

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

23rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year C – 4th September 2022

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
Sat 3rd	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Maurice Milburn RIP	9:30am Healing Mass Phillip Harris (Healing) (SD)	—	St Gregory the Great Pope, Doctor
Sun 4th	—	10:30am Tom McMaster RIP (AW,CR,PMcL) 4:00pm Holy Hour	9:00am Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	23rd Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 5th	—	—	—	St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa), <i>Religious</i>
Tue 6th	—	—	9:30am Healing (SO) 10:00am – 11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—
Wed 7th	9:30am Birthday of Anne Shepherd (TW)	—	—	—
Thurs 8th	—	9:30am Intentions of Pat & Stephen Hamilton (KLG) 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri 9th	6:00pm Thanksgiving for Joan & Billy Golden Wedding Anniversary	—	—	St Peter Claver <i>Priest</i>
Sat 10th	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Priests Intention	9:30am The Roddam Family	—	—
Sun 11th	9:00am Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	9:00am Arthur McQuillan RIP	24th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 8th September
St Joseph's Legion Room
after 9.30am Mass

Friday 9th September
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 10th September
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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4th September 2022

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Reflection 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

I'd like to address this Reflection to the younger members of our Parish communities. When I was (much) younger I used to dread this weekend. I don't mean because it's the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. I mean because it's the weekend before school starts again. It might be my memory playing tricks, but when I was at school I'm sure it was sunny every single day of the summer holidays, and there always seemed to be lots to do. I can remember spending time with friends and going on bike rides - it felt like we cycled to the other end of the world and that we'd been away for years. In truth I don't think we ever went further than Carlton, and if we were gone two hours that would be pushing it... At about this time though the prospect of returning to school began to loom large, and the thought of all that learning I still had to do. These words from our first reading today seem to sum up what I felt at the time - '...It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach...'

As I look back on those times I realise now that all of that laborious learning was worth it - not just for me, but for all of us. So if you are about to go back to school, stick at it - and enjoy it! Who knows, maybe Father Mark or Father Ollie or I will pay your school a visit this coming academic year. If we do, we'd love to hear from you, and learn from you - since even adults need to keep learning things. A good way of doing this is to listen to the Gospel and to try and do the things that Jesus teaches us. At the same time though please remember to have some fun during what is left of your summer holiday - and maybe say a prayer that you, your friends and your teachers have a brilliant year ahead.

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 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 are 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.

The volunteers there have asked me to pass on their thanks and gratefulness for all the things our parishes have donated. Although grateful for anything, at the moment they particularly need tinned fruit, tinned rice, dried rice, coffee, sugar and 'gluten free' items.

St Joseph's Refurbishment Appeal

The new the roof at St Joseph's has been completed and has cost almost £50,000. The lighting is now being renewed and is costing £4,100. **Donations of £8,119 have now been received– Sincere thanks to all those who have contributed.** We have received a quotation to redecorate the inside of the church which was almost £18,000 so will wait until more funds have been raised towards that before proceeding with the work. Envelopes are in now church for one off donations ... if you are a UK taxpayer please use the forms to Gift Aid your donation where possible. However you can help or whatever you can do to assist with the fundraising effort will be gratefully received. Thank you – Fr Mark.

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.



August Baptisms: Please pray for Daphne Mae, Niya Rose, Elizabeth Verity, Harriet Eloise, George Raymond, Freya Ann, Memphis Jack and Nancy Rose Jeanette who received the Sacrament of Baptism. May they and their godparents grow in their Faith in the years ahead.

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.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2023: The 2023 Pilgrimage to Walsingham will depart on **Friday 16th June and return on Sunday 18th June.** A deposit of £30 will secure your place. This year we will be running a savings club for anyone who would like to save gradually towards the cost. For further details, please contact Mary on 07952 321396 or Pat on 01642 650904.

St. Bede's Red Boxes: The Mission Boxes are now due for collection. Could you please leave the boxes at the back of Church, or ring John Evans on 01642 895739 who will arrange collection.

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: the next walk will be to Great Ayton on **Sunday 18th September.** All are welcome. Please contact David on 01642 658837.

Did you know? CAFOD is the official overseas aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. We work with some of the most hard-to-reach communities around the world and those living in the hardest of circumstances. We believe in tackling the root causes of poverty and this is why we ask our supporters to take part in our campaigns which address poverty and injustice head-on. We encourage people to sign petitions, meet their MPs and contact big businesses etc. Together we've witnessed some historic breakthroughs such as debt relief for struggling countries, action by government on climate change and large companies signing up to ethical agreements. Thank you for joining us in this work. Do have a look at our current campaign which is about food cafod.org.uk/food and help make the world a better place for all. If you would like to get involved, please contact CAFOD's local Community Participation Officer on 07779 804243 or mmaughan@cafod.org.uk

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis Monthly Intentions for September: Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country

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 and at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough on 2nd to 3rd October

For more information, visit www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour **Registering will be essential to secure your place.**

Church Musicians Workshop: The Diocesan Church Music Association (DCMA) invite church musicians to attend a short workshop led by Alison McLean (Director of Music at St Cuthbert's, Durham) and Paul Berry (Director of Music at St Mary's, Hexham) taking place between 3pm and 5pm at St Cuthbert's Catholic Church, Old Elvet, Durham on Sunday 25th September. The workshop will explore new music for the communion procession. For more information about the workshop and to book your place, please visit the Diocesan website at www.diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/music-for-communion/. The cost of £10 will be invoiced to the parish. Advanced booking is essential, please book by Friday 16th September.

Refresher evening for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: This Diocese run event is taking place on **Tuesday 4th October** from 7.00pm–9.00pm at **St Joseph's, Norton.** (see church notice boards or visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/refresher-evening-for-extraordinary-ministers-of-holy-communion-south/ for more information) **Booking Deadline:** Thursday 29 September (or when full). Attendees are required to have endorsement from their parish priest. The cost of £10 will be invoiced to your parish directly - you may offer a donation towards the cost by direct arrangement with your parish. **Please book your place via the parish office as soon as possible.**

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.

FIRST STEPS – Exploring the Catholic Faith Online

Are you looking to explore the Catholic faith? Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? Join us on a journey this Autumn and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you. It may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church. We gather weekly via Zoom and invite you to come along to find out more. The course starts on Wednesday 21 September at 7.00pm. If you are interested to find out more, you can enquire/register using the Online Enquiry Form (<https://forms.office.com/r/4jwBpFuRvb>) or email us (adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk)

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time –4thSeptember2022

First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18

What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

Psalm:

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. 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.

2.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.

3.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

Philemon 1:9-10,12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

Thought for the Day

... Faith is passed on by contact, from one person to another, as just as one candle is lighted from another. *Pope Francis*