

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

31st Sunday Ordinary Time Year C – 30th 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 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)	31st Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 31st	<u>6:00pm</u> Priests Intention	—	—	—
Tue 1st	—	<u>10:30am</u> Tyler Appleton & 2 Babies RIP	<u>9:00am</u> Priests Intention <u>10:00am – 11:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	All Saints' Day
Wed 2nd	<u>9:30am</u> Carol Storey RIP	—	—	The Commemoration of all the Faithfull Departed
Thur 3rd	—	<u>9:30am</u> Holy Souls (MK) <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Winifride, <i>Virgin</i> St Martin de Porres, <i>Religious</i>
Fri 4th	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> Ian & Keith Langford RIP	—	—	St Charles Borromeo, <i>Bishop</i>
Sat 5th	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u> Kathleen Stott RIP (MS&AF)	<u>9:30am</u> <u>Healing Mass</u> Tom McMaster RIP (SVP)	—	—
Sun 6th	—	<u>10:30am</u> Neil Sutheran RIP <u>4:00pm</u> HOLY HOUR	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 3rd November
St Joseph's Legion Room
after 9.30am Mass

Friday 4th November
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 5th November
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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English Martyrs and
Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's



St. Joseph's

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

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C – Reflection

'We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him' Thessalonians 1: 11-12

St. Paul teaches us an incredible thing, that we are called so that Our Lord can be glorified in us and us in him. In our very troubled and confusing world our purpose as communities of faith is to proclaim and witness to the love of God for all creation and for everyone.

We praise and give thanks to God for our three wonderful communities of St. Joseph, English Martyrs Ss Peter & Paul and St. Bede, for our people who worship God week in and week out and through all that we do to strive to be worthy of our call and our desire to build his kingdom in our small patch of the world. I witness so many acts of kindness and generosity, to the sick, the asylum seeker, the community larder and to each other - THANK YOU!

By deepening our working together, sharing all our resources spiritual, human and financial strengthens our mutual support. You have been working across parish boundaries now for a long time. During my first year here I've invited people to reflect on reviewing our organisational structures so that we can jointly administer all our resources to serve God's mission by bringing our parishes together as one administratively.

Importantly we will maintain the individuality of each church community, celebrating and developing the unique contribution each makes, so that together St. Joseph's, English Martyrs Ss Peter & Paul and St. Bede's can flourish as fully as God wills so that his kingdom is built up for today and tomorrow.

God bless,

Fr Mark

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.

Clocks Reminder: Don't forget that the clocks go back an hour on 29th October, this Saturday night.

Christmas Coffee Morning: to be held on **Saturday November 19th at St. John the Baptist C. of E. Church,** Durham Road, Stockton-on-Tees TS19 0DZ. **10 – 12 noon**

Big Christmas Draw, tombola, mince pies, teas, coffee, Superb Cake Stall, Christmas Craft and Gift Stalls, Children's Stall. Free entry - all welcome.

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

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

World Mission Sunday: Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and support will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to **missio.org.uk** or call **020 7821 9755** (office hours)

From CAFOD: Thank you for your gift of £223.54 in memory of Gwen Campbell. 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.

News from Uganda: Fr. Vincent says last season's harvest was poor so now they are experiencing a lot of hunger in the parish and the country. Many families are eating one meal a day. Schools are threatening to cut the term short due to the lack of food for pupils. Donations received have helped Father to buy maize. Last week he asked parishioners with an extra food reserve to bring some to help others, by Thursday he had received over 300 kg of maize grain. Many of those who donated had previously received good seed to plant bought with funds we sent. *Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his work.*

Proud Catholics - Living Catholicism in Queer Spaces

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, 15th November at 7.30pm (GMT). We will meet Gaël Pardoën and Dr Clare Watkins to take part in their research project "Living Catholicism in Queer Spaces". The aim is to listen to and give a voice to LGBTQI+ Catholics, to learn what it means to us and for us to live the Catholic life, what nurtures our faith and Catholic identity and how those, in turn, nurture the rest of our life. The meeting will be followed by social time and bring-and-share refreshments. It will be possible to connect through Zoom, just get in touch for the link if interested.

For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit our website <http://www.proud Catholics.co.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.

Holy Hour: There will be a Holy Hour at St. Joseph's at **4pm on Sunday 6th November.** All are welcome.

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.**

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – 30th October 2022

First Reading

Wisdom 11:22-12:2

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.

Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things

and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.

Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence,

for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.

And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist,

how be conserved if not called forth by you?

You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life,

you whose imperishable spirit is in all.

Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend,

you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned,

so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

Psalms:

144(145):1-2,8-11,13b-14

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

I will give you glory, O God my king,

I will bless your name for ever.

I will bless you day after day

and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,

slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,

compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,

and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign

and declare your might, O God.

The Lord is faithful in all his words

and loving in all his deeds.

The Lord supports all who fall

and raises all who are bowed down.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

Gospel

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance: he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

Thought for the Day

Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer. *St Padre Pio*