

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

16th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A – 23rd 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 22nd	<u>6:00pm</u> Sunday Vigil Mass Karen Harley RIP (VP)	<u>9:30am</u> Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving (AA&SS)	—	St Mary Magdalene —
Sun 23rd	<u>9:00am</u> Mass for the Polish Community	<u>10:30am</u> Thanksgiving for Zuderis Zika Mansella	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	16th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 24th	—	—	—	The Martyrs of the Diocese
Tue 25th	—	—	<u>9:30am</u> John & Daisy Evans RIP (CJ) <u>10:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St James Apostle
Wed 26th	<u>9:30am</u> Pat Chapman RIP (AC)	<u>10:15am</u> Funeral Service Kenneth Patterson RIP	—	Ss Joachim & Anne <i>Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Thur 27th	—	<u>9:30am</u> Tom McMaster RIP <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	—
Fri 28th	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Walsingham (MS)	—	—	—
Sat 29th	<u>6:00pm</u> Sunday Vigil Mass Albert & Maria Fisher RIP (EF)	<u>9:30am</u> Sid Gillson RIP	—	—
Sun 30th	<u>11:00am</u> Mayor's Service	<u>10:30am</u> Patricia Kearns	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	17th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 27th July
St Joseph's Legion Room
after Mass

Friday 28th July
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 29th July
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 23rd July 2023

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Clergy

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

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Reflection 16th Sunday Ordinary Time

The Gospel of Matthew gathers together a whole set of pictures which Jesus used to describe the society of God's servants which he was intent on setting up.

Matthew calls it 'the Kingdom of Heaven'. Jews avoided bandying around the name of 'God', so Matthew calls it by the place where God is enthroned, Heaven.

The first picture, the wheat and the darnel, shows that in some of those called the good seed has been overlaid by weed. In its early growth this weed, the inedible darnel, is incredibly difficult for a non-farmer to distinguish from good barley. No more can we presume to sort out who is seeking God and who is not; it is dangerous to despise or to dismiss anyone at all.

The explanation given by Matthew constitutes a warning that the harvest, the judgment, will come in the end.

Do we have any right to judge others (or may we be mistaking wheat for darnel)?

What is the darnel in us that needs weeding out before the judgment?

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 Kenneth (Ken) Patterson, Veronica (Ron) Murray 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 flowerbeds. (A contractor is cutting the grass) If you are willing to help, please speak to Fr Mark. Thank you.

St Bede's Summer Coffee / Bingo Evening: on Friday 25th 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.

Book Sale: there will be a book sale after Saturday evening Mass at EMSsPP on the 5th August.

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:

Stockton Hope would like to thank you once again for all your wonderful and generous donations of money and food you keep bringing every week These really help us continue our work for the community and is much appreciated by both volunteers and users. 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.

SPUC: there is a petition available to sign at back of Churches or on line at www.spuc.org.uk/complicit-petition in response to coercive abortion in China.

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'.

Proud Catholics - Mass and Picnic: 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, 15th August. To celebrate the Feast of the Assumption, we will join the Mass at St Andrew's at 5.30pm and then walk to nearby Leazes Park (St Andrew's Chaplaincy if bad weather) for a bring-and-share picnic. You can also join after Mass, meeting at 6.15pm outside St Andrew's, or directly in Leazes Park. Please get in touch for more information. No Zoom link on this occasion.

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 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: Starting at St. John the Evangelist, Marton Road, Middlesbrough on Saturday 29th July. Meet at the church at 11:45am. 12 noon: Angelus and Litany to Our Lady. 12:15pm: Process to town centre. 12:30pm: Pray the Joyful Mysteries and Devine Mercy Chaplet. 1pm: Process back to church for light refreshments. For more information call Ben on 07867472979 or Terry 07549068226. All welcome.

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

Readings 16th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A – 23rd July 2023

First reading

Wisdom 12:13,16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16

R: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice.

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God.

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me.

Second reading

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.' In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Thought for the Day

If you judge people, you have no time to love them.

St Teresa of Calcutta