

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

32nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year C –6th 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 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
Mon 7th	—	—	—	St Willibrord, <i>Bishop</i>
Tue 8th	—	—	<u>9:30am</u> Holy Souls <u>10:00am – 11:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—
Wed 9th	<u>9:30am</u> Bill & Winnie Allinson RIP (TJ)	—	—	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Thur 10th	—	<u>9:30am</u> Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary RIP <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<u>12:45pm</u> <u>Funeral Service</u> Paul Burke RIP	St Leo the Great Pope, <i>Doctor</i>
Fri 11th	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> Peter Saint RIP (MS&AF)	<u>11:00am</u> <u>Funeral Service</u> Laura Cooper RIP	—	St Martin of Tours, <i>Bishop</i>
Sat 12th	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u> Anne & Bill Foley RIP (MF)	<u>9:30am</u> Intention of Cecilia Reay (PMc)	—	—
Sun 13th	<u>9:00am</u> Mass for the Polish Community	<u>10:30am</u> Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	<u>9:00am</u> Vincenza Morgan RIP (LL)	33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 10th November
St Joseph's Legion Room
after 9.30am Mass

Friday 11th November
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 12th November
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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Clergy

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Reflection 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

Since they did not believe in the resurrection or any sort of life after death, the Sadducees are trying to make fun of Jesus. By the Levirate Law of Judaism, if I marry and die without begetting a son, my nearest male relative is bound to marry my widow and raise up a son in my name to carry on my line. The Sadducees' neat mockery is to ask what happens if this is repeated seven times (and worse than that, for the perfect number 'seven' means 'ad infinitum').

Jesus, again with typical neatness, turns their argument back upon them by returning to that key text of scripture when God replies to Moses at the Burning Bush. Not only is this reply in the present tense, 'I am (still) the God of patriarchs long dead', but it is the fundamental text which guarantees God's rescue and protection of, and his presence with, his people through thick and thin.

This is one more instance of Jesus' deep knowledge and mastery of scripture, of the way that he can transcend the flippant and superficial arguments of his opponents and make plain the deep and true sense of these holy texts.

To God no one is 'dead and gone'; we all remain safe in his hands.

What does it mean to you to be a 'child' of the resurrection?

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, Sheila Dennis, Paul Burke 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. Thanks to another very generous donation of £1,000 recently, **£10,527 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.

EMSSPP Church Cleaning: Could you spare an hour every 6 weeks to help with church cleaning? Our next clean is **Wednesday 9th November** after Mass & a coffee. Any help appreciated. Thank you.

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.

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.

October Baptisms: Please pray for Remy, Leo Alan, Sonny, Chester, Amelia Courtney, Theodore Thomas and Henry Nicholas who received the Sacrament of Baptism in October. May they and their godparents grow in their Faith in the years ahead.

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.

Norton Eco Fair: Saturday 12th November: from 9am-2 pm in the grounds of Red House near St Mary's Church Norton. Lots of Stalls with vegetables, honey, jams, cakes including vegan gluten free. Refill your bottles, jewellery, cards and much more. Please come and support this great event every second Saturday of the month. **Please do not park in St Mary's grounds**

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 PresidentC211509@svp.org.uk.

St Vincent De Paul Society - PRESENTS: Jeremy and Friends. Monday 28th November 7:30pm Catholic Club, Billingham. In aid of Christmas Hampers - Tickets £5

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

Safeguarding Administrator, Department for Safeguarding, Newcastle full-time permanent. Closing date for applications: 9 November

Parish Secretary, St Joseph, Stanley– part-time (24 hours), permanent Closing date for applications: 11 November

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us 0191 243 3301

News from Uganda: Every day Fr. Vincent gets parents at the door looking for food support. The rains have not been good this season and he is worried about future food security. Father has tried to provide seeds for families to plant on their small farms and they pray that the harvest will be a good one; harvest time is always in January. Fr. Vincent thanks very sincerely everyone who has contributed to the Uganda Mission Fund. *Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his Mission.*

Our Lady and St. Bede parish Mass The pupils and staff from all of our English Martyrs form groups would like to invite you all to join them for a special celebration of **Mass in Our Lady and St. Bede school on Wednesday 16th November.** Mass will start at **2.20pm.** Pupils have been working very hard and they have created the introduction, reflection, bidding prayers and have 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. Thank you.

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>

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'.

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

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.

Study Day for Leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word: Saturday 12th November 2022, Time: 10.00 am - 3.30pm (Arrivals, registration and refreshments 10.00-10.30am), Venue: **St Joseph's, Gateshead**, NE8 1LX, Cost: £10.00, Refreshments: Tea/coffee provided but please bring along your own packed lunch. See Poster for full details.

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.**

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

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 6th November 2022

First Reading

2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the laws of our ancestors.' With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.' After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering. When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

Psalm:

16(17):1,5-6,8,15

I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just,

pay heed to my cry.

Turn your ear to my prayer:

no deceit is on my lips.

2. I kept my feet firmly in your paths;

there was no faltering in my steps.

I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.

Turn your ear to me; hear my words.

3. Guard me as the apple of your eye.

Hide me in the shadow of your wings

As for me, in my justice I shall see your face

and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say. Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Gospel

Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?' Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

Bidding Prayers for All Saints – prepared by pupils at Our Lady & St Bede Catholic Academy

1. We pray that the lives of the saints may inspire others to follow scripture to live a full life in Christ.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

2. We pray that through courage we can work together to provide support through strength to those who are suffering all over the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

3. We pray for the people in Seoul, South Korea who unfortunately lost their lives in a catastrophic event and hope that their families are protected and guided in these tough times.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

4. We pray for all our loved ones who have died this calendar year and hope they are now at peace.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Thought for the Day

Do not fear to hope.... Each time we smell the Autumn's dying scent, we know that primrose time will come again. *Coleridge*