

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
1st Sunday of Advent Year A – 27th November 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 26th	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u> Lawrence Stephenson RIP (PS)	<u>9:30am</u> Special Intention for Healing (MK)	—	—
Sun 27th	<u>1:00pm</u> Mass for the Polish Community	<u>10:30am</u> Harry Flynn RIP (EF&JF)	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	1st Sunday of Advent
Mon 28th	—	—	<u>1:00pm</u> Requiem Mass Agnes Snape RIP	—
Tue 29th	<u>10:30am</u> Funeral Service Maria Hirst RIP	—	<u>9:30am</u> Whole School Mass Caroline Suttill RIP <u>10:00am – 11:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—
Wed 30th	<u>9:30am</u> Whole School Mass Peter Shaw RIP	—	—	St Andrew, Apostle, Patron Saint of Scotland
Thur 1st	—	<u>9:30am</u> Our Holy Father Pope Francis, our Bishops & Priests <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	—
Fri 2nd	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> Samuel Jones RIP (MS)	<u>12 noon</u> Funeral Service Margaret Pinder RIP	—	—
Sat 3rd	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u> Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	<u>9:30am</u> <u>Healing Mass</u> Jean & Julie Peacock RIP	—	—
Sun 4th	—	<u>10:30am</u> Suzanne Dixon RIP <u>3:00pm</u> HOLY HOUR and Reconciliation	<u>9:00am</u> Irene, Stan & Peter Collins RIP (DO)	2nd Sunday of Advent

<u>Thursday 1st December</u> <u>St Joseph's Legion Room</u> <u>after 9.30am Mass</u>	<u>Friday 2nd December</u> <u>EMSSPP Confessional</u> <u>5:00pm – 5:45pm</u>	<u>Saturday 3rd December</u> <u>St Joseph's Legion Room</u> <u>after 9.30am Healing Mass</u> <u>EMSSPP Confessional</u> <u>5:00pm – 5:45pm</u>
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.

ST. HILDA PARTNERSHIP



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

First Sunday of Advent Year A **27th November 2022**

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
Contact: Gill Hall Tel. 01642 806469
Email: parishfamilystockton@outlook.com

Internet

Parish YouTube: Stockton Parish Family
Facebook page: @ParishFamilyStocktonRC
Parish website: www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk
Diocesan website: www.rcdhn.org.uk

Reflection – First Sunday of Advent

‘The time has come you must wake up now’ Romans 13:11
‘you must stand ready’ Matthew 24:44

Advent is a beautiful time when we are invited to wait and, whilst waiting, listen for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. One of our Eucharistic prayers puts it eloquently:

‘Grant that all the faithful of the Church, looking into the signs of the time by the light of faith, may constantly devote themselves to the service of the Gospel.’ (Eucharistic Prayer III for use in masses for various needs).

Our three parishes show themselves adept at discerning God's purpose for us, it is clear that over several years a clear sense of the need to work together and support each other in the ‘service of the Gospel’ has grown.

We need to be awake and ready to adapt in this fast changing world so that the eternal truths can be proclaimed to a people hungry for love, healing and forgiveness, which can only be found in Christ Jesus, Our Lord.

I have asked our three parishes to deepen our commitment to each other, people have responded positively and supportively to doing so – thank you.

After consultation using the bulletin, homilies, the spiritual and pastoral development group and finance committee with representatives from each parish, the recent synodal process and the clergy of the Episcopal area; I therefore asked Bishop Robert to consider bringing our three parishes together officially. He has agreed that ‘there has been growth in ongoing collaboration between our parishes over an extended period of time’ and that to come together officially ‘would enable us to fulfil our mission more effectively, make the best use of resources and give further opportunities for evangelisation and social outreach’.

From the 1st January 2023, the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God our three parishes will come together. Each church will maintain its name and each community its personality and particular charism, we will have a collective parish name of ‘Our Lady of Walsingham in Stockton-on-Tees’. This will become the banner headline on this bulletin.

May this new chapter in our parish life bring blessings to the people we are called to serve

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 Agnes Snape, Maria Hirst, Bill McGuinness, Margaret Pinder, Ryszard Podgorski 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 has been completed and the lighting has been renewed – almost £54,000 has been spent. **£11,097 has now been received towards this – Sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed.** 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.

Christmas Bingo / Coffee Evening: on Friday **2nd December** at 7pm in St. Bede's Sharratt room.

Entrance tickets £1 - refreshments available. Donations for raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

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. En-suite rooms are £215, standard rooms are £175. 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.

Red Boxes (St. Bede's or others): 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.

Christmas Wreath Making: Sue Antribus from Tees Valley Wildlife Trust will be running a seasonal wreath making session on Wednesday 14th December at 10.45am in EMSSPP Church Hall. The session is free for parishioners, but **numbers are limited to 15. Book your place via the parish office.**

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 07939912354, Mary on 07714327665 or email.

SVP - PRESENTS: Jeremy McMurray and Friends Music Night. In aid of Christmas Hampers, on Monday 28th November at 7:30pm in Billingham Catholic Club - Tickets £5 Contact Bill Scott on 07757 062798

Light a Candle for a Loved One This November: At the **Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham**, we can light a candle for them on your behalf by visiting our website. <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/candle> or scan the QR code on the posters in church.

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'.

Holy Island Vinnies Camp 2022-23 URGENT APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS: Have you got some time spare to help out our Term Time Camp? We urgently need volunteers to work in the kitchen or do a bit of cleaning/ caretaking at Holy Island Camp, washing dishes, serving food and clearing /cleaning the dining hall. We cannot offer glamour but we can offer friendship and a worthwhile cause to help. Term Time Camps take place between Easter and the Summer Holidays and then September and October. Commitment involves training, a DBS check and the choice of anything from a few days to a week helping on the beautiful island itself.

We also need volunteers to work as part of a team of helpers to supervise and look after children, taking part in our weekly holidays over July and August. Volunteers would help organise activities and supervise the care of the children, aged between 9 and 12. Again, very little glamour, and admittedly tiring, but so worthwhile! Commitment is for training, a DBS check and a week on the island. All roles can be applied for, in November 2022 on line at <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island/> where there is also much more information. We hope to meet you soon!

Prayer Vigils at Derwentside Immigration Removal Centre: A short monthly prayer vigil has been held on the first Sunday of each month at 3 pm outside the barrier to Derwentside Immigration Removal Centre since August 2021 co-ordinated by the Justice and Peace Co-ordinating Council. We believe detaining women who are asking for a safe place to live goes against our faith; we are asked to welcome the stranger and feed the hungry. This is an opportunity to give witness and pray for the women detained there. You are very welcome to join us there or to pray with us from home. The address of the centre is Corbridge Road, Medomsley DH8 6QY. Future dates planned are December 4th, February 5th, March 5th (there will not be an in person vigil in January). For more details, including a copy of the prepared liturgy please contact Liz Archibald at lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com

Fairtrade Christmas Instead of a shop in Middlesbrough this year there will be several pop up stalls across Teesside. The first one is at RSPB Saltholme 9am - 3pm on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th November. Then in Linthorpe Community Centre TS5 6JG 10am – 3pm on Saturday 10th December. Then Ropner Park from 11am -13:30pm on Sunday 11th December. Buying fair trade really helps the producers and their community.so please support these events and buy many fantastic Christmas presents.

Proud Catholics – Mass; 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, on Tuesday, 20th December at 7.30pm (BST), will be a celebration of Mass in the church at St Andrew's, followed by an opportunity for pre-Christmas refreshments in the Chaplaincy room. It is possible to connect to Mass 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. For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit our website <http://www.proud Catholics.co.uk>

Vacancies: The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following permanent vacancies:

Cleaner, St Peter, Low fell, Gateshead – 8 hours per week - Closing date for applications: 1 December
Parish Secretary, St Charles, Gosforth – 12 hours per week - Closing date for applications: 30 November
Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us 0191 243 3301

The Little Sisters of the Poor are having a Christmas Fayre at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle on Saturday 3rd December (1pm-3pm). All are welcome.

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis Monthly Intentions for November: Children Who Suffer.

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Prayer and Liturgy News

Priestly Vocations Discernment Evening The next Discernment evening will take place at the Cathedral on **Tuesday 6th December** at 6.00pm. This is the last evening before the Christmas holiday. If you would like to come along, or for more information, please contact the Vocations Promoter, Father Shaun Purdy, by Monday 28th November, so catering arrangements can be made. Please either call 01670 812 200 or email vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk The evening will finish at 8.00pm

Reflections: As part of the Year of the Eucharist, Reflections on the Saints associated with the Eucharist have been prepared by the Seminarians of the Diocese, along with artwork from Fr John Bagnall, to help us grow in our love for the Eucharist, and to pray for vocations to the Priesthood, especially in our own Diocese. It is hoped that the reflections can offer opportunities for us to grow in our faith. They can be viewed at https://bit.ly/Saints_Reflections

Advent Reflections: The Vicariate for Faith & Mission have produced a series of reflections on the readings used throughout our Advent preparations. The reflections have been written by members of the Diocese and offer an opportunity to pause and reflect. The first and second week of Advent reflections can be downloaded from bit.ly/DHNAAdvent2022 or by searching for #DHNAAdvent2022 on Facebook. The second part of the Advent reflections will be available shortly.

First reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 121(122):1-2,4-5,6-9

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house'

1.I rejoiced when I heard them say;
'Let us go to God's house.'
and now with our feet are standing
Within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3.For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
In your palaces, peace!'

2.It is there that the tribes go up,
The tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
There to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
Of the house of David

4.For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For the love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good.

Second reading

Romans 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Bidding Prayers by Our Lady and St Bede's pupils:

Dear Lord, we pray for those who seek forgiveness. Help them to be honest and truthful. Help them say sorry when it is the hardest.

Lord, in your mercy.

Dear Lord, we pray for the year 11's doing their exams. Please help them to do their very best. We thank all of the staff that have helped guide them on their way and wish them luck.

Lord, in your mercy.

Dear God, please keep us on the right path so we succeed, encourage us to work hard, help us to forgive others even though it may not be easy and give us a chance to be truthful and honest to others and ourselves.

Lord, in your mercy.

Dear Lord, we pray for the vulnerable women in Iran, Fighting for their freedom and for their rights. We hope their voices are heard and are safe during the time.

Lord, in your mercy.

Thought for the Day

When I change the way I look at things, the things I look at change.