

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
25th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C – 18th September 2022

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
Sat 17th	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	9:30am Jean Peacock RIP (WJ)	—	—
Sun 18th	—	10:30am Peter White RIP	9:00am Irene, Stan & Peter Collins RIP (DO)	25th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 19th	—	—	—	St Theodore of Canterbury <i>Bishop, Doctor</i> St Januarius <i>Bishop, Martyr</i>
Tue 20th	—	—	9:30am St. Bede's Whole School Mass Priests Intention 10:00am – 11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	SS Andrew Kim, Paul Chong Hasang and Companions (the Korean Martyrs)
Wed 21st	9:30am Intentions of Jayne Lambert (TW)	2:00pm Requiem Mass Gwen Campbell RIP	—	St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Thur 22nd	—	9:30am Tom McMaster RIP (AMJ) 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	—
Fri 23rd	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Colin Clamp RIP (JC)	1:00pm Requiem Mass Mary Gardner RIP	—	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), <i>Priest</i>
Sat 24th	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Lawrence Stephenson RIP (PS)	9:30am Jean Peacock RIP (L&KG)	—	Our Lady of Walsingham
Sun 25th	9:00am Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Stephen Hogarth RIP (SV)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	26th Sunday Ordinary Time

Thursday 22nd September St Joseph's Legion Room after 9.30am Mass	Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday 23rd September EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm	Saturday 24th September EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm
Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469		

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.

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St. Bede's



St. Joseph's

PARISH NEWSLETTER

25th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

18th September 2022

Clergy

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Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster and President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, paid tribute to The Queen:

"On 21 April 1947, on her twenty-first birthday, Princess Elizabeth said, 'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service.'
 Now, seventy-five years later, we are heartbroken in our loss at her death, and so full of admiration for the unflinching way in which she fulfilled that declaration.
 Even in my sorrow, shared with so many around the world, I am filled with an immense sense of gratitude for the gift to the world that has been the life of Queen Elizabeth II.
 At this time, we pray for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty. We do so with confidence, because the Christian faith marked every day of her life and activity.
 In her Millennium Christmas message, she said, 'To many of us, our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example.'
 This faith, so often and so eloquently proclaimed in her public messages, has been an inspiration to me, and I am sure to many. The wisdom, stability and service which she consistently embodied, often in circumstances of extreme difficulty, are a shining legacy and testament to her faith.
 Our prayer is that she is now received into the merciful presence of God, there to be reunited with her beloved Prince Philip. This is the promise of our faith, and our deep consolation.
 Queen Elizabeth II will remain, always, a shining light in our history. May she now rest in peace. We pray for His Majesty the King, as he assumes his new office even as he mourns his mother. God save the King."

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 HM Queen Elizabeth II, Gwen Campbell, 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 £8,723 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.

Second Collection This weekend 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.

Thank you: Billy and Joan would like to thank all those who sent their best wishes, cards, gifts and donations to their chosen charity for their Golden Wedding Anniversary. To date we have raised over £900 for CHUF (Children Heart Unit Fund at Freeman Hospital). We have been overwhelmed by everyone's generosity. All our love and prayers Joan & Billy Rogers.

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: Nathan and Sheila Cornfield are going on a Pilgrimage to The Holy Land. They will keep the parish and all of its members in their prayers.

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.

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.**

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.

Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Venue: English Martyrs, Fenham, NE5 3JR

Date: Saturday 24th 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 15th October 2022. **Please book your place via the parish office as soon as possible.**

Alternative Refresher formation session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Venue: St Joseph's, Gateshead, NE8 1LX

Date: Wednesday 28th September 2022

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Cost: £10.00 per attendee (invoiced to parish)

Catering: tea/coffee will be provided

Booking: please book your place via the parish office. The booking deadline is **Sunday 25th September.**

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading

Amos 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 112(113):1-2,4-8

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

1.Praise, O servants of the Lord,
Praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
Now and for evermore!

2.High above all nations is the Lord,
Above the heavens in his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
Who has risen on high to his throne
Yet stoops from the heights to look down,
To look down upon heaven and earth.

3.From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
From the dungheap he raises the poor
To set him in the company of princes,
Yes, with the princes of his people.

Second reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes." Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty." 'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. 'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

Prayer for the happy repose of HM The Queen

Almighty God,
You are the author and sustainer of all human life;
grant that your servant, Elizabeth our Queen,
to whom you granted a long and happy reign
as Monarch of these lands
may be forgiven her sins and rewarded with that eternal life
promised to all those born again
in the water of baptism and power of your Spirit.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.
Eternal rest, grant to her O Lord,
and let Perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.
Amen.
May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

Prayer for the King

O God, to whom every human power is subject
grant to your servant His Majesty King Charles
wisdom in the exercise of his high office,
so that, always revering you and striving to please you,
he may constantly secure and preserve
for the people entrusted to his care
the freedom that comes from unity and peace.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
God, for ever and ever,
Amen.

Thought for the Day

You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.

Kahlil Gibran