

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

12th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A – 25th 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 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
Mon 26th	—	—	—	—
Tue 27th	—	—	<u>9:30am</u> Priest's Intention <u>10:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Cyril of Alexandria <i>Bishop, Doctor</i>
Wed 28th	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Vigil Mass</u> Kenneth (Ken) Henry RIP	—	—	St Irenaeus <i>Bishop, Martyr</i>
Thur 29th	—	<u>10:30am</u> Sheila Hannah RIP <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<u>9:00am</u> Priest's Intention	Ss Peter and Paul Apostles <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>
Fri 30th	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> Priest's Intention	—	—	First Martyrs of the Church of Rome
Sat 1st	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u> In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered (GF)	<u>9:30am</u> <u>Healing Mass</u> Priest's Intention	—	—
Sun 2nd	—	<u>10:30am</u> Paul Kennedy RIP (DK)	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	13th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 29th June
St Joseph's Legion Room
after Mass

Friday 30th June
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

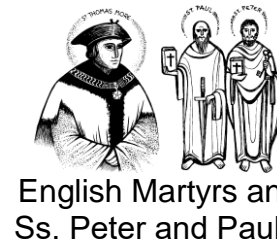
Saturday 1st July
St Joseph's Legion Room
after 9.30am Healing Mass

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



P A R I S H N E W S L E T T E R

Sunday 25th June 2023

12th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Clergy

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

Parish Office

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Reflection on today's Gospel

This whole chapter of Matthew brings together and sums up what Jesus has to say to his apostles about declaring his teaching in the face of hostility and persecution. Jesus himself was fearless in proclaiming his message. He 'taught with authority', as the gospel constantly tells us. His disciples are sent out to do the same. We do not often meet with real persecution, although it may yet happen. The martyrs of communist Russia or Vietnam lived many years of peaceful Christianity before unexpectedly facing martyrdom. The monk martyrs of Algeria did not reckon on martyrdom when they went to Algeria. The only preparation for martyrdom can be fidelity and prayer. More often we face mockery for holding to Christian principles, and that too can be difficult to bear. We can be accused of narrow mindedness, lack of appreciation of human values, blind obedience, sentimentality, naivety, and a host of other hurtful slurs. Jesus did not promise that the Father would prevent the sparrows falling to the ground! Neither is it always easy to respond to such slurs with the patience and generosity as well as the truthfulness which Jesus would have shown. 'A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar', said St Francis de Sales.

Do I fearlessly proclaim the Gospel? What situations in the coming week might require courage? How can I grow in courage?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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.

Advance Notice: There will be a second collection for Peter's Pence next weekend (1st / 2nd July)



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.

TEES VALLEY YOUTH CHOIR: Sunday 25th June 'Classical, Choral and Soloists Concert' 2:00pm in St Joseph's Church. Free entry but please bring a donation for the Foodbank. All welcome.

Thursday 29th June: Sts. Peter and Paul's Form Groups from Our Lady and St. Bede RC School would love to invite you all to a very special Mass. The Mass will take place here in school at 2.20pm.

All of the pupils in Sts. Peter and Paul's form groups have prepared this Mass. It will include introduction, readings, reflections and bidding prayers.

We would love to see as many of you as possible at this Mass and we thank you for always showing us your care and support. Thank you.

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'.

Vocations Discernment Evening planned for Tuesday 18th July is cancelled.

Little Sisters of the Poor Summer Fayre There will be a Summer Fayre at St Joseph's Home (Little Sisters of the Poor), Westmorland Road, Newcastle on Saturday 1st July from 1pm-4pm. All are welcome.

Christian and Muslim Women's Prayer Event will be held on Saturday 24th June at 2.30pm in St Mary's Chapel, Reid Park Road, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne.

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

Marian retreat at Minsteracres: Wednesday 20th-Friday 22nd September 2023, 6:30pm-2pm) For information and bookings visit www.minsteracres.org, or call 01434 673248, or email info@minsteracres.org

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.

First reading

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him! All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.

Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 68(69):8-10,14,17,33-35

R: In your great love, answer me, O Lord.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me.

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures.

Second reading

Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel

Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

Thought for the Day

One of the things I learned when I was negotiating was that until I changed myself, I could not change others. *Nelson Mandela*

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.