

## Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A – 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023

	<u>English Martyrs and Ss Peter &amp; Paul's</u>	<u>St Joseph's</u>	<u>St Bede's</u>	<u>Feast Days this week</u>
<b>Sat 26th</b>	<u>6:00pm</u> <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b> Jimmy Hanley RIP (KH)	<u>9:30am</u> Priests Intention	—	—
<b>Sun 27th</b>	<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)	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Mon 28th</b>	—	—	—	St Augustine of Hippo <i>Bishop, Doctor</i>
<b>Tue 29th</b>	—	—	<u>9:30am</u> A Special Intention & World Peace (PR) <u>10:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	The Passion of St John the Baptist
<b>Wed 30th</b>	<u>9:30am</u> Matt Murphy RIP (PS)	—	—	Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, <i>Martyrs</i> & Margaret Ward, <i>Virgin, Martyr</i>
<b>Thur 31st</b>	—	<u>9:30am</u> Audrey Watson RIP (EW&SB)	—	St Aidan, Bishop and the Saints of Lindisfarne
<b>Fri 1st</b>	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> Mark Holland RIP (TP)	—	—	—
<b>Sat 2nd</b>	<u>6:00pm</u> <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b> Ellis Family RIP (BG)	<u>9:30am</u> <b>Healing Mass</b> Roddam Family RIP (PDR)	—	—
<b>Sun 3rd</b>	—	<u>10:30am</u> Mary Gardner RIP	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>

<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>		
<u>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August</u> <u>St Joseph's Legion Room</u> <u>after Mass</u>	<u>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September</u> <u>EMSSPP Confessional</u> <u>5:00pm – 5:45pm</u>	<u>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</u> <u>St Joseph's Legion Room</u> <u>after 9.30am Healing Mass</u>
		<u>EMSSPP Confessional</u> <u>5:00pm – 5:45pm</u>
<b>Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469</b>		

**Bulletin Items:** If you would like a notice included in the next bulletin, please email [parishnewsletterstockton@gmail.com](mailto: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 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023

21st Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

### Clergy

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

### Parish Office

**Hours:** Tuesday to Friday 10.00am till 2:00pm  
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**Parish YouTube:** Stockton Parish Family  
**Facebook page:** @ParishFamilyStocktonRC  
**Parish website:** [www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk](http://www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk)  
**Diocesan website:** [diocesehn.org.uk](http://diocesehn.org.uk)

### Reflection 21st Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

At last Peter recognizes that Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ. At last he realizes that in Jesus he can see the action of God made visible.

The disciples followed Jesus as soon as he called, but for a long time they were puzzled about what to make of him, of his wonderful teaching and his godlike personality. Now comes a shaft of light and understanding.

We too often take some time to appreciate the true worth of someone we know well: a little gesture can sometimes reveal just how generous and thoughtful they are.

Peter suddenly grasps that here is the Son of God, acting among them, a daunting or even terrifying thought. Jesus replies to Peter's recognition with his own generosity, giving him a new name, 'Rock', for this is what 'Peter' means. If you name something, you make it your own, take it to yourself. This is just what Jesus does with Simon who becomes his own Peter, his own 'Rock'.

That is the importance of the naming of a child at Baptism: Jesus takes us to himself and we become his. The early Christians called themselves 'Those over whom the name of Jesus has been called'. We may have been named Mary or John, but the name of Jesus has been called over us and we have become his.

What are the implications for us of Jesus' promise to Peter?

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

## 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: a fantastic £15,097 has been donated towards the refurbishment works** – the interior decoration is almost complete. **Sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to make this possible.** 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.

### St. Joseph's Refurbishment:

**Sincere Thanks:** to Mark Bulmer of MLB Decorators, Norton, for all the hard work in repainting the interior of the church to such a high standard; and also to Carpetland Contracts Ltd, from Old Billingham, who donated and fitted a new carpet for the entrance.

**Red Boxes (St. Bede's and 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.

**SVP Update:** We will be selling tickets for the St Vincent De Paul Summer Raffle after Mass at St Josephs and St Bede's this Sunday 27th and English Martyrs, St Peter and Paul the following Saturday 2nd. The tickets cost £1 each or £5 for a book and there a various cash prizes with the first prize being £5000. The raffle will help the SVP raise funds to help those in need. As always, your continued support for our SVP Conference is very much appreciated.

### 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 - 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/>

**Advance Notice:** Spiritual and Pastoral Development Group meeting in EMSSPP Hall at 7pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Please note your diaries.

## 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 20<sup>th</sup>-Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023, 6:30pm-2pm) For information and bookings visit [www.minsteracres.org](http://www.minsteracres.org), or call 01434 673248, or email [info@minsteracres.org](mailto:info@minsteracres.org)

**A Parish Run Eucharistic Ministers Day of Reflection** will be held at St. Joseph's, Norton on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October** from 10:00am until 12 noon. Lunch will be provided afterwards, so please register with the Parish Office so that we can cater accordingly.

**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 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiyah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

### Responsorial Psalm

### Psalm 137(138):1-3,6,8

*R: Your love, O Lord, is eternal: discard not the work of your hands.*

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| 1.I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:<br>you have heard the words of my mouth.<br>In the presence of the angels I will bless you.<br>I will adore before your holy temple. | 2.I thank you for your faithfulness and love,<br>which excel all we ever knew of you.<br>On the day I called, you answered;<br>you increased the strength of my soul. |
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- 3.The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands.

### Second reading

### Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

### Gospel

### Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

## Thought for the Day

It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see.

*Henry David Thoreau*