

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

Christ the King Year C – 20th November 2022

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
Sat 19th	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Valerie Ellis RIP (BG)	9:30am Edward McVay RIP (MM)	—	—
Sun 20th	—	10:30am Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	9:00am Margaret Webber RIP (TA)	Christ the King
Mon 21st	—	—	—	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tue 22nd	—	—	9:30am Irene, Stan & Peter Collins RIP (DO) 10:00am – 11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Parishes' Remembrance Service	St Cecelia, <i>Virgin, Martyr</i>
Wed 23rd	9:30am In thanksgiving for a Safe Arrival	—	10:30am Requiem Mass Michael Reed RIP	St Clement I, <i>Pope, Martyr</i> St Columban, <i>Abbot</i>
Thur 24th	—	9:30am Jean Peacock RIP (SVP) 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, <i>Martyrs</i>
Fri 25th	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Tom & Bella Clamp RIP 7:00pm Parishes' Multicultural Party	—	—	St Catherine of Alexandria, <i>Virgin, Martyr</i>
Sat 26th	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Lawrence Stephenson RIP (PS)	9:30am Special Intention for Healing (MK)	—	—
Sun 27th	—	10:30am Harry Flynn RIP (EF&JF)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of all three Parishes)	1st Sunday of Advent

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 24th November
St Joseph's Legion Room
after 9.30am Mass

Friday 25th November
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 26th November
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469

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St. Bede's



St. Joseph's

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Solemnity of Christ the King Year C

20th November 2022

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Reflection – Solemnity of Christ the King

In today's Gospel, Jesus on the Cross promises the repentant thief: 'Today you will be with me in paradise.' (Luke 23:43) This promise he also makes and keeps with us, that we are his friends, his companions on the road to eternal life. Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary, which we celebrate in every Mass, draws us into the loving embrace of the Father. Christ is our King who shows us that it is in our suffering and sacrifice that we walk his way of the Cross to the Resurrection.

On this Youth Sunday, we pray to Blessed Carlo Acutis, who was born in London in 1991 and died in his native Italy aged fifteen in 2006 from leukaemia. Blessed Carlo was in love with the Eucharist and was beatified on 11 October 2020. Pope Francis tells us that he 'is a witness for young people that true happiness is found when one puts God first. He did not settle into comfortable inaction but grasped the needs of his time because in the weakest he saw the face of Christ.' (Pope Francis, Angelus Address, 11 October 2020) Blessed Carlo expertly used the Internet to promote the beauty of the Eucharist which was the centre of his life. He said that: 'When we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist, we become saints.' And: 'By standing before the Eucharistic Christ, we become holy.' He encourages us of every age and especially young people to centre our lives on Jesus in the Eucharist, who is our way, our truth and our life.

As we continue to walk the path of the Synod at the invitation of Pope Francis, we look more and more to the Eucharist as the food for our journey through life. As we encourage our young people, especially through our Youth Ministry Trust, we encourage them, like Blessed Carlo Acutis, to seek new ways to enliven our love of the Eucharist and enrich our hope in the future.

Yours devotedly in Christ

Right Reverend Robert Byrne, CO
Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle

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.

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 Michael Reed, Agnes Snape, Maria Hirst and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Parishes' Remembrance Service Tuesday 22nd November 7pm: at St. Bede's' Church 96 Bishopton Road Stockton TS18 4PA for relatives and friends of parishioners who have died in the past year. The service will also be an opportunity for us to remember deceased parishioners, relatives and friends, whose names can be put on the memorial cards that will be available at the back of the church. These will be blessed at the altar during the service. All Parishioners are welcome.

Parishes' Multicultural Party: Friday 25th November at 7:00pm in EMSSPP Hall - to welcome our new parishioners. Members of our different cultural groups are getting together to bring and share their traditional food and drinks. Everyone will be warmly welcomed.



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.

Parish finances: A summary of the joint parishes' finances for the six months to September 2022 is enclosed with this newsletter. Thanks to your generosity we have reduced the deficit and repaid some of the money used to replace St. Joseph's roof, although with increased fuel and insurance costs expected over the coming winter your continued support is still needed.

Sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed. Fr Mark

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.

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

Cleaner, St Cuthbert, North Shields - 3 hours per week – Closing date for applications: 24 November

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

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.

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.**

Priestly Vocations Discernment Evening The next Discernment evening will take place at the Cathedral on **Tuesday 6th December** at 6.00pm. Bishop Robert will be our guest for the evening and 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/DHNAdvent2022 or by searching for #DHNAdvent2022 on Facebook. The second part of the Advent reflections will be available shortly.

First Reading

2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel then came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Psalm:

121(122):1-5

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 our feet are standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

2. Jerusalem is built as a city

strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up,

the tribes of the Lord.

3. 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.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel

Luke 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

Our Lady & St Bede's 9EM Bidding Prayers

Let us pray that we all can show solidarity to stand against the bullies in our community, let us have the confidence to stand for what is right.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Let us pray for those who are being bullied, may they have the strength and the resilience to stand up for themselves and share their struggles with somebody they trust.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Let us pray for those people who have been bullied previously, help comfort them and show compassion to help them recover.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Let us pray for those who have been bullying others, help them see the errors of their ways, help them understand what they are doing is wrong and help them to show honesty to own up to their actions and to make a change.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Thought for the Day

See that all who speak with you leave you as friends.

St John Bosco