

## Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A – 10<sup>th</sup> September 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>
Sat 9th	<u>6:00pm</u> <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b> 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)	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>
Mon 11th	—	—	—	—
Tue 12th	<u>11:00am</u> <b>Requiem Mass</b> Ann Casson RIP	—	<u>9:30am</u> <b>Whole School Mass</b> Intentions of KS (TA) <u>10:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	The Holy Name of Mary
Wed 13th	<u>9:30am</u> Pat Chapman RIP (AC)	—	—	St John Chrysostom <i>Bishop, Doctor</i>
Thur 14th	—	<u>9:30am</u> Hughie Reay RIP (CR)  <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	<b>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>
Fri 15th	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  <u>6:00pm</u> Good Health in Mind & Body (TW)	—	—	Our Lady of Sorrows
Sat 16th	<u>6:00pm</u> <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b> Ian & Keith Langford RIP (SL)	<u>9:30am</u> Peter White RIP (AW)	—	—
Sun 17th	—	<u>10:30am</u> To Celebrate Diamond Wedding (K&JM)	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September  
**St Joseph's Legion Room**  
after Mass

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September  
**EMSSPP Confessional**  
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September  
**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](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 10th September 2023**

**23rd 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  
**Contact:** Gill Hall Tel. 01642 806469  
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### **Internet**

**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)

### *Let Justice and Peace Flow*

Joint statement from Pope Francis, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury.

**“Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children.”**

Message of Pope Francis:

**“In this Season of Creation, as followers of Christ on our shared synodal journey, let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again.”**

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for creation. We are co-creatures and part of all that God has made. Our wellbeing is interwoven with the wellbeing of the Earth.

We rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all beings who share it. This year, the theme for the season is “Let justice and peace flow”.

Please visit [seasonofcreation.org](http://seasonofcreation.org)

## 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 Ann Casson, Margaret Bower 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.

**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.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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'.

**News from Uganda** About a month ago Fr. Vincent was stung on his head by bees and subsequently got an infection which made him very unwell. He says he is now starting to feel better and is beginning to eat again. Please pray that Father will soon make a full recovery'

**Advance Notice:** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September is Home Mission Sunday. There will be a second collection next weekend (16th/17th).

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

**Yarm Road Methodist Church Members,** invite you to the Final Methodist Service at Yarm Road Methodist Church. The service takes place on the 1st October. It will begin at 2.30pm and it will be followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

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

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

Based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301

**'Bats in the Belfry':** Cleveland Bat Group are bringing bat detectors on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 7-9pm at EMSSPP. Come and listen to the bats. Craft activities for children.

**The Roseworth Big Local (RBL)** will be hosting its **Annual Meeting** on Wednesday 13th September starting at 6:30pm and it will be held in Kiora Hall, TS19 9JS. Come along to the meeting where you will hear about the positive projects that are currently happening and in the future and a chance to find out how to be more involved. There will be also a chance to meet Partnership members and register your interest forms for joining the Partnership. Refreshments will also be provided. We look forward to welcoming you to the event!

**Our Journey in Faith Programme** will commence on Saturday 23rd September, 2pm – 3:15pm in Thornton Hall, St. Joseph's. Participants will be Baptised / Received into Full Communion with the church at Easter 2024. . **If you are not a Catholic** and are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith please speak to Fr. Mark or contact the Parish Office. and someone will contact you. **If you are already a Catholic** and would like to deepen your faith as you journey with others we would love to hear from you! Please pray for the success of the Journey in Faith.

## 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.

## Two Feasts of Our Lady – celebrations at EMSSPP:



**Our Lady of Walsingham** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 3pm

Service of Healing, Exposition and Benediction. Sacrament of the Sick and opportunity to receive water from Lourdes

Followed by a shared table in the Hall – launch of the Walsingham Pilgrimage June 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**Our Lady of the Rosary** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October – following 6pm Mass we will celebrate the many cultures who worship in our parish. Mass will be followed by a social with multicultural food and live music.

## Prayer and Liturgy News

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** will recommence in St. Joseph's church on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 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 Eucharistic Ministers Day of Reflection for our Parish:** 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.

### A Liturgical Day of Reflection for Liturgical Leaders of the Celebration:

**Date:** Saturday 7 October 2023 **Times:** 10.30am-3.00pm - arrivals, registration and refreshments from 10.00am

**Location:** St Joseph's, High West Street, Gateshead, NE8 1LX

**Cost:** £10.00 per person (may be self-funded or funded by your parish). **Catering:** Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. The day will include a Mass. **Book via the Parish Office - Deadline 02nd October**

**Rosary Rally:** A Rosary procession will be held on Saturday 7 October 2023 from St Joseph's Church, Gateshead to Northumberland Street, Newcastle followed by public Rosary in Northumberland Street.

The day will start with First Saturday Mass and devotions at 11.00am at St Joseph's, High West Street, Gateshead (near to Gateshead Metro Station), then the Marian procession will start with a statue of Our Lady from the church at 12.30pm, walking over the Tyne Bridge before assembling in Northumberland Street to pray the Rosary starting at 1.15pm.

All are welcome and anyone can join at any stage of the event.

## 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

### First reading

### Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life

### Responsorial Psalm

### Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

*R: O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'*

1.Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord.

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us:  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand.

3.O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

### Second reading

### Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: *You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet*, and so on, are summed up in this single command: *You must love your neighbour as yourself*. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

### Gospel

### Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.

## Thought for the Day

It's not enough to discover Christ – you must bring him to others! The world today is one great mission land, even in the countries of long standing Christian traditions  
. *St Pope John Paul II*