

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
17th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C – 24th July 2022

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
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) 4:00pm HOLY HOUR	9:00am Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	17th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 25th	—	—	—	St James Apostle
Tue 26th	—	—	9:30am Healing (SO) 10:00am – 11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed 27th	9:30am Fr Dermott Donnelly RIP (CW)	—	—	—
Thur 28th	—	9:30am Pat Chapman RIP 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	—
Fri 29th	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Sid Gillson RIP	—	—	Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus
Sat 30th	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Marsden Ellis RIP (BG)	9:30am Tom McMaster RIP	—	—
Sun 31st	—	10:30am Patricia Kearns RIP	9:00am Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	18th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Thursday 28th July St Joseph's Legion Room after 9.30am Mass	Friday 29th July EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm	Saturday 30th 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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17th Sunday Ordinary Time

Luke is the evangelist of prayer. Again and again he shows us Jesus praying. At all the important moments of his life Jesus needs this intimacy with his Father. So he is praying at the baptism; before the choice of the disciples he prays through the night; at the Transfiguration he is praying. Now the prayer which is so often used by Christians is one he gives us himself. Luke's rendering of the prayer he taught the disciples is slightly shorter than the version in Matthew. It begins with the simple call 'Father' (rather than 'Our Father in heaven') - a noble and affectionate way of speaking to God. 'Thy will be done' is omitted, for it is Matthew who often insists on doing the will of the Father. Instead of 'give us this day our daily bread' Luke presents the insistent 'give us each day', which stresses the continuity of our dependence on God. After this prayer follows a series of parables and images which underline the importance of persistence in prayer and continual prayer after the model of Jesus himself. Elsewhere Luke will give us other parables about prayer: the Unjust Judge (again teaching perseverance in prayer) and the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector (teaching the importance of humility in prayer). What do Jesus' words in the Gospel teach us about prayer? Have there been occasions when God has answered your prayers in a way you did not expect?

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 Madeleine Richardson, Julie Peacock 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.

Holy Island Children's Vinnies Camp 2022

There are still some places at this year's Holy Island Children's Camp, particularly in the last week of the School Summer Holiday. If you have a child/children in school years 5-7 who would like a week's residential holiday on Holy Island or you know of any children who would benefit from going to Camp this year, please email christinej@svp.org.uk for further information.

Thank you: Second collections and donations received during the quarter ended 30th June 2022 have been passed on to the following: Holy Places £102.10; Northern Brethren Fund £558.14; Lay Training Fund £197.20; Peter's Pence £263.57; CAFOD £85.00; St Cuthbert's Care £20.00, Mary's Meals £200.00; Holy Family India Project £260 and Missionaries of Africa (Fr Vincent) £4,387 (one very generous donation of £1,000). Sincere thanks to all those who contributed.

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 £7,0214 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'.

NEW BOOK: North East Buses Today. A fascinating photographic survey of the region's current bus and coach scene by Hexham and Newcastle author Peter Tucker. The third book in a popular series, North East Buses Today, will be of immense interest to bus enthusiasts, local history buffs, and those with an interest in the North East region. The book features superb photographs from places including Arthur's Hill, Bellingham, Billingham, Chatton, Clara Vale, Edmondsley, Haverton Hill, Norton, Otterburn, Skinningrove, South Bank, Stanhope, Witherwack, Wooler, and many more places. Highly recommended. Available from Amazon, Blackwells, Waterstones or direct from Amberley Publishing. Also on Kindle.

News from Uganda: Recently more fighting has broken out in the Republic of Congo so Fr. Vincent has received another wave of refugees many of whom are wounded and lack food and clothes. Father bought used clothes at the market for the babies and children and asked parishioners to donate old blankets for them. Fr. Vincent says, "It is sad to see children sleep in the cold with no mosquito nets at night. I do my best for them." *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 Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

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

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.

Holy Hour: There will be a Holy Hour at 4pm at St Joseph's on Sunday 24th July.

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First Reading

Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Psalm

Psalm 137(138):1-3,6-8

On the day I called you answered me, O Lord

1.I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

2.I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

3.The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
And the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
You give me life and frustrate my foes.

4.You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

Second Reading

Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them: 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you."' I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Thought for the Day: Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength.

Corrie ten Boom - Concentration camp survivor