

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Year C – 14th 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 13th	<u>6:00pm</u> Sunday Vigil Mass Hazel Southern RIP	<u>9:30am</u> Joseph Craig Healing	—	—
Sun 14th	—	<u>10:30am</u> Jonathan Peter Wright RIP <u>4:00pm</u> HOLY HOUR	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mon 15th	—	—	—	—
Tue 16th	—	—	<u>9:30am</u> Wynne Logan RIP (MH) <u>10:00am – 11:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Stephen of Hungary
Wed 17th	<u>9:30am</u> Mary & Mick Igoe RIP & Emma & Peter Burke RIP	—	—	—
Thurs 18th	—	<u>9:30am</u> In thanksgiving 60 th Wedding Anniversary (M&AJ) <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	—
Fri 19th	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> Priests Intention	—	—	St Oswin <i>King & Martyr</i> St John Eudes <i>Priest</i>
Sat 20th	<u>6:00pm</u> Sunday Vigil Mass Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	<u>9:30am</u> Gabriel McGill RIP	—	—
Sun 21st	—	<u>10:30am</u> Deceased Fay & Burlinson Families RIP	<u>9:00am</u> Kevin O'Shea RIP (KO)	21st Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 18th August
St Joseph's Legion Room
after 9.30am Mass

Friday 19th August
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 20th 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 **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** **Year C – 14th August 2022**

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Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

In today's Gospel St. Luke gives us words that we use innumerable times in our prayers, the second part of the Hail Mary: "Elizabeth gives a loud cry and says: **'of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.'**"

With Elizabeth we honour Mary, she is blessed through the mysterious child she bears who will save all humanity.

As St. Paul puts it **'Just as all die in Adam, so all will be brought to life in Christ'**. Our Lady's Assumption is the celebration of that promise, she shares fully in the resurrection life of her Son, Jesus. As Mary puts it in her great song of praise: **'the Almighty has done great things for me.'**

The honour and blessedness of Mary reveals what will be our destiny too, all humanity is called to dignity to be clothed in Christ.

Of course, we live in a broken world, all of us are wounded to one degree or another. Mary teaches us that just as the Lord **'has looked upon his lowly handmaid'**, so he looks upon us with our weakness and limitation calling us to be witnesses to his saving, reconciling and healing love.

During the Fatima weekend in June and on our pilgrimage to Walsingham, we prayed for healing. Beginning from September we will celebrate, on the first Saturday morning of each month at St Joseph's Church, a Mass where the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered, there will be the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass, prayer for healing and opportunities for listening and hospitality.

Through this opportunity may we come with Mary to know, as she puts it: **'Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age!'** May we, like Mary, bear her Son for others, and through faithful discipleship like hers, come to blessedness.

Fr Mark

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

Thank you for supporting Sea Sunday: Our parishes raised a joint total of **£541.07**. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris Chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk

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.

SVP Update We will be selling tickets for the St Vincent De Paul Summer Raffle at our three Masses this weekend. If anybody wants to buy them they are £1 each of £5 for a book. There are various cash prizes with the first prize being £5,000. The raffle will help our conference raise funds to help those in need. As always your continued support for our SVP Conference is very much appreciated

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.**

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.

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, or visit our website <http://www.proud Catholics.co.uk>

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.

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/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

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 Duffley at the Diocese Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

Holy Hour: There will be a Holy Hour at 4pm at St Joseph's on Sunday 14th August.

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First Reading

Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the Ark of the Covenant could be seen inside it. Then came flashes of lightning, peals of thunder and an earthquake, and violent hail. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready, for her to be looked after in the twelve hundred and sixty days. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ, now that the persecutor, who accused our brothers day and night before our God, has been brought down.'

Psalm:

44(45):10-12,16

On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.

1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:
forget your own people and your father's house.

2. So will the king desire your beauty:
He is your lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

Gospel

Luke 1:39-56

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy— according to the promise he made to our ancestors —of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants forever. Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

and now for some Light Relief

Thought for the Day: One of the most difficult things to give away is kindness – it is usually returned. C. Flint