

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

20th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A –20thAugust 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 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
Mon 21st	—	—	—	The Dedication of St Mary's Cathedral
Tue 22nd	—	—	<u>9:30am</u> In Thanksgiving for all Blessings and Graces received & Healing from Cancer for Alan (PR) <u>10:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	The Queenship of Mary
Wed 23rd	<u>9:30am</u> Intention of Terry Antoine	—	—	St Rose of Lima <i>Virgin</i>
Thur 24 th	—	<u>9:30am</u> Joyce Ellis RIP (PDR)	—	St Bartholomew Apostle
Fri 25th	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> Deceased Members of Matthews & Clamp Family RIP	—	—	St Louis St Joseph Calasanz <i>Priest</i>
Sat 26th	<u>6:00pm</u> Sunday Vigil Mass Jimmy Hanley RIP (KH)	<u>9:30am</u> Priests Intention	—	—
Sun 27 th	<u>9:00am</u> Mass for the Polish Community	<u>10:30am</u> Richard H Hunter RIP (MH)	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	21st Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 24th August
St Joseph's Legion Room
after Mass

Friday 25th August
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 26th 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 20th August 2023

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Clergy

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Millward
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Deacon: Paul Hargreaves

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Reflection 20th Sunday Ordinary Time

This is an especially significant scene in two ways. Mark's Gospel was the first to be written, and Matthew edits and expands it, using other sources as well.

In Mark this scene is the only explicit encounter between Jesus and a gentile – and a woman at that!

At first Jesus is reluctant to do anything for her, for his mission was primarily to Israel. He puts her off, and is really quite brusque to her. However, she wins through by her persistence and her determined confidence in his power. The disciples get fed up with her shrieking after them, and ask Jesus to cure her daughter, which he does.

We need to be persistent in our prayers and in our efforts. God does not grant a casual request.

Secondly, this passage reveals a lot about Jesus' relationship to women and about his sense of humour: Jesus and the woman seem to tease each other with their repartee.

There is the same repartee in the account of Jesus' meeting with the Samaritan woman in the Gospel of John: she stands up to him with her cheeky responses. Jesus and the woman are both obviously enjoying this playful scene. It suggests that not everything is solemn and serious in heaven, and there is room for a sense of humour!

Is Jesus rude to the Canaanite woman, or is he merely challenging her?

How does Jesus challenge you?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB, *from Wednesday Word*

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 all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

THE ST. BEDE'S COFFEE EVENING ON 25TH AUGUST: HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF INTEREST.

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.

Mission Red Box Thank You and Appeal: Fr Stephen Botto wishes to thank the parish for the welcome and generous response to the Red Box appeal last weekend. If you did not get a chance to collect a Red Box or Direct Debit form, please speak to your Missio volunteer or Parish Priest. You can also find more information at www.missio.org.uk

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'.

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.

Proud Catholics - Thin places

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, 19th September, at 7.30pm. We will share our experiences of "thin places", where the boundary between heaven and earth seems so insubstantial that it is easy to encounter the divine. These could be well-known places of pilgrimage, favourite churches, beautiful coast and countryside, or even your own back yard! Due to unforeseen circumstances, this meeting will be by Zoom only.

For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit our website <https://www.proud Catholics.co.uk/>

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.

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries: Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries, (AFCM) Newcastle is organising a Youth Retreat with specific focus on 17-24 year old students who are embarking on the journey to Universities and Higher Studies. The 3-day residential retreat 8-10 Sept 2023 held at the Emmaus Youth Village, Consett DH8 9BA will be facilitated by AFCM ministers from Birmingham. The retreat starts at 10am on Friday and wraps up at 4pm on Sunday. Please register your interest at <https://afcmuk.org/register/> or get in touch with Santhosh Joseph 07545-861400 or Deacon Alison Rebello 07931-136243 for more details.

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First reading

Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the Sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

1.O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

2.Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

3.Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

Second reading

Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again

Thought for the Day

Friendship is a fruit that ripens slowly. **Aristotle**

