

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

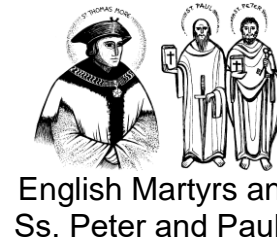
22nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A – 3rd September 2023

	<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 2nd	<u>6:00pm</u> Sunday Vigil Mass Ellis Family RIP (BG)	<u>9:30am</u> Healing Mass Roddam Family RIP (PDR)	—	—
Sun 3rd	—	<u>10:30am</u> Mary Gardner RIP	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	22nd Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 4th	—	—	—	The Translation of St. Cuthbert
Tue 5th	<u>11:00am</u> Requiem Mass Edith Bryan RIP —	—	<u>9:30am</u> Pope Francis and all our Bishops & Priests (PR) <u>10:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) <i>Religious</i>
Wed 6th	<u>9:30am</u> Special Intention (JR)	—	—	—
Thur 7th	—	<u>9:30am</u> Audrey Watson RIP (MD&PW)	—	—
Fri 8th	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> Intention of Fr Mark (MS)	—	—	The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 9th	<u>6:00pm</u> Sunday Vigil Mass In Memory (MM)	<u>9:30am</u> Veronica Nall RIP (AW)	—	—
Sun 10th	<u>9:00am</u> Mass for the Polish Community	<u>10:30am</u> Sally & Reg Davidson RIP (PT)	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

<u>Thursday 7th September</u> St Joseph's Legion Room after Mass	Sacrament of Reconciliation <u>Friday 8th September</u> EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm	<u>Saturday 9th September</u> 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



P A R I S H N E W S L E T T E R

Sunday 3rd September 2023

22nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Clergy

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

Parish Office

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Diocesan website: diocesehn.org.uk

Reflection 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

What a turn-around! Last Sunday Peter was being congratulated on at last realising the Jesus was the Christ. He was promised the keys and authority to make decisions valid in heaven. Now Jesus shoos him away and tells him that he is Satan, the Tempter.

Why the change? Jesus had told Peter that his role as Christ Messiah was to suffer and die in order to achieve his purpose, and Peter shied away from it. What is that particular soft option which you find it so easy to take? What is the difficult task Christ is asking of you, and you are avoiding?

We are no better than his first disciples! It happens twice more in the gospel that Jesus foretells his passion and each time the disciples simply fail to understand. Each time Jesus puts it bluntly that you cannot be a Christian without following Jesus in carrying a Cross.

We see people suffering the whole time, physical disabilities, breakdown of relationships, heartless treatment from others, financial worries – and then we grouse at a twinge of pain or a hurtful word.

Carry the Cross behind Jesus? Yes, of course I will, but if you don't mind, I'll just take that section which is well padded and fits my shoulder nicely. No point in unnecessary splinters in my neck!

What is the heaviest Cross in your life? How can you share it with Jesus?

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.



August Baptisms: Please pray for Kalec Atley, Néana Alice, Sara, Myla, Wayne Philip Jimenez, Alexander Jon, Lathan, Margot Annie, Reggie Farrey, Bonnie Grace and Sassie Rose who received the Sacrament of Baptism in August. May they and their godparents grow in their Faith in the years ahead.

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.

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 the remaining tickets for the St Vincent De Paul Summer Raffle after Mass at English Martyrs, St Peter and Paul this Saturday 2nd. The tickets cost £1 each or £5 for a book and there are various cash prizes with the first prize being £5000. The raffle will help the SVP raise funds to help those in need. 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 24th October. Please note your diaries.

Vacancies: The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

Dept. for Education:

Deputy Director of Education (Inspection) – Full-time, term-time. Closing date: 18 September

Senior Administrator – Full-time, permanent. Closing date: 11 September

Vicariate for Faith & Mission: Administrator – full or part-time, maternity cover. Closing date: 4 September

All roles based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis Monthly Intentions for September: For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Prayer and Liturgy News

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: is going to recommence in St. Joseph's church on 14th September, following completion of the redecoration. Please sign the sheet at the back of church for a **rolling commitment** of at least half an hour **every week**.

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 Parish Run Eucharistic Ministers Day of Reflection will be held at St. Joseph's, Norton on **Saturday 7th 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

Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 62(63):2-6,8-9

R: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

1.O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.

3.So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

Second reading

Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

Thought for the Day

If someone tells you that there is another way towards God except prayer, do not believe in it.

St Teresa of Avila