

## Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year C – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022**

	<b><u>English Martyrs and Ss Peter &amp; Paul's</u></b>	<b><u>St Joseph's</u></b>	<b><u>St Bede's</u></b>	<b><u>Feast Days this week</u></b>
<b>Sat 1st</b>	<b><u>6:00pm</u></b> <b><u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u></b> Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> <b><u>Healing Mass</u></b> Intentions of Philip Kennedy (PMc)	—	—
<b>Sun 2nd</b>		<b><u>10:30am</u></b> Damian Perry RIP  <b><u>4:00pm</u></b> HOLY HOUR	<b><u>9:00am</u></b> Irene, Stan & Peter Collins RIP (DO)	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Mon 3rd</b>	—	—	—	—
<b>Tue 4th</b>	—	—	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Priests Intention <b><u>10:00am – 11:00am</u></b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Francis of Assisi <i>Religious</i>
<b>Wed 5th</b>	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Intentions of Joan & Billy Rogers (M&AS)		—	St Maria Faustina Kowalska <i>Virgin</i>
<b>Thur 6th</b>	—	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Paul Joynes RIP (PDR)  <b><u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u></b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Bruno <i>Priest</i>
<b>Fri 7th</b>	<b><u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u></b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  <b><u>6:00pm</u></b> Paul & Vinnie Debono RIP (AA)		—	Our Lady of the Rosary
<b>Sat 8th</b>	<b><u>6:00pm</u></b> <b><u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u></b> Thomas & Clare Evans RIP (MG)	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Deceased Members of the Peacock Family RIP	—	—
<b>Sun 9th</b>	<b><u>9:00am</u></b> Mass for the Polish Community	<b><u>10:30am</u></b> Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	<b><u>9:00am</u></b> Lisa McIntosh RIP (AE)	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October**  
**St Joseph's Legion Room**  
**after 9.30am Mass**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October**  
**EMSSPP Confessional**  
**5:00pm – 5:45pm**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October**  
**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](mailto: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**

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

### **Parish Office**

**Hours:** Tuesday to Friday 10.00am till 2:00pm  
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**Diocesan website:** [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

## **Reflection 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

The two sections of this week's Gospel reading appear at first sight to be entirely separate, the first about faith, the second about the reward of service; but they do fit together.

The faith required consists not in reciting a creed but in hanging on by one's fingertips, through thick and thin, to God's power and will to save. In nothing else is there any hope, not in my own power or ability.

That is why, in the second section, we have no right to expect any sort of reward as our due from God. The value of our work in itself is secondary to our admission of helplessness and our trust in God's to save us.

However, not all parables should be taken as allegories. The severe master here is not necessarily God, any more than the master who in another parable praises his crooked steward.

When we hear the unyielding command of the master to the slave to expect nothing and to set about serving at supper, we cannot forget that at the Last Supper it was Jesus who put on his apron and washed his disciples' feet.

We may be unworthy slaves, but Our Lord's action at the Last Supper gives us confidence that our Master ministers to us.

How do I best serve God and others?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB, *from Wednesday Word*

## 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](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday).

**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](mailto: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'.

### SVP Update

We hope you found our Annual Report and the Awareness Talks at last weekend's Mass interesting and informative. We had a great response so thanks to those who expressed an interest in getting involved with the SVP. If anybody else wants to get involved or is unsure and wants to know more, please get in touch so we can answer any questions or concerns you might have. Once again thank you for your continued support to the SVP. For anything SVP related please speak to one of our members or contact Alan on 07939912354, Mary on 07714327665 or email [PresidentC211509@svp.org.uk](mailto:PresidentC211509@svp.org.uk)

**Our Lady and St. Bede parish Mass:** The pupils and staff from all of our St. Mary's form groups would like to invite you to join them for a special celebration of **Mass in St. Mary's RC church on Friday 7th October.** Mass will start at **1.45pm.** Pupils have been working very hard and they have created the introduction, reflection, bidding prayers and have also, chosen the hymns for the Mass, to ensure it is a special Mass for all who attend. It would be lovely if you were able to attend and support our young people.

## Worldwide Church News

**Pope Francis Monthly Intentions for October:** For a Church open to everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

## Prayer and Liturgy News

**CHARIS Event Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk).

**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.**

**Holy Hour:** There will be a Holy Hour at St. Joseph's at 4pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. All are welcome.

**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.**

## Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022

### **First Reading**

**Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4**

How long, O Lord, am I to cry for help  
while you will not listen;  
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear  
and you will not save?  
Why do you set injustice before me,  
why do you look on where there is tyranny?  
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,  
all is contention, and discord flourishes.  
Then the Lord answered and said,  
'Write the vision down,  
inscribe it on tablets  
to be easily read,  
since this vision is for its own time only:  
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;  
if it comes slowly, wait,  
for come it will, without fail.  
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,  
but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

### **Psalm:**

**94(95):1-2,6-9**

***O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'***

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us:  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

### **Second Reading**

**2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14**

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

### **Gospel**

**Luke 17:5-10**

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you. "Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."' "

## Thought for the Day .....

Challenges can be stepping stones or stumbling blocks. It's just a matter of how you view them. *Author unknown*