

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

14th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A – 9th July 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 8th	<u>6:00pm</u> Sunday Vigil Mass Anne & Bill Foley RIP (MF)	—	—	—
Sun 9th	<u>9:00am</u> Mass for the Polish Community	<u>10:30am</u> Gwen Campbell RIP (BH)	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	14th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 10th	—	—	—	—
Tue 11th	—	—	<u>9:30am</u> Michael Harrington RIP (GEM) <u>10:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe
Wed 12th	<u>9:30am</u> Whole School Mass John Scott RIP	—	—	—
Thur 13th	—	<u>9:30am</u> Private Intention (AA) <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Henry
Fri 14th	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> Blessings for Barbara (MS)	—	—	St Camillus de Lellis, <i>Priest</i> —
Sat 15th	<u>6:00pm</u> Sunday Vigil Mass Late Members of Nertney & Stewart Families RIP (AP)	<u>9:30am</u> Deceased Members of Hamilton & Williams Families RIP (PH)	—	—
Sun 16th	—	<u>10:30am</u> Audrey Watson RIP (Friendship Group)	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	15th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 13th July
St Joseph's Legion Room
after Mass

Friday 14th July
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 15th July
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 9th July 2023

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Friends,

As you will have heard in my recent pastoral letter, I am initiating a “listening exercise” for the whole of our diocese to help respond to issues raised by the recent reports, occasioned by the events surrounding the resignation of Bishop Byrne. The aim is to begin to look to the future together with healing and hope.

One of the strands of the overall exercise is to listen to the thoughts and concerns for the future of you, the laity of our diocese. It is important to hear one another and to look both individually and collectively at the culture we want to build for our parish communities and this diocese. To this end, I am convening meetings to which you are invited to generously share your wisdom, hurts and hopes.

I would like to invite you to attend a meeting on the 13th July at English Martyrs and St. Peter & St Paul's, Stockton-on-Tees, TS19 9BY. The meeting will begin at 7pm (prompt) and finish at 8.30pm

It will include a time for listening and discussion and a liturgy of healing for those who wish to partake. I have asked Amy Cameron from the Vicariate of Faith & Mission to co-ordinate the Listening process and I have asked Dr Karen Kilby, Bede Chair at Durham University to provide me with a summary of these meetings.

I encourage you to be generous in taking part in this process in order to faithfully move our diocese forward under the care of our new bishop, Bishop Stephen Wright.

Yours sincerely in Christ

Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon
Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of Hexham

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 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 Ken Patterson, Lynda Hyde and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) Second Collection: There will be a collection this week 8th & 9th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, or by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously.

Thank you: to everyone who supported the Bella Canta concert evening at St Joseph's. The magnificent total of **£866.50** was raised to be shared between St Joseph's refurbishment and choir funds.
Date for your diary: **Friday 8th December 7.30 Bella Canta Christmas Concert at St Joseph's.**

 **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.

St Bede's Summer Coffee / Bingo Evening: on Friday25th August 2023 at 7pm. Tickets £1 each available at the back of Church.

Mayoral Service at EMSsPP: Roseworth councillor, Jim Beall is Stockton Mayor for this year, and he has asked us to hold his Mayor's Sunday service in English Martyrs', St Peter and Paul's Church on **Sunday July 30th at 11am**. This will be a service of readings and hymns with the theme, "The River of God- The water of Life". You are all warmly invited to attend and to share in this act of worship. I do hope many of you will come and offer a welcome to our mayor and all the visitors.


Book Sale: there will be a book sale at St. Joseph's, Thornton Hall on Sunday 23rd July after 10:30am Mass. Contact Pat Alderson on 01642 890421.

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: £13,062 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

The Refugee and Asylum Seeker Project, Stockton, continue to appeal for suitcases, clothing for women, men, and especially children, bedding and all household items for their clients. Arrangements can be made if you are able to make a donation and need assistance with collection. Sincere thanks for your kindness, from all the volunteers at RASPS.

Proud Catholics - Prayer for Pride
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. Pride Weekend (22-23 July) is an opportunity to celebrate diversity and inclusion. Proud Catholics, together with other Christian groups and churches, will take part in the event to testify that the inclusive love of God is for everyone. In our meeting on Tuesday 18th July at 7.30pm (BST), Davi will lead us in a quiet time of prayer in preparation for the event. It will be an opportunity to spend some time with God and each other, giving thanks for our lives and celebrating the love and peace that God invites us to share. Zoom link available (please get in touch if interested). For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, emailproud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit our website <http://www.proud Catholics.co.uk>

Concert at Little Sisters of the Poor
The Newcastle Male Chorus will be performing a Sounds of Summer Concert in the Chapel at St Joseph's Home Newcastle, (Little Sisters of the Poor) on Saturday 22nd July 2023 at 7.00pm. The concert is in aid of the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor in St Joseph's Home. Tickets are £8 (interval drink included) and are available from St Joseph's Home – 0191 2731279.

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'.

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis Monthly Intentions for July: For a Eucharistic Life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Prayer and Liturgy News

Rosary Rally: On Saturday 12th August, Minsteracres will be having a Rosary Rally starting at 10:00am. If you are interested please contact Pat Alderson on 01642 890421.

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

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) 2023-2024: The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. The CCRS course programme is now available for 2023-2024 on the Diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/education/continuing-professional-development-and-formation/#ccrs>

If anyone would like further information, they can contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

The Church's Mission – an event with Cardinal Tagle: The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and was President of Caritas International (a global network of Catholic relief and development agencies) and is a fantastic speaker. We invite you to join us online for **Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation** in which Cardinal Tagle will speak on the Church's mission and the fundamental links between evangelisation (sharing Christ and his Good News) and social action. **14 July 7:00-8:30pm** Please go to www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation for more information and to book a place for this webinar hosted by CAFOD.

Readings: 14th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

First reading Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this: Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 144(145):1-2,8-11,13b-14

R: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

- 1.I will give you glory, O God my king,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

2.The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.
- 3.All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.

4.The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down.

Second reading Romans 8:9,11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

Thought for the Day

The Bible is the only book whose author is always present when it is read.