

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
16th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C – 17th July 2022

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
Sat 16th	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	9:30am Sheila Peggs RIP (BP)	—	—
Sun 17th	—	10:30am Dennis Carroll RIP (SVP)	9:00am Irene, Stan & Peter Collins RIP (DO)	16th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 18th	—	—	—	—
Tue 19th	—	—	9:30am St. Bede's Whole School Leavers' Mass Emma Watt RIP (GEM) 10:00am – 11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—
Wed 20th	9:30am St Gregory's Whole School Leavers' Mass Priests Intention	—	—	St Apollinaris <i>Bishop, Martyr</i>
Thur 21st	—	9:30am Deceased members of Hamilton & Williams families RIP (PH) 12:00 Noon Requiem Mass Patricia Hiles RIP 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Lawrence of Brindisi <i>Priest, Doctor</i>
Fri 22nd	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Pat Chapman RIP	—	—	St Mary Magdalene
Sat 23rd	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Lawrence Stephenson RIP (PS)	9:30am Tom McMaster RIP	—	St Bridget of Sweden, Religious Patron of Europe
Sun 24th	9:00am Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Reg & Sally Davidson RIP (PT)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	17th Sunday Ordinary Time

Thursday 21st July St Joseph's Legion Room after 9.30am Mass	Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday 22nd July EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm	Saturday 23rd July EMSSPP Confessional 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

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Reflection 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

According to an article on the BBC News Website today, Wednesday 13th July, a major UK study has found that mindfulness lessons in secondary schools are '...largely a waste of time...' If you would like to read the article for yourself, here is a link to it- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-62126567>

The article explains that mindfulness is intended to help those who practise it, basically a form of meditation, to focus on what is actually happening around them now, rather than dwell on the past or worry about the future. The hope is that this will improve individual's mental health- a very laudable aim.

It's a bit more involved than this, hence me including the link for you to explore at your leisure. The article also makes it clear that the mindfulness exercises that the pupils were taught did in fact help some of them - but for others more targeted support would be better.

This got me thinking, and it reminded me of a line in a film whose title I can't immediately recall which was something like '...you have to live in the now...'

I'm not sure that's for me though, and I don't think it's that simple. I quite like looking back over things that have happened to me - bad times as well as good, since we can learn things from both of these experiences.

And I quite like looking forward to the future too, with all the promise that that holds.

I wonder if this makes me a 'Martha' or a 'Mary'.

Maybe I'm a bit of both, I don't know.

Something else for me to have a think about- and if you recognise the line from the film, please tell me.

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 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.



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.

Second Collection for Apostleship of the Sea: will take place this Sunday.

Thank you: the family of the late Rose Monty RIP would like to pass on sincere thanks for the donations received in memory of Rose which have been passed on to The Salvation Army.

Peter's Pence: The total recently collected for Peter's Pence by our 3 parishes was £329.28. Sincere thanks to all for your generosity.

A huge thank you: to the organisers of the Parishes' pilgrimage to Walsingham last weekend. Everyone had a great time. We prayed for all of your Intentions. See the parish Facebook page for some photos from our time there. 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 £6,973 have already been received – Sincere thanks to those who have contributed so far.

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'.

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 OLSB School: Today our Faith in Action group along with Liz and Mrs Parker went on a visit to both Stockton Hope Community Larder in Hardwick and English Martyrs and St Peter and Paul's Church in Roseworth to find out what they are doing to help the local community through their Larder and Community Garden projects.

In our Faith in Action enrichment club, we have been talking about Catholic Social Teaching and the importance of helping others instead of just ourselves. Going along to both Stockton Hope Community Larder and English Martyrs and St Peter and Paul's Church have inspired our group to think of ways they can put their faith into action in September and the different projects they are wanting to start and get involved in both in our school and local community.

Well done to these students for showing confidence and compassion by getting involved in something that will benefit other people.

If anyone in our school community needs some additional help during these trying times Stockton Hope Community Larder is open every Wednesday from 11-1:30. Plenty of fresh food and you can receive 8 items for just £1! No need to have a voucher or be referred, this project is open to everybody

News from Uganda: Fr. Vincent says "The harvest in August will not be so good as crops are drying up because there is no rain. We have also had a bad pest attacking maize farms. In the villages they cannot afford to buy treatments for pest control so we use ashes from the kitchen firewood. Ashes are not so efficient but that's what's available. I am afraid many families will turn to me for food support."

Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his mission work.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) 2022-2023

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. The CCRS course programme is now available for 2022-2023 and there is a short presentation shown on the Diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/education/continuing-professional-development-and-formation/#ccrs>

If anyone would like further information, they can contact Eamonn Diffeley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

Safe Families have several vacancies for national and regional roles:

- **Systems Development and Support** – National role but could be based anywhere in the UK close to one of our office hubs.
- **Fundraising Manager** – National role but could be based anywhere in the UK close to one of our office hubs. (Maternity cover)
- **Business Support and Office Co-ordinator** – A role working with our North England and Scotland Team.

You can find more information about these roles at the follow link: <https://safefamilies.uk/vacancies/>

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 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>

Encountering the Holy Spirit: 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>

Liturgical Formation and Days of Reflection: The Vicariate for Faith & Mission is pleased to share their Autumn calendar for Liturgical Formation and Days of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers. Please visit bit.ly/Liturgy2022 for further details or see the poster and information sheet on the parish notice board/website. Please book via the parish office. Further dates will be announced for other ministries.

A Pro-life Holy Hour: will follow the 9:30 Mass on Thursday 21st July at St Joseph, please come and join us to pray for the Sanctity of life and the unborn.

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First Reading

Genesis 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground.

'My lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.'

They replied, 'Do as you say.' Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied.

Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

Psalm: 14(15):2-5

R: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;

he who acts with justice

and speaks the truth from his heart;

he who does not slander with his tongue.

He who does no wrong to his brother,

who casts no slur on his neighbour,

who holds the godless in disdain,

but honours those who fear the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;

who takes no interest on a loan

and accepts no bribes against the innocent.

Such a man will stand firm for ever.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church.

I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans.

The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.'

But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one.

It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

Thought for the Day: It's not what you look at that matters it's what you see. *Henry David Thoreau*