

**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**  
**6th Sunday of Easter Year A – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

	<b>English Martyrs and Ss Peter &amp; Paul's</b>	<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>St Bede's</b>	<b>Feast Days this week</b>
<b>Sat 13th</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b> Ellis Family RIP (BG)	<b>9:30am</b> Julia Gallagher RIP (KLG)	—	—
<b>Sun 14th</b>	<b>9:00am</b> Mass for the Polish Community	<b>10:30am</b> Bill Orbin RIP (KP)	<b>9:00am</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>Mon 15th</b>	—	—	—	—
<b>Tue 16th</b>	—	—	<b>9:30am</b> Happy Birthday (GM) <b>10:00am</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—
<b>Wed 17th</b>	<b>6:00pm Vigil</b> Successful operation for Alan	—	—	—
<b>Thur 18th</b>	—	<b>10:30am</b> Andrew Dunn RIP <b>2:00pm – 4:00pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b>9:00am</b> Holy Souls	<b>The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)</b>
<b>Fri 19th</b>	<b>5:00pm – 6:00pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>6:00pm</b> Intentions of Bernadette (MS)	—	—	St Dunstan Bishop
<b>Sat 20th</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b> Don & Betty Wallace RIP (AF)	<b>9:30am</b> Priests Intention	—	—
<b>Sun 21st</b>	—	<b>10:30am</b> Golden Wedding (KLG)	<b>9:00am</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>

<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>		
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b> St Joseph's Legion Room after 10.30am Mass	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b> EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm	<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b> EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm
<b>Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469</b>		

**Bulletin Items:** If you would like a notice included in the next bulletin, please email [parishnewsletterstockton@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**The executive summary of the canonical investigation into our diocese is available on the diocesan website: [diocesehn.org.uk](http://diocesehn.org.uk)**

**PARISH OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM, STOCKTON**



St. Joseph's



English Martyrs and Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's

**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year A**

**Clergy**

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

**Parish Office**

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**Reflection 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Only in John's Gospel is the Spirit whom the Father will send called 'the Advocate' or 'the Paraclete'. Both names have the same derivation and the same meaning, but the former is from the Latin language, the latter from the Greek. It means someone 'called to one's side' as a helper, principally as a defender in a lawsuit. The word 'Paraclete' also suggests comfort and strength, as implied in the quality 'paraclesis' or perseverance.

In the discourse after the Last Supper, when Jesus is preparing his disciples for their future task, there are four separate sayings about the Paraclete. The Paraclete is sent both by Jesus and by the Father, but always from the Father's side. The Paraclete, the Spirit of truth, will teach the disciples everything and lead them into all truth, witnessing to the Father. The Paraclete is 'another Paraclete', that is, other than Jesus, who will make Jesus present when Jesus is no longer physically with the disciples.

The close link and interplay between these three figures (Father, Son and Spirit) gives us not only the beginnings of the theology of the Trinity, but also a lasting confidence that Jesus is never absent from his Church.

With the guidance and patronage of the Paraclete the Church enters more and more deeply into the understanding of the divine mystery.

Why do we need a Paraclete to guide us?

Reflection: Open yourself to the guidance of the Paraclete. Allow the Paraclete to lead you further into the life of the Trinity.

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB, *from Wednesday Word*

### **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.

**URGENT:** would **M W Pearce** contact Gill in the parish office **as soon as possible** please on 01642 806469 or parishfamilystockton@outlook.com Many thanks.

**Save the Date:** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm Bella Canta Ladies Choir are performing at St Joseph's. "Broadway meets the West End" Free entry, retiring collection to raise money for refurbishment. Tell your friends and neighbours.

### **PARISH FINANCES**

**New Bank Account Details:** Would those who have not yet done so, **please amend your standing order ASAP.** (Use the full account title **Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Stockton Our Lady of Walsingham** to avoid problems when setting up).

**If you have not already collected your box of offertory envelopes from church then please do so as soon as possible.**

Please contact the parish office if you would like (or no longer need) a box of envelopes, if you have changed your address or would like to sign up for Gift Aid.

**St Joseph's Refurbishment Appeal:** So far **£12,962 has been donated towards the cost of the new roof and other planned refurbishments – Sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed.** Special 'Refurbishment Fund' envelopes are in church for one off donations; if you are a UK taxpayer please use the yellow forms to Gift Aid your donation where possible. Any help you can give to assist with the fundraising effort will be gratefully received. Thank you – Fr Mark.

**Northern Brethren Fund:** The collection for Sick & Retired Priests, which closed last weekend, has raised a fantastic £731.10. If you still wish to donate then please hand in your envelope as soon as possible. Many thanks to all for your generosity.

**Cheques:** Please make cheques **payable to DHN Stockton Our Lady of Walsingham.**

If you would like to make a direct Bank transfer or set up a standing order, 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.**

**Mental Health Awareness Week:** The week 15 – 21 May is Mental Health Awareness Week nationally. Please see the posters on the notice board in church for details of a service being held in St. Joseph's Jarrow on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 4pm. All are welcome.

### **Parish Contacts**

**Holy Hikers:** are out walking again for the summer season of monthly walks. Contact David Mackintosh for details on 07913 021814.

**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 284770 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'.

**More News from Uganda:** Fr. Vincent says snake bites have increased with the coming of the rainy season. Rain causes snakes to move about to find new places to hide. When people go to their farms and begin to work with their bare hands they are often bitten when they disturb snakes. Recently Fr. Vincent took two ladies to hospital in his truck to be treated for snake bites. **Please pray for Fr Vincent and his people.**

**Proud Catholics – AGM:** 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, 16th May at 7.30pm (BST).** We will hold our Annual General Meeting, where we will review the year, plan for the future, and hold elections for the coming year's Committee. It will be possible to connect through Zoom (get in touch for the link). The AGM will be followed by our usual bring-and-share refreshments. All are welcome. For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email [proud.catholics@yahoo.com](mailto:proud.catholics@yahoo.com), or visit our website <http://www.proud Catholics.co.uk>

**Little Sisters of the Poor – Job Vacancy** Registered Nurses Required

The Little Sisters of the Poor run a large residential care home for the elderly in Newcastle. This is a friendly, relaxed, well equipped Home with over 105 staff.

Day shift - 37.5 Hours per week, Shifts are 8am-4pm, 1pm-9pm

Night shift 20 hours per week, 9pm-8am

2 References and an enhanced DBS check are required.

For more information please contact Lee-Marie on 0191 273 1279 or email [lee.marie@lsplondon.co.uk](mailto:lee.marie@lsplondon.co.uk)

**Vacancy:** The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a Fundraising Manager to lead on the development and implementation of a Diocesan Fundraising Strategy to include trusts, foundations and legacies. The role is full-time and permanent. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301

**POSTPONED:** The Story of Fr Robert Benson lecture by Professor Eamon Duffy at the Holy Name Church, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne due to take place on 20 May has had to be postponed due to the death of his wife, Jenny. He will give the lecture later in the year.

### **Worldwide Church News**

**Pope Francis Monthly Intentions for May: For church movements and groups**

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

### **Prayer and Liturgy News**

**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?

*To be a catechist is to echo the love God has for each one of us to those in our parishes, our communities, our society. It is to pass this love on in sharing our faith to others. This can be daunting. We are not alone. Through our baptism, we are united in our calling to support one another, to come together and nurture the calling of being able to better witness to the joy of the Gospel.*

- Has the global pandemic accelerated the need for a new approach in your parish?
- Are you passionate about your Catholic faith and committed to sharing it with others?
- Would you like to be involved in sharing the faith, but lack confidence or don't think you have the skills?

If you answered 'yes' to any of the above, then come and join us for our upcoming Day for Catechists, where you can deepen your knowledge and connect with other Catechists in our Diocese.

**Date:** Saturday 15 July 2023 10.00am – 3.00pm.

**Venue:** St Robert of Newminster Catholic school, Washington NE38 8AF.

**Cost:** Free

Refreshments provided, but please bring your own packed lunch.

Individuals and parish groups welcome.

To book a place, please visit [bit.ly/DHND0C23](http://bit.ly/DHND0C23) or click here [REGISTER HERE](#)

**Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** on Saturday 3 June 2023, 10.30am-3.00pm - arrivals, registration and refreshments from 10.00am. The venue for this event will be St Michael's, Durham Road, Houghton-le-Spring, DH5 8NF and will cost £10.00 per person. Participants are asked to bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. For more information visit [bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents](http://bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents). Contact the parish office to book your place - **Booking Deadline: Tuesday 23 May 2023.**

### **Readings 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**First reading Acts 8:5-8,14-17**

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 65(66):1-7,16,20**

**R.** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,

O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

He turned the sea into dry land,

they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him;

he rules for ever by his might.

Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!

Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men.

Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul:

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer  
nor withhold his love from me.

**Second reading 1 Peter 3:15-18**

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

**Gospel John 14:15-21**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

### **Thought for the Day**

Do not walk through time without leaving worthy evidence of your passage.

*Pope St John XIII*