

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

19th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A – 13th August 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>
12th	<u>6:00pm</u> Sunday Vigil Mass Prayers for Healing B&G (PP)	<u>9:30am</u> Successful Treatment (AC)	—	—
Sun 13th	—	<u>10:30am</u> For Husband's Recovery (MR)	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	19th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 14th	<u>6:00pm</u> Vigil Mass Jonathan Peter Wright RIP (TW)	—	—	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe <i>Priest, Martyr</i>
Tue 15th	<u>2:00pm</u> Funeral Service Norreen Sturgeon RIP	<u>10:30am</u> Armstrong Family RIP (PDR)	<u>9:00am</u> Birthday Anniversary of Hope RIP (BO) <u>10:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
Wed 16th	<u>11:00am</u> Requiem Mass Matthew Murphy RIP	—	—	St Stephen of Hungary
Thur 17th	—	<u>9:30am</u> Wynne Logan RIP (MH)	—	—
Fri 18th	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> Mary & Mick Igoe and Emma & Peter Burke RIP (ES)	—	—	—
19th	<u>6:00pm</u> Sunday Vigil Mass Special Intentions (CN)	<u>9:30am</u> Edward McVay RIP (MM)	—	—
Sun 20th	—	<u>10:30am</u> Deceased Members of Noone & O'Connor Family RIP (YN)	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	20th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 17th August
St Joseph's Legion Room
after Mass

Friday 18th August
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 19th August
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 13th August 2023

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Clergy

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

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Mission Red Box Thank You and Appeal

This weekend we will welcome Fr Stephen Botto to give a Red Box Appeal.

Thank you to parishioners who already give to Missio, the Pope's charity for World Mission. Your generous donations either through the Red Box or Direct Debit support the church around the world where it is young or in need.

There will not be a second collection as the appeal is for membership to the Red Box scheme.

Please keep the work of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries in your prayers.

To find our more: www.missio.org.uk

Suggested prayer of the faithful:

For missionaries around the world, as they proclaim the joy of the Gospel through the witness of their lives, that they will have courage when they face challenges and be strengthened by our prayers.

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 Norreen Sturgeon, Matthew Murphy 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. **Donations of any raffle prizes will be gratefully received.**

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: £13,867 has been donated towards the refurbishment works so far – as you will notice, work has begun on the interior decoration. **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.

The Recent Book sales raised £182.85. Many thanks for all the help received and for the donations.

Sincere thanks to The Friendship Group who donated £100.00 towards St. Joseph's refurbishment fund.

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. Please contact Karen Dick on 07759 984586 if you are able to make a donation and need assistance with collection. Sincere thanks for your kindness, from all the volunteers at RASPS.

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>

Rainbows Bereavement Support Great Britain (GB) is a well-respected National Charity which supports Children and Young People who have experienced a significant loss through death, relationship break down or any other Adverse Childhood Experience Volunteers are needed to join the North East Team. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Ruth Higginbottom, Rainbows North East Secretary, on 01670 518546 or rainbows.northeast@btconnect.com

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.

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis Monthly Intentions for August: For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

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

A Liturgical Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Saturday 23 September 2023: 10.30am-3.00pm: **Location:** St Joseph's, High West Street, Gateshead, NE8 1LX. Cost: £10.00 per person. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. The day will include a Mass. This Day of Reflection may be self-funded or funded by your parish. You can indicate your payment preference on the online booking form. An invoice will be sent to the payee following the event. Payments can be made by bank transfer or cheque. Booking Deadline: Monday 18 September 2023. Booking: please book your place by accessing the online form at bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents or via the parish office.

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

First reading

1 Kings 19:9,11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 84(85):9-14

R: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

Second reading

Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Thought for the Day

God looks at what we want to be rather than what we have been.

St Francis de Sales