

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A – 22nd January 2023

	<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 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
Mon 23rd	—	—	—	—
Tue 24th	—	—	9:30am Peter Prior RIP 10:00am – 11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Francis de Sales <i>Bishop, Doctor</i>
Wed 25th	9:30am Dominic Fletcher RIP (EF) 1:00pm Requiem Mass Kathleen Patricia Riley RIP	—	—	The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle
Thur 26th	—	9:30am Betty Wallace RIP (AF) 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	Ss Timothy and Titus, <i>Bishops</i>
Fri 27th	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Deceased Members of Jones & Kane Families RIP (MS)	—	—	St Angela Merici <i>Virgin</i>
Sat 28th	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Anne & Bill Foley RIP (MF)	9:30am Alice Elrod RIP (SB)	—	—
Sun 29th	—	10:30am Pope Benedict XVI RIP	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Thursday 26th January St Joseph's Legion Room after 9.30am Mass	Friday 27th January EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm	Saturday 28th January 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.

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 22nd January 2023

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time : Year A

Clergy

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Millward
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Reflection 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

This is the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Matthew first introduces us to Galilee, characteristically quoting the scriptures to show that they are being fulfilled, and in what way.

Galilee is called 'Galilee of the gentiles' only in this passage, and the presence of gentiles was not a particularly notable feature of Galilee. Archaeology shows that Jewish observance was strong in the region. Contemporary literature indicates that there was a lively tradition of prayerful charismatic rabbis with a warm devotion to the Lord.

Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming the imminence of the Kingdom of God, and this will be the subject of all his activity. Then he begins to form the new Israel by calling his team together.

The Christian imagination tends to combine this scene with the scene of the Baptist in the Jordan Valley in the Gospel of John, which suggests that at least Peter and Andrew among the disciples had already some knowledge of Jesus. But today's narrative must be heard on its own, and the staggering factor is that this is the first time at any rate the sons of Zebedee have set eyes on Jesus.

As he passes by, Jesus calls them, and such is the electrifying power of his charismatic personality that they simply drop everything and follow this total stranger – immediately, as the evangelist stresses each time.

Do I ever follow Jesus' call immediately and unconditionally?

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 Kathleen Patricia Riley, Michael Damian Bryan, John Dennis Sparks, Mary Christine Talbot 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.**

Thank you: Second collections and donations received during the quarter ended December 2022 have been passed on to the following: CAFOD £339.99; APF World Mission Sunday £296.09; The Clergy Training Fund £346.73; Mary's Meals £50; Missionaries of Africa (Fr. Vincent) £664.90; Youth Ministry Trust £60; St. Cuthbert's Care £50; Holy Family India Project £90.00. Sincere thanks to all who donated.

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. Ensuite 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.

Our Lady and St. Bede pupil's and staff would like to warmly invite everyone to our **Holocaust memorial service**, which will take place on **Thursday 26th January 2023.** The Liturgy will start at 5pm followed by a very moving exhibition which has been put together by both staff and pupils from across each department in school. Please support this very important event as we should never forget what happened to all those who lost their lives during this horrific event in history. **Please book a free place** using the link address below. <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ourladyandstbede>

News from Uganda: During Advent Fr. Vincent used his pickup truck to take many sick people to hospital. Many of these were children suffering from malaria. Father says when they are hungry the children's immune systems are low. Fr. Vincent was also bitten many times by mosquitos while visiting villages in the bush and was ill with malaria for two weeks before Christmas. *Please remember Father Vincent and his people in your prayers.*

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.bhcet.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.

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'.

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

Are you ready to accept? The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Priestly Vocations Team **invite men aged 18+** who might be **experiencing the call from God** to discern priesthood to join the Vocations Team in finding out more.

Discernment Evenings for 2023 are planned for: Tuesday 14th February; Tuesday 4th April; Tuesday 27th June; Tuesday 3rd October; Tuesday 5th December

Cloister Café - St Mary's Cathedral Clayton Street West, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 5HH 6.00pm - 8.00pm

There will be a time of Prayer, talk/discussion, followed by a meal together.

If you would like to attend, or for more information, please contact the Vocations Promoter, Fr Shaun Purdy by email: vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk or by phone: 01670 812 200.

Is God calling you to be a Priest? The Diocesan Vocations Team have organised an **overnight retreat** for men aged 18+ to discern whether God is calling them to the Priesthood.

Date **Friday 3rd March 2023 5.00pm to Saturday 4th March 2023** (after lunch)

Place Emmaus Youth Village Pemberton Rd, Allensford, Consett DH8 9BA

Cost £50 (including all meals and ensuite accommodation) Spaces are limited.

Please contact Fr Shaun Purdy to book a place or for more information: Email vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk Telephone 01670 812 200 Bookings to be made by Thursday 16th February.

First reading **Isaiah 8:23-9:3**

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor – these you break as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm **26(27):1,4,13-14**

The Lord is my light and my help.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

Second reading **1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17**

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel **Matthew 4:12-23**

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.'

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

Thought for the Day

One filled with joy preaches without preaching.

St Teresa of Calcutta