

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

Corpus Christi Year A –10th 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 10th	<u>6:00pm</u> Sunday Vigil Mass A Sick Person (MC)	<u>10:00am</u> First Holy Communion	—	—
Sun 11th	No Polish Mass	<u>10:30am</u> Jean Wilmore RIP <u>2:00pm</u> CORPUS CHRISTI FESTIVAL	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	Corpus Christi
Mon 12th	—	—	—	—
Tue 13th	—	—	<u>9:30am</u> A Special Intention <u>10:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Anthony of Padua <i>Bishop, Doctor</i>
Wed 14th	<u>9:30am</u> Stephen Ellis RIP (BG)	—	—	—
Thur 15th	—	<u>9:30am</u> Faustina Morgan Birthday (K&JM) <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	—
Fri 16th	<u>8:15am</u> Walsingham Pilgrims	—	—	The Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat 17th	<u>6:00pm</u> Sunday Vigil Mass 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 15th June
St Joseph's Legion Room
after 9.30am Mass

Saturday 17th June
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



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 11th June 2023

Corpus Christi Year A

Clergy

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

Parish Office

Hours: Tuesday to Friday 10.00am till 2:00pm
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Diocesan website: diocesehn.org.uk

Reflection Corpus Christi

This is the final section of Jesus' great discourse in the gospel of John on the Eucharist, delivered in the synagogue at Capernaum. It is in the form of a synagogue-sermon, commenting in turn on the phrases of Psalm 78, 'He gave them bread – from heaven – to eat'.

Jesus explains that these words are truly fulfilled not by Moses' historic gift of manna in the desert, but by the Father's continuous and repeated gift of Eucharistic bread. The discourse has the same pattern as the Mass, instruction followed by eating.

The first two sections of the discourse were about God's gift of revelation in Christ, which is accepted and assimilated by belief in the teaching of Jesus. Now we come to the final section on God's gift of Christ as food.

Particularly striking are two points.

Firstly, the stress on eating: the word used for 'eat my flesh' is full of the reality of eating; it really means 'chew', and designates the sacramental eating as a real assimilation of the nourishing food.

The second point is that 'my flesh for the life of the world' links firmly to the Last Supper: the Christ that we receive is the Christ at the very moment of his redemptive act of self-offering, an act which continues throughout time and into eternity.

What is the best way to prepare for Holy Communion?

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.

A Corpus Christi Festival: will be held on **Sunday 11th June at 2pm** at St. Joseph's. All are welcome.

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.

Walsingham Pilgrimage: Leaving on **16th June. Mass at 8:15am** and/or the **Bus leaves at 9am prompt** from EMSSPP– **remember to bring your medication.**

Walsingham Pilgrimage: Novena Masses will be offered for the 50th Anniversary of our Pilgrimage to Walsingham, starting on Saturday 10th June until Sunday 18th June.

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.

Thank you: from the Fisher family for your donations in memory of Albert - £114.00 has been raised for the Alzheimer's Society.

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: So far, **£12,982 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.



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–Sat 12th 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

Vacancies:

SVP Membership Support Officer (MSO) The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to recruit an MSO for the Tyne Central Council, which covers the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. This is a part time salaried role (22.5 hours per week – 3 days equivalent) working as part of the SVP Membership Team to support the Central Council in member recruitment and development and provide general support for members. The role is home based but requires the ability to travel around the Diocese to make recruitment appeals, work with existing groups, attend meetings and meet with interested parties where appropriate. Having your own transport is essential. Travel expenses are paid. For further information and details how to apply contact Lance Philpott, Head of Membership at lancep@svp.org.uk Closing date for applications is Sunday 25th June 2023.

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.proud Catholics.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.

Readings Corpus Christi

First reading

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.' Do not become proud of heart. Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 147:12-15,19-20

R: O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

1.O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates
he has blessed the children within you.

3.He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees.

2.He established peace on your borders
he feeds you with finest wheat
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Gospel

John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead ,but anyone who eats this bread will live forever.'

Thought for the Day

Worrying does not take away tomorrows troubles. ***It takes away today's peace.***