

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

30th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C – 23rd October 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 22nd	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u> Mavis Key RIP (MG)	<u>9:30am</u> The Peacock Family RIP (MP)	—	—
Sun 23rd	<u>9:00am</u> Mass for the Polish Community	<u>10:30am</u> James Lillystone RIP (SV)	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	29th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 24th	—	—	—	St Anthony Mary Claret, <i>Bishop</i>
Tue 25th	—	—	<u>9:30am</u> In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered <u>10:00am – 11:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—
Wed 26th	<u>9:30am</u> Priests Intention	—	—	Ss Chad & Cedd, <i>Bishops</i>
Thur 27th	—	<u>9:30am</u> Dorrie Tait & Christine Kenny RIP <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	—
Fri 28th	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> In Thanksgiving	—	—	Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles
Sat 29th	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u> Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	<u>9:30am</u> Gwen Campbell RIP (SVP)	—	—
Sun 30th	—	<u>10:30am</u> Martin & Betty Wing & Cecilia Hodgkiss RIP (RW)	<u>9:00am</u> Irene, Stan & Peter Collins RIP (DO)	30th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 27th October
St Joseph's Legion Room
after 9.30am Mass

Friday 28th October
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 29th 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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P A R I S H N E W S L E T T E R

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Reflection - 30th Sunday Ordinary Time

These two figures in today's Gospel are stock characters, sketched with Luke's brilliant wit and sensitivity.

The gospels invariably give the Pharisees a bad press: after the destruction of Jerusalem they were the only surviving branch of Judaism and so, for the evangelists, they represent the vigorous opposition of Judaism to Christianity at that time.

The Jewish historian, Josephus, paints a sympathetic picture of them, and Matthew's picture of them as the personification of hypocrisy may be a caricature of their scrupulosity concerning the observance of the Law.

Jesus played them at their own game in his careful interpretation of scripture, presenting them with a rich and profound understanding of God's Word.

The question must be asked: was Jesus a Pharisee too? Pre-occupation with exact observance of rules can often appear to outsiders as hypocrisy. In Jesus' time a tax-collector was the epitome of malpractice and the abandonment of all decent standards: he worked for the hated Roman occupying power; he had to make his own living by extorting excessive tax.

So this parable is one more example of Jesus' reversal of expected values, and his outreach to those generally despised: to the woman notorious in the city as a sinner, to the woman taken in adultery, to Zacchaeus and to the 'good thief'.

It beautifully fulfils the first reading, demonstrating that the prayer of the humble 'pierces the clouds'.

Take some moments to reflect on these words from the Gospel: "God be merciful to me, a sinner".

Through these words, what is God saying to you?

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 Laura Cooper and 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 £9,527 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.

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Maria witness to their faith and offer vulnerable women in Ethiopia hope for a better future. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. 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**

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'.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: Can you help the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes next year? We need nurses, healthcare assistants, doctors and volunteers to provide care to the assisted pilgrims who travel with us. Previous helpers have found it is a rewarding and spiritually uplifting week. We plan to travel on Friday 28th July. If you would like to find out more information, please email or look at our website <https://www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk/> or email lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk

Home Mission Sunday (18th September): A total of £415.57 was collected recently – sincere thanks to all for their generous donations.

From CAFOD: Thank you for your gift of £233.80 in memory of Mary Gardner. We will be sure to include her name in our Books of Remembrance and to offer up a special prayer during our weekly Mass here at CAFOD. We hope you find comfort in knowing her love lives on in CAFOD's work.

St Vincent De Paul Society: For anything SVP related please speak to one of our members or contact Alan on 07939 912354, Mary on 07714 327665 or email PresidentC211509@svp.org.uk

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 October 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.**

Reminder - Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Date: Saturday 26th November

Time: 10.00am-4.00pm (Arrivals, registration and refreshments 10.00-10.30am.)

Venue: St Joseph's, Hartlepool, TS26 9EY

Catering: Tea and coffee is provided but bring your own packed lunch.

Cost: £15 (paid by the parish)

Booking: book your place via the parish office. **Deadline Monday 21st November.**

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23rd October 2022

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable,
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Psalm:

33(34):2-3,17-19,23

The poor man called; the Lord has heard him.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.
The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else: 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Bidding Prayers - prepared by pupils of Our Lady & St. Bede school:

We pray for those families who are struggling to make ends meet through this difficult time. Please watch over them and given them hope for a brighter future.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Dear Lord, Please help those during these tough times who are struggling with the Indonesia football stadium disaster, this will not only affect the families who have experienced loss but as a country as they try to reunite and navigate through this especially hard time as a lot of people have been suffering. Please send your spirit to help those struggling find peace and may they find comfort in your love.
Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died in the Thailand nursery shootings and for those who did in the petrol station explosion in Donegal. We pray for their families, friend and communities as they begin to come to terms with their loss.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Thought for the Day

If God sends us on stony paths, He will provide us with strong shoes. *Alexander MacLaren*