

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

11th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A – 18th June 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 17th	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u> In thanksgiving for 50 years of Marriage for Linda & Geoff	—	—	The Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sun 18th	—	<u>10:30am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<u>9:00am</u> Carmel Kelly RIP	11th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 19th	—	—	—	St Romuald, <i>Abbot</i>
Tue 20th	—	—	<u>9:30am</u> For Michael <u>10:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Alban, <i>First Martyr of England</i>
Wed 21st	<u>9:30am</u> Maureen McNaughton RIP (AH)	—	—	St Aloysius Gonzaga, <i>Religious</i>
Thur 22nd	<u>6:00pm</u> Confirmation Mass	<u>11:00am</u> <u>Requiem Mass</u> Audrey Watson RIP <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	Ss John Fisher & Thomas More, <i>Martyrs</i>
Fri 23rd	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> A Special Intention	—	—	St Ethelreda, <i>Abbess</i>
Sat 24th	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u> Intentions of BE (PL)	<u>9:30am</u> Ronnie Watson RIP (MH)	—	The Nativity of St John the Baptist
Sun 25th	<u>9:00am</u> Mass for the Polish Community	<u>10:30am</u> Michael Boland RIP (BW)	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	12th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday 23rd June
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 24th June
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469

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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 18th June 2023

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Clergy

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Millward
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Reflection 11th Sunday Ordinary Time

Jesus was concerned about his people. He wanted to bring to them the Kingdom of his Father, so he set out to heal them, and sent others out to do the same. His aim was to bring them the peace of God, to help them by ridding them of their worries, their sickness, their embarrassment at being lost sheep without a shepherd (God was always the shepherd in Israel).

When he set up the twelve apostles he was making a New Israel, a new set of twelve tribes, as a permanent healing body, to make sure that the Kingdom of the Father and its peace and generosity would always be available.

He was not setting up a clergy, a set of leaders, but appointing his own helpers in spreading God's Kingdom.

That is what every Christian must do.

Do I make it my business to spread the Kingdom or the Kingship of God?

Am I a labourer in the harvest, trying to bring God's peace and healing to all the sick sheep? After all, I was made in the image of God, and God gave me the task of following on his creative work. And then Jesus called me, too, to work with him.

Am I supposed to cure the sick and cast out devils?

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



Volunteer gardener(s) needed at St Bede's to look after the flower beds. (the grass is being cut by a contractor) If you are willing to help, please speak to Fr Mark. Thank you.

Table-Top Sale: At St. Bede's on Sunday 25 June after Mass, a range of Travel books (e.g. Rome, Paris, Versailles, Tower of London, Lake Garda, Capri and The Holy Land) together with booklets of Oberammergau & Assisi will be on display in the Sharrat Room. Also, a range of Catholic memorabilia including a small bust of Pope John Paul 23rd, several glass & china objects are also available. Please make a donation for any items you are interested in - which will be added to Church Funds. Thank you. All are welcome.

Red Boxes (St. Bede's or others): The Mission Boxes are now due for collection. Could you please leave the boxes at the back of Church, or ring John Evans on 01642 895739 who will arrange collection.

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: 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.

Offertory envelopes

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: £13,007 has been donated so far 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.



Stockton Hope Community Larder Hardwick: Many thanks for the generous donation of £180 for the Stockton Hope Project Community Larder and warm space received recently. This will help us continue our work for the community much appreciated by both volunteers and users. Also, thanks for all your continuing food donations. With blessings to you all 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'.

Summer Workshop – Bullet Journaling - The ARC Stockton – Saturday 8th July 10:30am. Cost £12

A workshop to discover ways to bring creativity, mindfulness, relaxation and organisation into your daily life by learning techniques of bullet journaling and calligraphy. The workshop provides your bullet journal and selection of creative material to use during the session. Book your place directly with the ARC – Tel 01642 525199 or online: **www.arconline.co.uk**

CAFOD are hiring. Could you inspire Catholics to participate in the Church's mission, by working to overcome poverty and injustice? Do you want to work for CAFOD within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle? Are you good at inspiring and working with volunteers? Then you might like to become our Community Participation Coordinator. Click the following link for more details and please pass on to any friends or relatives who might be interested. Closing date 25th June 2023: [CAFOD Community Participation Coordinator Hexham and Newcastle](#)

Vacancies:

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancy:
Senior Administrator, Dept for Safeguarding, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time. Closing date: 26 June. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301

Prayer and Liturgy News

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.proudcatolics.co.uk>

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis Monthly Intentions for June: For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

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First reading

Exodus 19:2-6

From Rephidim the sons of Israel set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp. Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 99(100):2-3,5

R: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

Second reading

Romans 5:6-11

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel

Matthew 9:36-10:8

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. 'He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: 'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

Thought for the Day

The generous can forget that they have given, but the grateful can never forget that they have received. **William Henry Smith**

**A copy of the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency's Report into Safeguarding in Our Diocese is available on the Diocesan website: diocesehn.org.uk
A copy is also available on the noticeboard in each church.**