

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

Trinity Sunday Year A – 3rd June 2023

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
Sat 3rd	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	9:30am Healing Mass Deceased of the Fay Family RIP (CB)	—	—
Sun 4th	—	10:30am A Special Intention	9:00am Priests Intention	Holy Trinity
Mon 5th	—	—	—	St Boniface Bishop, Martyr
Tue 6th	—	—	9:30am Priests Intention 10:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Norbert
Wed 7th	9:30am Frances Dodds Birthday	—	—	St Robert of Newminster Abbot
Thur 8th	—	9:30am Priests Intention 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St William of York
Fri 9th	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm The Pallas Family	—	—	St Columba, <i>Abbot</i> St Ephrem, <i>Deacon</i>
Sat 10th	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass A Special Intention	10:00am First Holy Communion	—	—
Sun 11th	9:00am Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Jean Wilmore RIP 2:00pm CORPUS CHRISTI FESTIVAL	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	Corpus Christi

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 8th June
St Joseph's Legion Room
after 9.30am Mass

Friday 9th June
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 10th 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.

Corpus Christi Festival: Sunday 11th June at 2pm at St. Joseph's. All are welcome

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 4th June 2023

Trinity Sunday Year A

Clergy

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

Parish Office

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Reflection Trinity Sunday

At first sight this part of the dialogue with Nicodemus seems to mention only the Father and the Son and not involve the Holy Spirit.

A chief concern of the Gospel of John is to show the relationship of loving obedience between Father and Son. The love and equality in a perfect relationship between a human parent and a child is the nearest reflection of such divine love which we can envisage. In complete trust and confidence the parent gives to the child everything that is theirs. The parent's only interest is the advancement of the child. The child's only care is to please the parent and to be as close to the parent as they can be, in word, in action and in relationships. Each has a vibrant and continuous bond of love for the other. Such a relationship may be rare in human family life, but it can model for us a pale reflection of the loving relationship between the Father and the Son.

The Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son, love in person, the living bond which unites them. We must, however, appreciate that any such language limps and belittles the divine relationship, which is of a different order of perfection and intensity. Human language can never fully explain the mystery of God which is beyond our total understanding.

We are familiar with St Patrick's clover-leaf image of the Trinity. Are there any other images of the Trinity which you find helpful?

How are Father, Son and Spirit presented in this Gospel passage? How does the Holy Spirit bring us close to the Father? How can we respond to God's love for us?

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** 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.

May Baptisms: Please pray for Francesca-Mae Theresa Rose, Elijah Richard, Freya Jane, Leo Harry, Roman Janos, Cohen and Lily Rose who received the Sacrament of Baptism in May. May they and their godparents grow in their Faith in the years ahead.

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.**

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

Joint Parish Finances: A summary of Joint Income and Expenditure for the year ending March 2023 is included with this newsletter. The deficit has reduced substantially and we have repaid another £9,000 of the cost of St. Joseph's roof. Sincere thanks to everyone who has helped with this. A copy of each parish's Year-End Financial Return is on its notice board if you wish to view it.

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, 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'.

Thank you: Ken and Lin would like to thank you all for good wishes, cards, prayers and Mass offerings for our Golden Wedding. Special thanks to everyone who made a donation, £360 will now be shared between Fr. Vincent and the Food bank. God Bless you all.

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:

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

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint to the following roles:

Department for Safeguarding, Newcastle – Senior Administrator and Administrator – both roles are permanent and full-time.

Vicariate for Faith and Mission, Newcastle – Administrator (maternity cover) full or part-time. The closing date for applications is 5 June. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301

St Augustine, Darlington – Administrator, 26 hours a week.

St Paul, Cramlington – Finance Assistant, 5 hours per week.

The closing date for applications is 18 June. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301

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.

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 Trinity Sunday

First reading

Exodus 34:4-6,8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Psalm

Daniel 3:52-56

R: To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

Blest your glorious holy name.

You are blest in the temple of your glory.

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

You are blest who gaze into the depths.

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

Second reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel

John 3:16-18

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

Thought for the Day

If somebody tells you that there is another way towards God except prayer, do not believe in it.

St Teresa of Avila