

**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year C – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

	<b><u>English Martyrs and Ss Peter &amp; Paul's</u></b>	<b><u>St Joseph's</u></b>	<b><u>St Bede's</u></b>	<b><u>Feast Days this week</u></b>
<b>Sat 6th</b>	<b><u>6:00pm</u></b> <b><u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u></b> Thanksgiving for 25 years of Marriage	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Priests Intention	—	<b>The Transfiguration of the Lord</b>
<b>Sun 7th</b>	—	<b><u>10:30am</u></b> Pat Johnson RIP (SVP)	<b><u>9:00am</u></b> Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Mon 8th</b>	—	—	—	St Dominic <i>Priest</i>
<b>Tue 9th</b>	—	—	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Intentions of Mike Riley & Lynne Stanton <b><u>10:00am – 11:00am</u></b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</b> <i>Virgin &amp; Martyr</i> Patron of Europe
<b>Wed 10th</b>	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Tom McMaster RIP	—	—	<b>St Lawrence</b> <i>Deacon &amp; Martyr</i>
<b>Thur 11th</b>	—	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Edward McVay RIP <b><u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u></b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Clare of Assisi <i>Virgin</i>
<b>Fri 12th</b>	<b><u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u></b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b><u>6:00pm</u></b> Wendy Clamp RIP	—	—	St Jane Frances de Chantal <i>Religious</i>
<b>Sat 13th</b>	<b><u>6:00pm</u></b> <b><u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u></b> Hazel Southern RIP	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Joseph Craig Healing	—	—
<b>Sun 14th</b>	—	<b><u>10:30am</u></b> Jonathan Peter Wright RIP	<b><u>9:00am</u></b> Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	<b>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>

<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>		
<b><u>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August</u></b> <b><u>St Joseph's Legion Room</u></b> <b><u>after 9.30am Mass</u></b>	<b><u>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August</u></b> <b><u>EMSSPP Confessional</u></b> <b><u>5:00pm – 5:45pm</u></b>	<b><u>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August</u></b> <b><u>EMSSPP Confessional</u></b> <b><u>5:00pm – 5:45pm</u></b>
<b>Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469</b>		

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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



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Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's



St. Joseph's

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

### **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year C – 7<sup>th</sup> August 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  
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**Diocesan website:** [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

### **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

Jesus has warned in St Luke's Gospel about the peril of worldly possession. This is a danger about which Luke, writing to a prosperous audience, continually reminds his audience. Then Jesus issues a series of exhortations to be alert for the final meeting with the Lord, and a series of blessings on those who are so ready. Luke does not have a great scene of a universal final judgement (as Matthew's Gospel does with the parable of the sheep and the goats). For Luke there is no need to wait for a great final judgement scene at the end of the world; instead, with his Greek frame of mind, he is more interested in the individual judgement (for each of these parables concerns a single individual who is rewarded or punished). This is fully compatible with the notion that each individual's final judgement is at death, rather than all together at the end of the world. Most wonderful and startling is the promise (suggested by today's parable) that, after the Master's return at the judgement, he will himself serve the faithful servants.

**How may we best be “ready” for the return of the Lord?**

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 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.

**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.**



### **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 £7,156 have been received so far** – Sincere thanks to all those who have contributed.

**Book Sale:** in Thornton Hall after 10:30am Mass at St Joseph's on **Sunday 14th August**. All proceeds to go to the church refurbishment fund.

**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.

**July Baptisms:** Please pray for Philip Tedi, Zuriel Zulu Junior, Delaney, John Joseph, Julia Cathleen, Lincoln Joseph, Freddie James, Reuben Jordan and Georgie Marie who received the Sacrament of Baptism in June. May they and their godparents grow in their Faith in the years ahead.

### **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.

**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'.

**St. Joseph's Holy Hikers:** next walk will be to Saltburn on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August. All are welcome. Please contact David on 01642 668837.

### **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 August: Small businesses**

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities..

## Prayer and Liturgy News

**St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022:** In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on a pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near them.

**The relics will be at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on 1st to 2nd October.**

For more information, visit [www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/](http://www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/) **Registering will be essential to secure your place.**

**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 [www.diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/year-of-the-eucharist/#booklet](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/year-of-the-eucharist/#booklet)

**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 [www.diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/liturgy-prayer/#events](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/liturgy-prayer/#events) 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.

### **Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time – Year C – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

#### **First Reading**

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

#### **Psalm:**

***Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.***

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own.

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

#### **Second Reading**

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

#### **Gospel**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming," and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

### **and now for some Light Relief**

**Thought for the Day** Wishing to be a friend is quick work, but friendship is a ripening fruit.

*Aristotle*