

**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year C – 31<sup>st</sup> July 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> <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b> Marsden Ellis RIP (BG)	<b>9:30am</b> Tom McMaster RIP	—	
<b>Sun 31st</b>	—	<b>10:30am</b> Patricia Kearns RIP	<b>9:00am</b> Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Mon 1st</b>	—	—	—	St Alphonsus Liguori <i>Bishop &amp; Doctor</i>
<b>Tue 2nd</b>	—	<b>12:00 Noon</b> <b>Funeral Service</b> Madeleine Richardson RIP	<b>9:30am</b> Wedding congratulations to Mimi & Alex (VL) <b>10:00am – 11:00am</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Peter Julian Eymard, <i>Priest</i>  St Eusebius of Vercelli, <i>Bishop</i>
<b>Wed 3rd</b>	<b>9:30am</b> Norah, Peter & Paul McPartland RIP (MT)	—	—	St Oswald, <i>King &amp; Martyr</i>
<b>Thur 4th</b>	—	<b>9:30am</b> Joyce Ellis RIP (PDR) <b>2:00pm – 4:00pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St John Vianney <i>Priest</i>
<b>Fri 5th</b>	<b>5:00pm – 6:00pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>6:00pm</b> Colin Clamp RIP	—	—	The Dedication of St Mary Major Basilica
<b>Sat 6th</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b> Thanksgiving for 25 years of Marriage	<b>9:30am</b> Priests Intention	—	<b>The Transfiguration of the Lord</b>
<b>Sun 7th</b>	—	<b>10:30am</b> Pat Johnson RIP (SVP)	<b>9:00am</b> Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>

<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>		
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>St Joseph's Legion Room</b> <b>after 9.30am Mass</b>	<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>EMSSPP Confessional</b> <b>5:00pm – 5:45pm</b>	<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>EMSSPP Confessional</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

### 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year C – 31<sup>st</sup> July 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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**Diocesan website:** [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

### 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

Luke's language and style make it clear that he comes from a reasonably privileged background.

In his stories he refers to far larger sums of money than Mark does. He also understands about investment banking and rates of interest.

This makes it all the more striking that he continually warns against the dangers of wealth.

Jesus brushes aside a dispute about inheritance.

The parable of the Rich Fool is perhaps the most condemnatory of all the parables; nowhere else in the gospels is anyone called outright a 'Fool'!

Luke tells us that salvation came first to the poor, to the shepherds of Bethlehem, through a baby cradled in a cattle-trough.

Only Luke says that the apostles left 'everything' to follow Jesus.

The guests invited to the Great Supper refuse the invitation because they are distracted by their new purchases. In the ideal young community of the early Church in Jerusalem Luke insists that everything was held in common.

The only hope for the rich (for example in the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus) is to use their wealth to make friends in heaven.

What challenge does Jesus offer me in this Gospel, particularly about where I find my true 'treasure'?

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 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.

Thank you all for your co-operation and understanding. Fr Mark.

**Thank you:** for all the donations towards the cost of the Our Lady's banner, this had its first outing at Walsingham recently.

A total of **£323.40** has been received. Special thanks for one very generous donation of £100.

**PARISH FINANCES:** A copy of each Parish's Year End Financial Return is now on display on its notice board if you wish to view it. **Please do not remove from church.** A summary of the Joint Parishes' Finances is included with this newsletter.



### 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 of £7,065 have been received so far** – Sincere thanks to those who have contributed.

**ONLINE DONATIONS:** The Diocese has recently added a facility to their website which enables you to donate online to either your own Parish or a Diocese project. Donations can be made by clicking the 'Donate' tab at the top of the Diocesan website [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk). From this Donations page, you can scroll down to find your Parish or choose to donate to one of the featured Projects. You can also search for your Parish using the 'Search for a location' field at the top of the list of parishes. When you find your chosen parish, just click on the 'Donate' button and then choose either one of the suggested amounts or another amount you would like to donate. You can choose to make a single donation, but can also set up a weekly or monthly donation too, and can Gift Aid your donations simply by turning on the 'I would like to Gift Aid this donation' button.

### 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](mailto:christinej@svp.org.uk) for further information.

**From the Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage Group:** There will be Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Shotton Colliery at 11am on **Wednesday 3rd August** - this is to mark when the Diocese would normally have been in Lourdes. All are welcome and you are invited to bring a packed lunch, refreshments will be served. After lunch, there will be Marian devotions at the church grotto.

**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'.

**News from Uganda:** Fr. Vincent's parishioners do not have much themselves but they are sharing what they have with refugees fleeing from the latest fighting in Congo who are coming to the Mission. Recently when 14 people arrived one evening two families volunteered to cook maize for them. Another family brought firewood and 6kilos of beans to cook meals for the passing refugees. Some ladies volunteered to come and clean the place where the refugees stayed. Fr. Vincent says, "Everybody has been involved in helping using the little they have". **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> Further information, contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email [education@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:education@diocesehn.org.uk)

**Proud Catholics - Picnic in the Park:** 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, 16th August at 7.30pm** (BST). We will meet at **Haymarket Metro** to walk together to a local park for a **bring and share picnic**. Indoor picnic at St Andrew's if the weather is bad. In addition to our meeting on the Tuesday, we will also take part as a group in the LGBT+ Catholics York **Mass on Sunday 14th August at 3.00pm** (BST). The Mass takes place at the **Bar Convent**. Mass starts at 3pm, with doors open from 2.30pm. Please get in touch if interested! 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>

## Worldwide Church News

### 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](http://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.

## Eighteenth Sunday Ordinary Time—Year C—31<sup>st</sup> July 2022

### First Reading

### Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

### Psalm

### 89(90):3-6,12-14,17

*O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.*

1. You turn men back to dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night.

2. You sweep men away like a dream,  
like the grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades.

3. Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants.

4. In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands.

### Second Reading

### Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

### Gospel

### Luke 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

**Thought for the Day:** If your friends won't let you praise God openly, don't change your praise, change your friends.

**The Word for Today**