

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

21st Sunday Ordinary Time Year C – 21st August 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 20th	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	9:30am Gabriel McGill RIP	—	—
Sun 21st	—	10:30am Deceased Fay & Burlinson Families RIP	9:00am Kevin O'Shea RIP (KO)	21st Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 22nd	—	—	—	The Queenship of Mary
Tue 23rd	—	—	9:30am Anthony Finn RIP 10:00am – 11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Rose of Lima <i>Virgin</i>
Wed 24th	9:30am Paul Bryan RIP	—	—	St Bartholomew, Apostle
Thur 25th	—	9:30am Marie & David Sayers RIP 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Louis St Joseph Calasanz <i>Priest</i>
Fri 26th	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Paul Joynes RIP	—	—	St Ninian, <i>Bishop</i> Blessed Dominic Barberi, <i>Priest</i>
Sat 27th	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Richard H Hunter RIP	9:30am Pat Chapman RIP	—	—
Sun 28th	9:00am Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Thanksgiving for Family & Friends (LG)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 25th August
St Joseph's Legion Room
after 9.30am Mass

Friday 26th August
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 27th August
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469

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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 21st Sunday Ordinary Time

It's good to be back home after my holiday.
It was good to be away too though, and I thank God for giving Debra and I the opportunity to spend time in the sun with family, and enjoy a glass or two of wine.
One of many highlights for me was a meal at my cousin's house. I was encouraged, in the way that only Italians seem to be able, to eat a home-made seafood risotto. This despite my cousin knowing fine well that the (short) list of things I won't eat includes virtually all forms of seafood, and virtually all forms of risotto.
To make matters worse, the meal was prepared outdoors in front of my eyes so I saw all of the ingredients, most of which I did not even recognise, come together.
Imagine my false smile as my huge plate was put in front of me.
Imagine my inner turmoil as I put the first forkful into my mouth.
Imagine my shock when it turned out that this dish turned out to be one of the most exquisite meals that I have ever eaten. Sorry Debra, but it was...
This has not converted me into a seafood risotto campaigner. It is likely that the next forkful of seafood risotto I will eat will be at my cousin's house next time we visit.
However, it has made me reflect on why I resisted even the idea of such a meal for so long. Maybe I just needed that Italian encouragement to go where I had not been before.
We all need encouragement to go beyond what we tend to refer to as our 'comfort zone'.
Where does your comfort zone end? Does it extend to going out to the whole world to proclaim the Good News as we are encouraged to do in this week's Psalm?
Hopefully our answer to this is 'Yes'.
One step at a time though. Imagine what a difference we can make if by our words and actions we proclaim the Good News to just one person this coming week.
And if you need an opening line, ask them if they like seafood risotto.

Deacon Paul

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.

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 Jean Peacock, Lisa Jane McIntosh and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.



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 £7,420 have been received so far – Sincere thanks to all 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. 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.

PARISH FINANCES: A copy of each Parish's March 2022 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 HUGE THANK YOU: to all parishioners for your generosity in donating to recent appeals and to those of you who have increased your offertory or signed up to the Gift Aid scheme. God bless you all, 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.

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'.

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

Congratulations: to Eden and John who were married in English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul church recently. May God bless their marriage.

Sedgefield Mayor's Charity Night: a 50's and 60's Tribute Night by The Moondogs, is being held on Friday 18th November (7:30pm – 11:00pm) in Sedgefield Parish Hall. See poster in church. Cash bar, raffle & games. Tickets £12 from Sedgefield Town Council Offices or via Jane Collard-Gentle.

Vacancies: The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

Cleaner, Blaydon, St Joseph and Winlaton, St Anne – part-time (8 hours), permanent
Refugee Project Worker, Newcastle – part-time (12 hours), initial 12-month contract

Closing date for applications: 30 August. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301

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) 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 in the 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

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 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.

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

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First Reading

Isaiah 36: 18-21

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

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Go out to the whole world; proclaim the good news.

O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples!

Strong is his love for us;

He is faithful for ever.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? *My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons.* Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So *hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread;* then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" 'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

and now for some Light Relief

Thought for the Day: Don't wish to be someone else, just keep trying to be yourself.

St Francis de Sales