

**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Year C – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

	<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 30th</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> Lawrence Stephenson RIP (PS)	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 1st</b>	—	<b>10:30am</b> Brian Armstrong RIP (SVP)	<b>9:00am</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>Mon 2nd</b>	—	—	—	St Athanasius, <i>Bishop, Doctor</i>
<b>Tue 3rd</b>	—	—	<b>9:30am</b> Deceased members of McNeill & Finn Families RIP <b>10:00am – 11:00am</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b>Ss Philip and James, Apostles</b>
<b>Wed 4th</b>	<b>9:30am</b> The return of the faith of the family	—	—	<b>The English Martyrs</b>
<b>Thur 5th</b>	—	<b>9:30am</b> Dagmar Brosch RIP <b>2:00pm – 4:00pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	—
<b>Fri 6th</b>	<b>5:00pm – 6:00pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>6:00pm</b> Margaret Harrington RIP (GEM)	—	—	—
<b>Sat 7th</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> Peter Shaw RIP	—	—	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 8th</b>	<b>9:00am</b> Mass for the Polish Community	<b>10:30am</b> Pat Chapman RIP	<b>9:00am</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>

<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>		
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>St Joseph's</b> <b>after 9.30am Mass</b>	<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>EMSSPP Sanctuary</b> <b>5:00pm – 5:45pm</b>	<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>EMSSPP Sanctuary</b> <b>5:00pm – 5:45pm</b>
<b>Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469</b>		

**Bulletin Items:** If you would like a notice included in the next bulletin, please email [parishnewsletterstockton@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## ST. HILDA PARTNERSHIP



English Martyrs and  
Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's



St. Joseph's

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022

### Clergy

**Parish Priest:** Fr Mark Millward  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr Oliver Keyes  
**Deacon:** Paul Hargreaves

### Parish Office

**Hours:** Tuesday to Friday 10.00am till 2:00pm  
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**Parish YouTube:** Stockton Parish Family  
**Facebook page:** @ParishFamilyStocktonRC  
**Parish website:** [www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk](http://www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk)  
**Diocesan website:** [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

### Third Sunday of Easter

Simon Peter and the sons of Zebedee return home, to the place where they first met Jesus and from where he called them to 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of people'.

What a journey they have been on! A journey of discipleship, sitting and learning at his feet; witnesses of healing, reconciliation and restoration in the lives of people who have encountered him. They have experienced fear in the midst of persecution, his arrest, passion and death and they have been overwhelmed and profoundly changed by encountering the mystery of the risen Lord.

Now they return to what they have previously known, their fishing business, but the night shift is hard work and they catch nothing. As dawn breaks the Lord directs them from the shore and they catch a miraculous number of fish. With Jesus as part of our ordinary daily life, guiding us, we too can bear much fruit. Without him we know life can be difficult, with him life can be transformed, as the darkness of night yields to the light of a new day, may we too recognize 'it is the Lord'.

We get nowhere by ourselves, we need the presence of the Lord and his love; we need him to feed and nurture us with himself in word and sacrament and to meet him in our life together as a community of faith.

*Fr Mark*

## 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 **Rose Monty** and **Tom McMaster** 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:** Many thanks to everyone who supported the Bella Canta Concert at St Joseph's by attending and donating raffle prizes. A total of **£391.06** was raised.

**Little Sisters of the Poor Appeal:** The Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's Home in Newcastle are finding the current economic climate increasingly more difficult. The emergency lockdown measures we have had to implement to aid efforts to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and keep our residents safe have had a massive impact on our fundraising activities and the charitable donations we rely on to meet the ever increasing daily running costs of the Home. We are appealing for urgent donations to help us continue with our work of caring for the Elderly. In these uncertain times, small acts of kindness can make a huge difference in helping our Home. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We are extremely grateful to you for the kindness shown to us. Cheques made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' can be sent to: **St Joseph's Home, Westmoreland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA.** Alternatively, secure, online donations can be made by visiting: [www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/](http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/)

**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](mailto: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'.

**Easter Greetings from Uganda:** On Easter Sunday Fr. Vincent's offertory collection consisted of some grain, 3 live chickens and a female goat. Father quickly exchanged the goat the same day (in case it ran away) for a quantity of maize from a local farmer who will use it for breeding. **Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his Mission.**

**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](http://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island/about-camp)

**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](mailto: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 May:** Faith-Filled Young People:

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

## Prayer and Liturgy News

**Minsteracres Open Day:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 11am – 3pm. You are invited to visit the exhibition, join a guided tour, reflective time in the chapel or take a stroll in the beautiful grounds and woodlands. Refreshments are available in the Cafe. All are welcome.

**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 May: 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 visit the website [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) or contact the Faith & Mission admin team: [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk),

**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](http://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.**

**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)

## Third Sunday Easter– Year C – 1<sup>st</sup> May2022

### First Reading

**Acts 5:27-32,40-41**

The high priest demanded an explanation of the Apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

### Psalm:

**29(30):2,4-6,11-13**

*I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.*

1.I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

2.Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

3.The Lord listened and had pity.

The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning into dancing:

O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

### Second Reading

**Apocalypse 5:11-14**

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

### Gospel

**John 21:1-19**

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night. It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land. As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead. After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go. In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

**and now for some Light Relief...**

**Thought for the Day:** Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance. *Samuel Johnson*