

**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year C – 11<sup>th</sup> September 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 10th</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b> Priests Intention	<b>9:30am</b> The Roddam Family	—	—
<b>Sun 11th</b>	<b>9:00am</b> Mass for the Polish Community	<b>10:30am</b> Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	<b>9:00am</b> Arthur McQuillan RIP	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Mon 12th</b>	—	—	—	The Holy Name of Mary
<b>Tue 13th</b>	—	—	<b>9:30am</b> Irene, Stan & Peter Collins RIP (DO) <b>10:00am – 11:00am</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St John Chrysostom <i>Bishop, Doctor</i>
<b>Wed 14th</b>	<b>9:30am</b> Priests Intention	—	—	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
<b>Thur 15th</b>	—	<b>9:30am</b> <b>St. Joseph's Whole School Mass</b> Pat Chapman RIP <b>1:00pm</b> <b>Requiem Mass</b> Maureen Simpson RIP	—	Our Lady of Sorrows
<b>Fri 16th</b>	<b>5:00pm – 6:00pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>6:00pm</b> Norah & Tony Saint RIP (JR)	—	—	Ss Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop <i>Martyrs</i>
<b>Sat 17th</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b> Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	<b>9:30am</b> Jean Peacock RIP (WJ)	—	—
<b>Sun 18th</b>	—	<b>10:30am</b> Peter White RIP	<b>9:00am</b> Irene, Stan & Peter Collins RIP (DO)	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>

<p><b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>  <b>St Joseph's Legion Room</b>  <b>after 9.30am Mass</b></p>	<p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b></p> <p><b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>  <b>EMSSPP Confessional</b>  <b>5:00pm – 5:45pm</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>  <b>EMSSPP Confessional</b>  <b>5:00pm – 5:45pm</b></p>
<p>Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469</p>		

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English Martyrs and Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's



St. Joseph's

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

### 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

### 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### Clergy

**Parish Priest:** Fr Mark Millward  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr Oliver Keyes  
**Deacon:** Paul Hargreaves

### Parish Office

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### Reflection 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

Meditating and reflecting on today's Gospel with an open heart helps us encounter the Lord, calling and attracting us, despite our own personal complexity and the contradictions of our lives.

Discipleship is about realising our complete dependence on God's mercy. When we experience God's mercy we move from the limitations of fear to freedom and joy in proclaiming the Good News of God's love for us all.

God's Mercy is his response, his unconditional love for us, helping us to understand and accept our own contradictions to find healing and forgiveness and be accepting of the limitations of others too; **"forgive us as we forgive others"**.

God's Mercy is our invitation to love people.

God's Mercy is patient, he waits for us to move from fear, confident in his love for us, and we are called to be patient with each other too.

God's mercy is not simply something that we receive but having in gratitude experienced it **we are called to participate in mercy** to proclaim it so that others may know it too.

How are we to do this? Our first reading today teaches us to pray honestly and openly with God, expressing our need and reliance upon his mercy. St Paul urges us in the second reading to give thanks for God's wonderful gift of Mercy shown to us in our ignorance and sinfulness. Jesus reassures us that no matter how lost we are, or how far away from God we may feel, God is like the Father of the prodigal son **he is always looking out for us.**

Mercy is experienced and lived out in our recognition that we need God and we need each other!

Fr Mark

## 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 Maureen Simpson, Mary Gardner 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 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 £8,340 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.

**Advance Notice:** on the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> September we will be celebrating Home Mission Sunday, a chance to pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales and be inspired to share the Good News with others. There will be a second collection. Thank you.

**The Legion of Mary** at St. Joseph's are going to hold a Praesidium meeting at St. Joseph's, Norton, on **Tuesday 27th September at 10:30am.** The meeting will be **open to non-members** who may wish to enquire about joining the Legion of Mary. All are welcome. Please ring 01642 531263 for further details.

**Pilgrimage:** Mason and Sheila Cornfield are going on a Pilgrimage to The Holy Land. They will keep the parish and all of it's members in their prayers.

**Walsingham Pilgrimage 2023:** The 2023 Pilgrimage to Walsingham will depart on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June and return on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> October and at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough on 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

**Children's Liturgy:** As of this Sunday (11th) the children's liturgy will be returning (term time) to St Joseph's Church.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://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 16<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://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.**

**Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.**

**Venue:** English Martyrs, Fenham, NE5 3JR **Date:** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022 **Time:** 10am - 4pm

**Cost:** £15 per attendee (invoiced to the parish/individual as per request)

**Catering:** Participants to provide their own packed lunch - tea/coffee will be provided.

An alternative Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held at St Michael's, Houghton-le-Spring, DH5 8NF on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022. **Please book your place via the parish office as soon as possible.**

## 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](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk))

## Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First Reading

**Exodus 32:7-11,13-14**

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"' the Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.' But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: "I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever."'

So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

### Psalm:

**50(51):3-4,12-13,17,19**

*I will leave this place and go to my father.*

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise.  
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit.  
A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

### Second Reading

**1 Timothy 1:12-17**

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### Gospel

**Luke 15:1-32**

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. 'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.' He also said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

## Thought for the Day .....

There's no limit to what you can achieve if you don't mind who gets the credit.