

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

Easter Sunday Year A – 9th April 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 8 th	8:00pm EASTER VIGIL Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	—	—	Holy Saturday
Sun 9 th	9:00am Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Nuala Sinclair & Ursula Croft RIP (JS)	9:00am Lawrence Fitzgerald RIP (MF)	Easter Sunday
Mon 10 th	—	—	—	Easter Monday
Tue 11 th	—	—	9:30am Denoris Family (KO)	Easter Tuesday
Wed 12 th	9:30am Mary Walker RIP	—	—	Easter Wednesday
Thur 13 th	—	9:30am Charles & Veronica Burlinson RIP (CB) 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	Easter Thursday
Fri 14 th	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Angela Armstrong RIP (A&M)	—	—	Easter Friday
Sat 15 th	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Bob Lyth RIP (PL)	9:30am Sue & Alan Judd RIP (PM)	—	Easter Saturday
Sun 16 th	—	10:30am Pro Populo (People of the Parish) 2:30pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour	9:00am Deceased Members of the McGuinness Family RIP (AF)	2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

<p>Thursday 13th April St Joseph's Legion Room after 9.30am Mass</p>	<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday 14th April EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm</p>	<p>Saturday 15th April 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

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 9th April 2023
Easter Sunday Year A

Clergy

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

Parish Office

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*Fr Mark, Fr Ollie & Deacon Paul
wish you all
a very Happy and Holy Easter*

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 all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Second Collection: The collection for Holy Places will stay open this weekend.

Offertory Envelopes: Please let the Parish office know if you have not received a box of envelopes and would like some, if your address has changed, or if you no longer require a box. Many thanks.


St Joseph's Refurbishment Appeal: Around £55,000 has now been spent on the new the roof and lighting. So far **£12,698 has been donated 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.

Bank Account Update: If anyone is having problems amending their standing order to our new joint parish account, please use the full account title **Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Stockton Our Lady of Walsingham** as we have been advised that some banks will not accept the DHN abbreviation. Thank you, and apologies for any inconvenience.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: following the amalgamation of our parishes:

If you wish to write a cheque out to St. Joseph's, EMSSPP or St Bede's after the 1st April 2023 please make it payable to DHN Stockton Our Lady of Walsingham.

If you would like to make a transfer direct into the bank account please contact the parish office for the new account details. Thank you.

 **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 into 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.

St Gregory's School: The children from St Gregory's would like to say a huge thank you to the parishioners of English Martyrs and Ss Peter and Paul's who donated to our Big Lent Walk for CAFOD. You helped us raise £300. Our fundraising will help others around the world to buy tools and receive the training they need to grow in strength and fight the effects of the climate crisis. Thank you once again for helping us to help our brothers and sisters around the world.

“Serving those who have served us well” The Sick and Retired Priests' Collection will be taken on the weekend of 15th and 16th April 2023, and the Fund will remain open until 5th May for anyone who might like to make further or individual donations. This collection goes to support our Sick and Retired Priests who have served our diocese over many years and we wish to make sure that this Fund is also there for future retired priests. Recent years have been very difficult and income has drastically dropped. If people were to give a suggested minimum of £5 or £10 per person in recognition of all the priests who have served their parishes over many years, it would be a great gesture as we “serve those who have served us well”. For further information on Gift Aid, one-off larger donations, or a bequest in your Will, please do not hesitate to contact us on ☎ 0191 586 4319.

Thank you: Second collections and donations received during the quarter ended March 2023 have recently been passed on to the following: CAFOD £130.00; Peter's Pence £50.00; Stella Maris £28.00; Mary's Meals £50; Missionaries of Africa (Fr. Vincent) £870.00; Holy Family India Project £90.00. Sincere thanks to all who donated.

Holy Hikers: our first walk this year will be on 23rd April from Aislaby to Whitby. For details contact David Mackintosh for details on 07913 021814.

NEWS FROM UGANDA: Fr. Vincent has had 3 attacks of malaria which left him feeling very weak, he says he is now back on his feet. The recent harvest was good. Father has a group he calls 'The Good Samaritan Team' who assisted him with the harvest and also with sharing it out. He paid them for their work as they too are hungry. They shared some with hungry refugees. In the 3rd week of Lent he visited the refugees 60 miles away. It was a very bad situation no water, food or bedding. Some helpers burst into tears seeing the situation and Fr Vincent had to spend time calming them as well as speaking to the refugees. He took bags of maize, dried fish, salt, soap and empty plastic containers to be used to fetch water also clothes donated by parishioners. Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his mission.

Volunteer Parish Safeguarding Representative Vacancy at St Bede's:

Father Millward is seeking to recruit a Parish Safeguarding Representative for Saint Bede's in Stockton and would welcome applications. The diocesan Safeguarding Team are more than happy to have a 'no commitment' discussion with anyone who would be interested in this important and interesting role, so you can learn more about the position and obtain more in-depth information. A brief description is below. Anyone who would like to be considered, please speak to Fr Millward and the Safeguarding Team on 0191 243 3305.

The Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR) – main responsibilities

The representative is the link between the parish and the Safeguarding Team and will be in regular contact with reporting of concerns and seeking advice/signposting. The PSR also has an important role to play in the Safer Recruitment process for volunteers as well as supporting the Parish Priest to fulfil his safeguarding Responsibilities. You will need a commitment to confidentiality, good organisational and listening skills and an ability to work as part of a team while building relationships with a wide variety of people.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Helpers Needed: Have you ever thought about travelling on Pilgrimage to Lourdes in response to the call of Our Blessed Lady? Every year, many people generously offer their service to those who stay in the Accueil (hospital) and need some additional care and support from volunteers like yourselves. This could include making a cup of tea, having a chat, helping in the dining room or assisting a Pilgrim in attending the various Masses and services which take place during Pilgrimage week. **We need you!** In order to provide care for all of the applicants for the Accueil, **We need more registered adult helpers.** We do not have enough at present and do not want to disappoint those Pilgrims who are so looking forward to travelling with us. The dates of travel are from **Friday 28th July to Friday 4th August 2023.** Financial help with the cost of travel and accommodation is available in the form of a subsidy for this year only. If you would like any further information, please email: lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk or telephone: 0191 528 1992

The link to register as an adult helper is: <https://forms.office.com/e/ZHWW4DD5ny>

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

Administrator, Vicariate for Faith and Mission (maternity cover) – full-time. Closing date: 18 April 2023.

Senior Administrator, Dept for Education, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time. Closing date: 18 April

Parish Secretary and Cleaner (2 roles) – St Patrick's, Langley Moor, Durham – part-time. Closing dates: 12 April

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

For all the family something free for this Easter from Tees Valley Wildlife Trust!

Bird-tastic crafts! Wednesday 12th April 10am – 11:30am at Roseworth Library Fun Easter holiday family activity Make model nests and eggs. Discover how wild birds bring up their chicks. Bird themed puzzles, games and quizzes.

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.

St. Joseph's Thornton Hall: For any requests to book / hire the Hall please contact Philip and Cath Jackson direct on 01642 657436. Thank you.

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 April: For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Prayer and Liturgy News

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration: 16th April at 2:30pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour at St Joseph's Norton.

Coming Soon - A Day for Catechists: Are you involved with Baptismal Preparation, First Holy Communions, Confirmations, Marriage Preparation, RCIA, Children's Liturgy or other faith sharing initiatives? We are excited to host the largest gathering of Catechists the diocese has seen in recent times. This will be a special opportunity to come together and renew our approach to sacramental preparation and faith-sharing post-pandemic. Whether you are a seasoned catechist or just considering becoming one, we want you to join us. We will be sharing key principles from the New Directory of Catechesis and affirming good practices, as well as providing new ideas and inspiration. Individuals and parish groups are welcome. To register your interest/book a place, please [visit bit.ly/DHND0C23](http://bit.ly/DHND0C23).

Easter Sunday Readings Year A

First Reading

Acts 10:34,37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23

This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad. Or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel

John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Thought for the Day

If we are silent about the joy which we receive from Jesus, then the very stones of our cities should cry out. We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song. **St Pope John Paul II Harlem Autumn 1979**