

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

26th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C – 25th September 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 24th	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u> Lawrence Stephenson RIP (PS)	<u>9:30am</u> Jean Peacock RIP (L&KG)	—	Our Lady of Walsingham
Sun 25th	<u>9:00am</u> Mass for the Polish Community	<u>10:30am</u> Stephen Hogarth RIP (SV)	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	26th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 26th	—	—	—	SS Cosmos & Damian, <i>Martyrs</i>
Tue 27th	—	—	<u>9:30am</u> Thanksgiving (M&A) (P&M) <u>10:00am – 11:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Vincent de Paul, <i>Priest</i>
Wed 28th	<u>9:30am</u> <u>St Gregory's Whole School Mass</u> Ronnie Watson RIP (MH)	—	—	St Wenceslaus, <i>Martyr</i> St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, <i>Martyrs</i>
Thur 29th	—	<u>9:30am</u> Aneline Watson RIP (WJ) <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
Fri 30th	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> Priests Intention	—	—	St Jerome <i>Priest, Doctor</i>
Sat 1st	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u> Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	<u>9:30am</u> <u>Healing Mass</u> Intentions of Philip Kennedy (PMc)	—	—
Sun 2nd	—	<u>10:30am</u> Damian Perry RIP	<u>9:00am</u> Irene, Stan & Peter Collins RIP (DO)	27th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 29th September
St Joseph's Legion Room
after 9.30am Mass

Friday 30th September
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 1st October
St Joseph's Legion Room
after 9.30am Healing Mass

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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P A R I S H N E W S L E T T E R

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Clergy

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Reflection 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Some time ago now I told you that I thought I would make an excellent spy because I am really good at keeping secrets. However, I am less good at observing what is around me, and I'm sure you will agree that this is a pretty basic qualification for being a spy. I doubt for example that I could tell you the colours of all of the carpets in my own home, at least not without a lot of thinking time. I'm pretty certain though that I would notice if someone was sat at the edge of my driveway, even if that was only for a short period of time. Surely we'd all notice if a stranger just decided to hang around outside where we lived. Yet the rich man in today's Gospel appears to have been completely unaware of Lazarus, the poor man who lay at his gate. If he was aware, he did not do anything to help him. The poor and needy are unlikely to make themselves as obvious to us as Lazarus was to the rich man. May God help us to see them, and to share with them the good things that by His Grace have come our way in this life.

Deacon Paul

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.



Stockton Hope Community Larder Hardwick: Many many thanks for all your generous donations for the Community Food Larder. Much appreciated by both volunteers and users. We are getting more and more people coming in to the Larder each week and your supplies have been invaluable.

As well as the Community Food Larder we are now starting to collect for our **Christmas Hampers** and need Seasonal food and toiletries. We are also collecting Children's pyjamas, hats, gloves & scarves.

With Thanks once again; from Stockton Hope Trustees & Volunteers.

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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 7th October – World Food Crisis Appeal

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope for our parish collection or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday.

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.

St Joseph's Friendship Group: On **Tuesday 27th Sept at 1pm** a representative from **Help the Aged** will be coming to speak about Power of Attorney. Please come along and join us if you would like to know more about this subject.'

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'.

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

Prolife Holy Hour: at **St Patricks Fairfield on Thursday 29th September between 6-7 pm**. Please come and join us to pray for the sanctity of life and the unborn.

CHARIS Event Saturday 22nd October: St Augustine's Church Hall 30 Coniscliffe Road Darlington commencing at 11am. Our previous events have been amazing and full of The Holy Spirit, I'm sure this will be such an amazing event. Fr Shaun O'Neill.
See poster for full details or contact: **adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk**.

Invitation to Webinar: Thank you for your recent generous support for seafarers and fishers on Sea Sunday. As a follow up, Catholic charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) invites you to join a webinar on **Tuesday 27th September from 7.30pm to 9pm GMT** to learn more about the issue of seafarer abandonment, and how donations like yours on Sea Sunday are supporting those in crisis. If you would like to attend, **please register in advance at www.stellamaris.org.uk/abandonment**

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.

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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25th September 2022

First Reading

Amos 6:1,4-7

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria, those famous men of this first of nations to whom the House of Israel goes as client. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Psalm:

145(146):7-10

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

Thought for the Day

The greatest glory in living, is not never falling but in rising every time we fall. *Nelson Mandela*