

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
15th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C – 10th July 2022

	<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 9th	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u> Richard John Walburn RIP	<u>9:30am</u> Shirley Bean RIP (WJ)	—	—
Sun 10th	<u>9:00am</u> Mass for the Polish Community	<u>10:30am</u> Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	<u>9:00am</u> Pat Johnson RIP (The Friendship Group)	15th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 11th	—	—	—	St Benedict, <i>Abbot</i>, Patron of Europe
Tue 12th	—	<u>1:00pm</u> Funeral Service William Henry Wynn RIP	<u>9:30am</u> Priests Intention <u>10:00am – 11:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—
Wed 13th	<u>9:30am</u> Tom Walker 90	—	—	St Henry
Thur 14th	—	<u>9:30am</u> <u>St. Joseph's Whole School Leavers' Mass</u> Daniel Oliver & Family <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Camillus de Lellis <i>Priest</i>
Fri 15th	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> Service of the Word & Holy Communion	—	—	St Bonaventure <i>Bishop, Doctor</i>
Sat 16th	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u> Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	<u>9:30am</u> Sheila Peggs RIP (BP)	—	—
Sun 17th	—	<u>10:30am</u> Dennis Carroll RIP (SVP)	<u>9:00am</u> Irene, Stan & Peter Collins RIP (DO)	16th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation		
<u>Thursday 14th July</u> <u>St Joseph's Legion Room</u> <u>after 9.30am Mass</u>	<u>Friday 15th July</u> <u>EMSSPP Confessional</u> <u>5:00pm – 5:45pm</u>	<u>Saturday 16th July</u> <u>EMSSPP Confessional</u> <u>5:00pm – 5:45pm</u>
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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P A R I S H N E W S L E T T E R

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Clergy

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15th Sunday Ordinary Time

To many a Jew at the time of Jesus the hatred of the Samaritans was such that a Good Samaritan was a contradiction in terms.

It is striking that Luke changes the dialogue about the two commandments. In Mark's and Matthew's accounts Jesus answers the question about the commandments, while in Luke Jesus challenges the questioner, who then himself gives the right answer.

It is also striking that, in his reply at the very end, the lawyer, despite Jesus' praise of him, cannot bring himself to pronounce the hated name, 'Samaritan', and says 'the one who...'.

The conscientious dilemma of the priest and the Levite reveals a dry humour within this story: if the huddled traveller turns out to be dead, they will incur corpse-defilement and be unable to perform their sacred duties!

This legal difficulty makes the Samaritan's attentive generosity all the more poignant, for a Samaritan is free of any such hang-ups.

Love shown to the unfortunate and the down-trodden is a major theme in Luke's Gospel. But note also the Samaritan's careful administration of his funds: he gives not a blank cheque but two days' wages, which he will supplement on his return if necessary!

What is the main point of Jesus' story? Is it to be generous or not to be judgmental?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB from Wednesday Word

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 Paul Joynes, William Wynn, Patricia Hiles 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.

June Baptisms: Please pray for Frankie, Amy, Jessica, Lula, Archie, Orla, Neave, Oscar, Ivy, Lulah, Lily, Tobias, Zachary and Ella-Jayne who received the Sacrament of Baptism in June. May they and their godparents grow in their Faith in the years ahead.

Thank You: The Little Sisters of the Poor would like to thank everyone for supporting the recent Diocesan Church Collection in aid of St Joseph's Home (Newcastle). We are extremely grateful for the kindness shown to us. We ask God to bless and reward you and your families for all you have done to help us continue the work of Jeanne Jugan in caring for our elderly residents. Assuring you of our grateful prayers. Mother Deirdre and The Community.

A Pro-life Holy Hour: will follow the 9:30 Mass on Thursday 14th July at St Joseph, please come and join us to pray for the Sanctity of life and the unborn.

Second collection: the second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea will be **postponed until 16th / 17th July** due to the Walsingham Pilgrimage. Thank you.

Apostleship of the Sea: Hugh Ward from Apostleship of the Sea has asked us to thank the parish for their generosity in donating toiletries for the seafarers. The last bag was received with such gratitude, it only lasted two days so you can imagine how needed they were. The Main focus of Apostleship of the Sea lately has been on Ukrainian seafarers, ensuring that they have contact with their families. Vodaphone has nationally given free loaded sims for use when they are in UK waters.



All the Parishes are asked to Support the Community Larder St Andrews Church Hardwick.

Boxes will be available at each Church for donations of tinned and dry products (pasta, rice, cereals, flour etc.) toiletries, toilet rolls, nappies, sanitary and laundry products. The Larder is open every Wednesday 11-1.30pm. Everyone is welcome regardless of income; no referral is required. You can purchase 8 items for £1; some items are free or for a small donation. In this challenging time any donation will be gratefully received. Fr Mark.

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 £6,964 have already been received – Sincere thanks to those who have contributed so far.

Little Sisters of the Poor St Joseph's Home (LSP), Newcastle are looking for volunteers to help throughout the Home (e.g. helping with residents' activities, administration duties, fundraising and other various duties). If you are interested and would like to help, please contact Sister Evelyn or Mother Deirdre at St Joseph's Home on 0191 2731279 for further details.

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'.

News from OLSB School: Over the last few months, we have been looking at CAFOD's 'Step up to the Plate' campaign. The issues include large corporations charging extortionate amounts for crops and pesticides so farmers are on the verge of bankruptcy. If we show love in all our actions and stand up for those in vulnerable positions, we can stop this. Maybe not immediately, but we will have an effect. We will not stay silent because we cannot stay silent. Farmers deserve a variety of crops, land rights and seeds.

Hairspray Production: "**Our Lady & St Bede** pupils have been working hard towards their end of year show, **HAIRSPRAY!** It's the first time in over 25 years that the school has put on a school production and we'd be thrilled if you can join us! With over 50 pupils involved, it promises to be a spectacular event. HAIRSPRAY will be running on Mon 4th - Wed 6th July (6:30pm). Tickets £5.50/4.50(u16) can be ordered from www.ticketsource.co.uk/ourladyandstbede" Please see the parish noticeboard for further details.

Proud Catholics - The Apostles' Creed: 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 July at 7.30pm** (BST). The words of our creeds are so familiar, we say them often and leave it at that until the next time. In this meeting, by sharing our thoughts and feelings, we take a closer look at our core beliefs as expressed in the Apostles' Creed. The meeting will be followed by refreshments. 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>

News from Uganda: Fr. Vincent says "Here we are still struggling to get back to normal. Schools are open but still many pupils have not gone back to school." A team of volunteers visit the villages with a message to the children to go back to school. The volunteers receive food rations from Fr, Vincent for their work. The challenge is always school fees, pens pencils and school bags. Our donations were used to buy 17 bags of school materials. In the month of June more than 26 children were persuaded to return to school. The girls are more responsive to the appeal, out of the 26, 18 are girls. The school term ends in August and it is hope by then more than 40 children will have returned to their lessons. Without education they have no future.

Worldwide Church News

CAFOD: The paradox of abundance: Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance'. 'Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! **CAFOD's** new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our *Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey* resource.

Pope Francis Monthly Intentions for July: Elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

Prayer and Liturgy News

Year of the Eucharist: The Vicariate for Faith and Mission has now produced the '**Encountering the Holy Spirit**' booklet, which is the third of a series of reflection booklets to accompany the Year of the Eucharist. The booklet is available on the Diocesan website from the following link: <https://bit.ly/3R2gJRZ>

NHS Thanksgiving Mass: As part of the Year of the Eucharist, Bishop Robert invite all NHS doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, and chaplains to a Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday 14th July at 7pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. This Mass, which is open to all, will be an opportunity for the Diocese to express gratitude to all healthcare workers and NHS chaplains as we continue to emerge from the pandemic.

The Vicariate for Faith & Mission: invite families across the Diocese to gather and celebrate for a Loud Family Liturgy and Lunch, taking place at St Cuthbert's Church, Chester-le-Street on **Sunday 10th July** between 1:00pm-3:00pm. Families are asked to bring their own picnic. For more information, or to book, please email adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk

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First reading

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. 'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

Psalm

Psalm 68(69):14,17,30-31,33-34,36-3

Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

1.This is my prayer to you,
My prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
In your compassion, turn towards me.

2.As for me in my poverty and pain
Let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

3.The poor when they see it will be glad
And God-seeking hearts will revive;
For the Lord listens to the needy
And does not spurn his servants in their chains.

4.For god will bring help to Zion
And rebuild the cities of Judah.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
Those who love his name shall dwell there.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was reated, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus 'do this and life is yours.' But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

Thought for the Day: Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.