

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
29th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C – 16th October 2022

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
Sat 15th	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Lawrence Stephenson RIP (PS)	9:30am Joan Farrell RIP (MM)	—	—
Sun 16th	—	10:30am Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	9:00am Joan Ayre & Anne Riddle RIP (TA)	29th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 17th	—	—	—	St Ignatius of Antioch <i>Bishop, Martyr</i>
Tue 18th	—	—	9:30am Irene, Stan & Peter Collins RIP (DO) 10:00am – 11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Luke Evangelist
Wed 19th	9:30am Lisa McIntosh RIP (ES)	—	—	St John de Brébeuf, <i>Priest</i> , Isaac Jogues, <i>Priest</i> and Companions, <i>Martyrs</i> St Paul of the Cross, <i>Priest</i>
Thur 20th	—	9:30am Mary Gardner RIP (SVP) 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	—
Fri 21st	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Deceased Cusack Family RIP (PW)	—	—	—
Sat 22nd	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Mavis Key RIP (MG)	9:30am The Peacock Family RIP (MP)	—	—
Sun 23rd	9:00am Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am James Lillystone RIP (SV)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	30th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 20th October
St Joseph's Legion Room
after 9.30am Mass

Friday 21st October
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 22nd 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 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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PARISH NEWSLETTER

29th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

16th October 2022

Clergy

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Reflection 29th Sunday Ordinary Time

We often think of prayer as mere asking, and this parable encourages us to pester God as the wronged widow pestered the Unjust Judge.

But that is only one aspect of Luke's teaching on prayer. He also shows us what our attitude in prayer should be in the parable which immediately follows today's passage from the gospel: the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector. The tax-collector wins approval because he just stands there, admitting his sins.

Most instructive, however, is Luke's teaching on Jesus at prayer: he reminds us that Jesus is always quietly at prayer to his Father. He needs to slip away to spend the night in prayer. Especially he prays at the most important moments of his life: at his Baptism, when he chooses his team of disciples, before he teaches them to pray, at the approach of his Passion, finally forgiving and comforting others at his death.

Paul tells us we should pray continually. The prayer of asking must be built on a relationship of love and dependence, just as the request of child to parents is built on their loving relationship. It does not matter if the child is at times naughty; the deep relationship between parent and child is one of love.

So too we do not need to be perfect to make our requests to our Father.

When and how do you find it best to pray?

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 the lighting has been renewed – almost £54,000 has been spent. **Donations of £9,377 towards this 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 before proceeding with the work. Envelopes are in now church for one off donations ... if you are a UK taxpayer please use the yellow 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.

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal

Your generous gifts will support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table, particularly those worst affected by the global food crisis in countries such as Kenya, Ethiopia and South Sudan, and help fight the causes of hunger longer term. You can still donate online at cafod.org.uk/fastday

Next Sunday (23rd October) is World Mission Sunday when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. Please call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: missio.org.uk

Proud Catholics - Lectio Divina

Do you identify as LGBT+ or are you questioning your sexual or gender identity? Would you like to attend a support group run by and for LGBT+ Catholics in the North East? We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at St Andrew's RC Church, Worswick St. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 18th October at 7.30pm** (BST). We will use the ancient method of Lectio Divina to reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel reading, allowing God to touch our hearts and sharing insights which arise. It is possible to connect through Zoom for those who are unable or don't feel safe to join us face to face. Please get in touch for the link. The meeting will be followed by social time and bring-and-share refreshments.

For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit our

website <http://www.proud Catholics.co.uk>

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.

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 from Ushaw to Durham on **Sunday 16th October**. All are welcome. Please contact David on 01642 658837.

SVP Update

Following our recent Mass appeal, we will be having an informal meeting in the EMSPP Parish Hall on Tuesday 18th October at 6:30 PM to explain more about the St Vincent De Paul Society. If you are interested in joining us or just want to know more about the SVP and the work we do you are welcome to come along.

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

Thank you: Second collections and donations received during the quarter ended September 2022 have been passed on to the following: Apostleship of the Sea £454.72; CAFOD Pakistan Appeal £110; Holy Family India Project £185; Fr Vincent / Missionaries of Africa £1,178.44. Sincere thanks to all who donated.

Scripture through art – with the baby in the background: Fr Bede Leach OSB shows how we can 'open a religious painting' along the lines of Lectio Divina

On Wednesday 19th October, 2022 in Middlesbrough Cathedral Hall, TS8 0TW at 7.45pm (coffee/tea from 7.30)

More details from: 01642-645732 or p.egerton123@gmail.com:

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

SHARING STORIES - 6 week Spirituality Course:

Led by Revd Caroline Worsfold

Wednesdays Oct 19th – November 23rd

Time: 6.00pm – 7.15pm **Venue:** EMSSPP Church Hall.

See poster in church for more details. All welcome. No need to book. No prior knowledge needed.

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.

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16th October 2022

First Reading

Exodus 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Psalm:

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Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard.

3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night.

4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and forever.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

Thought for the Day

Do not walk through time without leaving worthy evidence of your passage. ***Pope St John XXIII***