

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
Pentecost Sunday Year A – 28th May 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 27th	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u> Dennis Jenkins RIP (CJ)	<u>9:30am</u> Joseph Iyasele RIP (OI)	—	—
Sun 28th	<u>9:00am</u> Mass for the Polish Community <u>2:00pm</u> <u>May Festival</u>	<u>10:30am</u> Suzanne Dixon RIP (OH)	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	Pentecost Sunday
Mon 29th	—	—	—	Mary, Mother of the Church
Tue 30th	—	—	<u>9:30am</u> Priests Intention <u>10:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—
Wed 31st	<u>9:30am</u> Intentions of Josie (MA)	—	—	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thur 1st	—	<u>9:30am</u> Priests Intention <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	Our Lord Jesus Christ
Fri 2nd	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> Priests Intention	—	—	Ss Marcellinus & Peter <i>Martyrs</i>
Sat 3rd	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<u>9:30am</u> <u>Healing Mass</u> Priests Intention	—	—
Sun 4th	—	<u>10:30am</u> Priests Intention	<u>9:00am</u> Priests Intention	Holy Trinity

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 1st June
St Joseph's Legion Room
after 9.30am Mass

Friday 2nd June
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 3rd June
St Joseph's Legion Room
after 9.30am Healing Mass

EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469

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 28th May 2023
Pentecost Sunday Year A

Clergy

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Reflection Pentecost Sunday

At first sight this is a surprising gospel reading for Pentecost, but of course the event of Pentecost came too late to be a subject for the gospels, and we read the account of another incident where the Risen Christ gave the Spirit to his disciples.

There are two emphases in the account.

The first is peace. Christ brings peace to his disciples with the double greeting of peace, and peace is a Christian watchword. Peace was the song of the angels at Jesus' birth. Each of Paul's letters opens with a greeting of peace. The letter to the Ephesians proclaims that Christ is our peace, the removal of all worry, strife, envy, jealousy, self-seeking ambition. 'Go in peace' is Jesus' dismissal of those he cures, and also the dismissal at the end of Mass. Peace was Jesus' bequest to his disciples after the Last Supper.

The second watchword is forgiveness, for God was always known as a God of mercy and forgiveness, as Jesus came to show by his constant approach to sinners. But the Lord's Prayer shows that if we do not ourselves forgive, we block God's forgiveness of ourselves too.

'Forgiveness is the only sure path to peace.' Does this cause any difficulties?

Which is more important to you, peace or forgiveness?

Or are they the same?

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 **Sheila Hannah, Jean Wilmore** and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

May Festival in honour of Our Lady: on Sunday **28th May** at 2pm at English Martyrs & Ss Peter & Paul.

Second Collection: This weekend there is a second collection for the **Lay Training Fund**. The collection will stay open until 25th June.

Corpus Christi Festival: will be held on Sunday **11th June** at 2pm at St. Joseph’s.

Invitation to Summer Tea Party: Saturday June 24th in the hall at English Martyrs, St. Peter & Paul at 2pm. Following the success of the January parishioners party the SVP is holding another tea party for our older parishioners across all three parishes. Numbers are limited to 50 so if you would like to attend please let us know by **June 11th** to allow us to book catering. We can arrange transport if it is needed. **Please leave completed forms either with an SVP member, at the back of church or contact one of the SVP members via the numbers on the parish newsletter.**

Save the Date Friday 30th 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.

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.**



Mass Intentions: Holy Mass can be celebrated for many reasons – the death of a loved one, for someone who is sick, an anniversary, a birthday or in thanksgiving for a favour received from God. **There is some availability over the next few weeks** - if you would like a Mass to be celebrated, please complete a Mass Intention envelope (available in church) with an offering inside together with the name of the church where you would like it to be celebrated. If you have a date in mind for the Holy Mass, please indicate this and every effort will be made to accommodate this request. Giving as much notice as possible for specific dates would be a great help.

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’.

St Gregory’s Catholic Academy have vacancies for a full time permanent Classroom Teacher and an Early Years Teaching Assistant L3. See fliers on the noticeboard for more details or visit their website www.stgregorys.bhcet.org.uk or contact the school on 01642 672262

Proud Catholics - Sharing the Spiritual: 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, 20th June at 7.30pm** (BST). We are invited to bring along something that has spiritual significance for us, such as a book, poetry, prayer, picture or piece of craftwork, and share how it has inspired us. Zoom link available (get in touch if interested). For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit our website <http://www.proudcatholics.co.uk>

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.

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 or click here **REGISTER HERE**

Readings Pentecost Sunday

First reading

Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. ‘Surely’ they said ‘all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.’

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord’ unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel

John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you’, and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. ‘As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.’ After saying this he breathed on them and said: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’

Thought for the Day

Without confidence and love there can be no true education.

St John Bosco