Speak, an international forum for dialogue and awareness-raising around issues to do with women in the Catholic Church, invites Catholic women to take part in a survey that will form part of a submission to the Synodal process. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and is available in six languages, with further information available here: <https://catholicwomenspeak.com/catholic-women-international-synod-survey>

Would you like someone to talk to? A trained listener is available who can offer a confidential listening service to anyone who needs a listening ear. This could include issues such as loss, anxiety, loneliness or any other matters of concern. An initial phone call can be made with the option of meeting one to one or continuing on the telephone. Please contact the parish office on 01642 806469 or email parishfamilystockton@outlook.com leaving your name and contact details and a listener will get in touch. 'Being listened to and heard is one of the greatest desires of the human heart'.

St. Bede's Red Boxes: The Mission Boxes are now due for collection. Could you please leave the boxes at the back of Church, or ring John Evans on 01642 895739 who will arrange collection.

Easter Greetings from Uganda: Fr. Vincent has sent Easter greetings to our 3 parishes and thanks us for our continued support. On Easter Sunday he baptised 36 Adults, they included a grandmother aged 76as well as 2 nursing mothers. Father and his volunteer catechists met 10 of them in the villages when they were distributing food to the poor. All expressed their desire to join the Faith. They received instruction every day for more than 3 weeks

The Forge, Norton: Pope Francis says in Laudato Si "we can all collaborate.... so that our mother Earth returns to its original beauty and creation again shines according to God's plan." _In Norton we can help to do this on our own doorstep! **The Forge** offers a wide range of good quality eco-friendly household cleaning and toiletries products with refill options, reducing plastic waste. There is also a toy loan scheme. Open Thurs 10am - 7pm, Friday 10am - 2pm, Sat 9am - 2pm. Located under the Hambletonian on The Green, through the black gates at the side of the building, on the right.

SVP Children's Camp, Lindisfarne, volunteers wanted: working in kitchen, caretaking or dormitory helper. Full training given and enhanced DBS check. For more information see poster or visit www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island/about-camp

Vacancies: The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

Property Surveyor – Full-time, fixed term contract – 2 years. Flexible working is available. Closing date for applications: 28 April 2022
Hexham, St Mary - Parish Secretary – 20 hours a week; Cleaner – 14 hours a week. Closing date for applications: 4 May 2022. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us 0191 243 3301

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. On **Tuesday, 17th May at 7.30pm** (BST) we will be holding our **Annual General Meeting**. We will review the achievements of the past year and we will look forward to the year ahead. There will also be elections to the Committee. New members are always very welcome, and this is a great opportunity to find out more about the group! It will be possible to connect through Zoom for people who are not able or don't feel safe to come to St Andrew's. If interested, get in touch to ask for the link. For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit our website <http://www.proud Catholics.co.uk> or our social media accounts.

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis Monthly Intentions for April: Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Prayer and Liturgy News

Divine Mercy Sunday 24th April: at St Joseph's Norton 2.30pm Holy Hour, Confessions – Chaplet – Benediction Followed by Tea & Coffee in the hall.

SAVE THE DATE: "God wants to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart." - Our Lady of Fatima: The Fatima Immaculate Heart pilgrim statue is coming to EMSPP on the **18 - 19th June**.

Liturgy Courses: The Diocesan Liturgy Team will be running the following courses in April and May: Welcomers' Course, New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Course and a Sacristans' Course. If you wish to find out more information about these courses and how to register for them, please contact the Faith & Mission admin team: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2022: Unfortunately, there is no Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year but it is hoped to have a large presence of pilgrims in Lourdes from the North East. Tangney Tours have organised **LOURDES 2022 direct from Newcastle July 29th – August 4th** For full details and costs which begin at £790 for travel by air, full board and full pilgrimage programme please contact Tangney Tours 01732886666 / email: sales@tangney-tours.com or book on line www.tangney-tours.com

Poverty Challenge: See, Judge, Act - Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), the Catholic agency addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, and to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read and encourage groups and individuals to engage with it. Download from www.csan.org.uk

Year of the Eucharist: The Vicariate for Faith and Mission has now produced the '*Encountering the Son*' booklet, which is the second of a series of three booklets to accompany the Year of the Eucharist and our Diocesan Synodal reflection. The booklet is available on the Diocesan website <https://diocesehn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Year-of-the-Eucharist-Encountering-the-Son-reflection-booklet.pdf>

Stella Maris Day of Prayer & Pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne: Saturday 4th June 2022 led by the Rt Rev Paul Mason, Stella Maris Bishop Promoter, England & Wales. A peaceful day of prayer and reflection. Join us to pray for seafarers and for everyone involved in our ministry and charity. **Celtic Prayers on the Green 12noon.** Concelebrated Mass in St Mary the Virgin Church 3pm.

Saturday 4th June Safe Crossing Times 9:10am – 17.05pm

Parish groups, families & individuals all welcome. For further information, please contact Regional Port Chaplains Paul Atkinson (07906 212 426) or Peter Barrigan (07713 924 504)

First Reading

Acts 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Psalm

117(118)2-4,22-27

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

1.Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.'

3.O Lord, grant us salvation;

O Lord grant success,

Blessed in the name of the Lord

Is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;

The Lord God is our light.

2.The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad.

Second Reading

Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

and now for some Light Relief...

Thought for the Day: One day Our Lady's statue will be enshrined in the Kremlin and peace will come to the world.

St Maximilian Kolbe