

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A – 15th January 2023

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
Sat 14th	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Doug Greenwood RIP (MG)	9:30am For the Repose of a Soul (SAG)	—	—
Sun 15th	—	10:30am Intentions of Susan Douglas (PMc)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	2nd Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 16th	—	—	—	—
Tue 17th	—	—	9:30am In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered (CO) 10:00am – 11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Anthony Abbot
Wed 18th	9:30am Whole School Mass Pat Chapman RIP (AC)	—	—	—
Thur 19th	—	9:30am Margaret Pinder RIP (PDR) 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Wulstan Bishop
Fri 20th	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Audrey Ward RIP (MD&PW)	—	—	St Fabian Priest, Martyr St Sebastian Martyr
Sat 21st	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Clare & Thomas Evans RIP (MF)	9:30am In Thanksgiving for Inner Healing	—	—
Sun 22nd	1:00pm Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	9:00am Edwards / McCabe Family RIP (AE)	3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

<p>Thursday 19th January St Joseph's Legion Room after 9.30am Mass</p>	<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation</p> <p>Friday 20th January EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm</p>	<p>Saturday 21st January EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm</p>
<p>Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469</p>		

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 OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM, STOCKTON



St. Joseph's



English Martyrs and Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's

P A R I S H N E W S L E T T E R

Sunday 15th January 2023

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time : Year A

Clergy

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Millward
Assistant Priest: Fr Oliver Keyes
Deacon: Paul Hargreaves

Parish Office

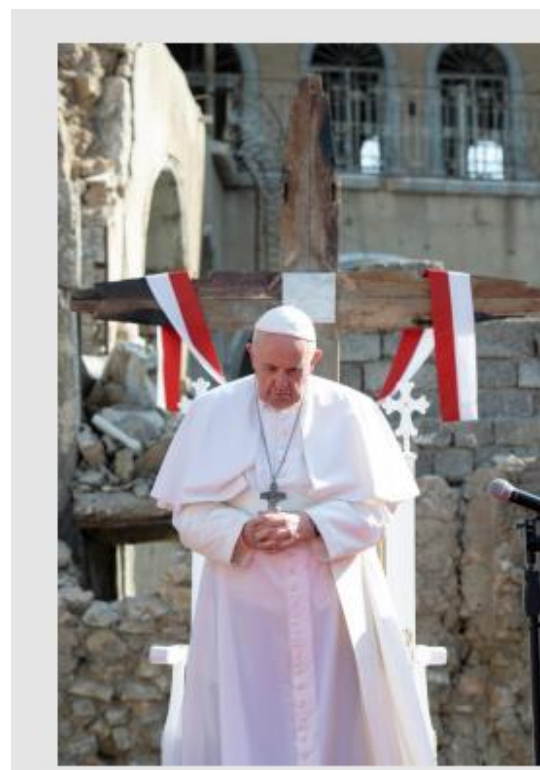
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Diocesan website: www.rcdhn.org.uk

Peace Sunday

15 January 2023



God, our Creator and Redeemer,

May we see the sorrow of war in the eyes of those who suffer and have known only violence in their lives.

Give us a voice for those who have no voice and are not heard; those who know that there is no tomorrow in war, and that the violence of weapons destroys both the beauty of creation and the joy of life.

That way, with your help, will we become true instruments of your peace.


Amen.

(adapted from Pope Francis' Address for the World Day of Prayer for Peace, Assisi, 2016)


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 Kathleen Patricia Riley and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

St Joseph's Refurbishment Appeal: The new the roof has been completed and the lighting has been renewed – almost £54,000 has been spent. **£11,664 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.

 **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 food we are also collecting children's pyjamas, hats, gloves & scarves.
With sincere thanks once again; from Stockton Hope Trustees & Volunteers.

White Flower Appeal 2023: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend (14th/15th January)

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2023: WE URGENTLY NEED TO FINALISE NUMBERS **by the end of January** for the 2023 Pilgrimage to Walsingham which 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. Please contact Mary on 07952 321396 or Pat on 01642 650904 as soon as possible to book your place.

Invitation: St. Teresa's form groups from Our Lady and St. Bede RC School would love to invite you all to a very special Mass. The Mass will take place here **in school at 2.20pm on Friday 20th January 2023.**

All of the pupils in St. Teresa's form groups have prepared this Mass. It will include introduction, readings, reflection and bidding prayers. We would love to see as many of you as possible at this Mass and we thank you for always showing us your care and support.

Christmas news from Uganda: To celebrate the feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28, Fr. Vincent organised a meal of maize, dried fish and a drink for more than 90 children. Father says "This was a cheap meal here to reach many. It would be their real Christmas for many. Some may not have eaten on Christmas day. All is possible because of your support. To all the parishioners we are so grateful."
Please pray for Fr. Vincent as he tries to meet the needs of those who come to him.

Consultation on Admission Arrangements for St. Gregory's, Stockton2024/2025: Where changes to admission arrangements are intended, all schools are required to consult before these are determined and published. The policy for consultation for 2024-25 is available at St. Gregory's school website: www.stgregorys.bhccet.org.uk. The consultation will run from 5 December 2022 to 27 January 2023. Response forms should be returned to the school by 27 January 2023. The Local Governing Committee will consider all comments received before they determine the arrangements for 2024-25. Mrs Marie Best Headteacher.

Proud Catholics - May They All Be One

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, 17th January at 7.30pm** (GMT). We will share a meditation on the words of our Lord from the Gospel according to John (17:21): "May They All Be One". This will be followed by our usual social time. It will also be possible to connect through Zoom. 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>

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

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

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'.

Sunday, 15 January, is PEACE SUNDAY and this year the message from Pope Francis tells us: 'No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace'. He asks us: 'What did we learn from the pandemic? What new paths should we follow to cast off the shackles of our old habits, to be better prepared, to dare new things? What signs of life and hope can we see, to help us move forward and try to make our world a better place?' A vaccine has been found for Covid-19, says the Holy Father, but we still need to tackle the virus of war, and of inequality, and this can only be done together. In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which aims at working together to promote peace through parishes, schools and social media. Their website suggests ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2023>
Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfgw67x>
Or send a cheque payable to 'Pax Christi' to: Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London NW4 4TY Tel: 0208 203 4884

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

Cleaner, St Peter, Low Fell - 8 hours per week. Closing date: 19 January
Caretaker/Cleaner, Whitley Bay and North Shields – 11 hours per week. Closing date: 23 January
Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis Monthly Intentions for January: For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Prayer and Liturgy News

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

Vocations Weekend for Women: Theme: **Discerning God's Call in your life.** Dates: **3-5 Feb 2023.** Location: **London**

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). **Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.**

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. **For more information, contact Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org**

First Reading

Isaiah 49:3,5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

39(40):2,4,7-10

Here I am lord! I Come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

2.You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

3.In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.

4.Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel

John 1:29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

Thought for the Day

In quiet prayer, talk to God if you can. If you can't just stay there, let God look at you and don't worry about anything.

St Francis de Sales