

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

24th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A – 17th 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 16th	<u>6:00pm</u> Sunday Vigil Mass 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)	24th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 18th	—	—	—	—
Tue 19th	—	—	<u>9:30am</u> Douglas & Florence Gibson RIP (CN) <u>10:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Theodore of Canterbury <i>Bishop, Doctor</i> St Januarius <i>Bishop, Martyr</i>
Wed 20th	<u>9:30am</u> Whole School Mass Derek Rowling RIP (MM)	—	—	Ss Andrew Kim, Paul Chong Hasang & Companions (<i>the Korean Martyrs</i>)
Thur 21st	—	<u>9:30am</u> Agnes, Elsie & Dave RIP (WT) <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Matthew Apostle and Evangelist
Fri 22nd	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> Michael Prior RIP	—	—	—
Sat 23rd	<u>6:00pm</u> Sunday Vigil Mass Colin Clamp RIP	<u>9:30am</u> Andy Hodgson RIP (JP&JL)	—	—
Sun 24th	<u>9:00am</u> Mass for the Polish Community <u>3:00pm</u> Our Lady of Walsingham Celebration	<u>10:30am</u> Veronica Nall RIP (PK)	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	25th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 21st September
St Joseph's Legion Room
after Mass

Friday 22nd September
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 23rd September
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 17th September 2023

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Clergy

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Holy Hikers: 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

Evangelii Gaudium – Preparing for the Jubilee Year in Faith and Prayer

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. “Evangelii Gaudium” is Latin for “Joy of the Gospel”. The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops’ Conference.

A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis’ calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme Pilgrims of Hope. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior through:

- Reflecting on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023.
- Deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord’s Prayer, in 2024.

To support the Church in England and Wales in this important initiative the Mission Directorate has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions which reflect on the Liturgy, the Word of God, the Church and on its role in the modern world.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>


A range of resources are being prepared for the Year of Prayer in 2024 which include a course on the Lord’s Prayer from small groups for Lent, encouragement to try different ways of praying from the tradition of the Church. The Mission Directorate will be supporting the Jubilee co-ordinator appointed by each diocese.

Please support the Mission Directorate through prayer and giving to the second collection this weekend. However much you give, big or small, it will go directly to support this important work to bring the joy of the Gospel to all.

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.

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.

The Second Collection: this weekend (16th/17th September) will be for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday rather than Home Mission.
Book Sale: there will be a book sale after Sunday morning Mass at St Bede’s on the 24th September. Proceeds to Fr Vincent.
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.

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 for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301

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

St. Joseph's Academy has the following vacancies: **Lunchtime Assistant** - 6.25 hours per week. Term Time only. £2,959 p.a.
Cleaning Operative - 11.25 hours per week. £5,326 p.a. See their website www.stjosephsnorton.bchct.org.uk or posters in church for details
Closing date for applications 9am Monday 18th September

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.

St. Joseph’s School: The children at St Joseph’s would like to invite Parishioners to a Macmillan Coffee Morning in the school hall on Friday 29th September 2023, 9:15-10:30am.

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.

St. Bede's form groups from Our Lady and St. Bede RC School would love to invite you all to a very special Mass. The Mass will take place here in school at 2.20pm on Tuesday 26th September 2023.
All of the pupils in Bede's form groups have prepared this Mass. It will include introduction, readings, reflections and bidding prayers. We would love to see as many of you as possible at this Mass and we thank you for always showing us your care and support.

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

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’.

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 24th 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 7th – 9th 2024.

Our Lady of the Rosary Saturday 7th 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. There will be a charity collection of toiletries for the Apostleship of the Sea.

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

The Northeast Lay Dominicans; invite you to their monthly gathering on the 23rd September, Saturday, at St Cuthbert’s Church, Old Elvet, Durham DH1 3HL. Topic is the Dominican perspective on Justice and Peace, with a deep dive to Fra. Bartolome de las Casas OP (1484 - 1566) who was one of the justice advocates of his time. Event starts at 11am and includes Mass, lunch, and afternoon prayer. For more information, email andydoyle1066@sky.com.

Webinar on Catholic Social Teaching and Community Organising: On 27th September, there will be an online Webinar, called 'Discipleship, Politics and Anger: Catholic Social Teaching and Community Organising'. This webinar will explore how principles of Catholic Social Teaching can be applied to current political and social Issues. We will hear from members of the diocese who are involved with a variety of campaigns, as well as Catholic Social activists from across the country including Sir John Battle. Please see poster for more details. To sign up please go to: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/discipleship-politics-and-anger-catholic-social-teaching-and-community-organising/>

A Eucharistic Ministers Day of Reflection for our Parish: 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.

New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Course: The help provided by these ministers in distributing Communion in Church and taking the Blessed Sacrament to the Sick is of great importance in the life our parishes.

The programme consists of three sessions: **Venue:** St Joseph’s, St Paul’s Road, Hartlepool, TS26 9EY
Session 1: Tuesday 3 October (Evening session) 7.00 - 9.00pm **Session 2:** Tuesday 10 October (Evening session) 7.00 - 9.00pm
Session 3: Saturday 28 October (Day session) 10.30am – 4.00pm (arrivals and registration from 10.00am)*
*Participants to bring their own packed lunch for the day event - tea and coffee provided NB: The Saturday session ends with a Mass of Commissioning at 3.00pm **If you would like to come along, please speak to Fr Mark or contact the Parish Office. *Booking deadline Tuesday 26 September.***

Discernment Evening: The next Discernment evening for those thinking about Priesthood will take place on Tuesday 3rd October at 6.00pm at the Cloister Cathedral, St Mary’s Cathedral. The evening will consist of a time of prayer, a talk and will end with a meal together. If you would like to attend, please contact Father Shaun Purdy by Saturday 30th September. Email: vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk, Telephone 01207 299 012

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 **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.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word Autumn Programme for those serving and those who are interested in serving in this ministry.
The Church makes especial provision for helping children at Mass. On Sunday if sufficient numbers of children are present they can share in a form of the Liturgy of the Word shaped to their needs and understanding. It is a wonderful way of helping the young grow in their knowledge of the Gospel and the message of Jesus Christ. Lay people lead these young Christians in listening and responding to the Word of God and help to discover what the Lord is saying to us. The Church provides principles and guidelines to help adults in this great work. In our diocese we are offering an opportunity for those who are new to this ministry (and anyone who would like a refresher).
There will be two sessions looking at principles, practicalities and resources for Children’s Liturgy of the Word. The programme ends with a Blessing and participants will receive a Certificate recognising their training. **The programme consists of two sessions:**
Session 1 Monday 30 October, 7.00 – 9.00pm Session 2 Monday 6 November, 7.00 – 9.00pm **Venue:** Saint Hilda’s Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 7PY **Cost:** £10.00 per participant (invoiced via your parish following the event). **Booking Deadline: Monday 23 October 2023** **If you would like to come along, please contact the Parish Office.**

The Diocese Liturgical Formation Team will be running a training course next month for **New Readers of the Liturgy of the Word.** This course offers those who are new to the ministry of Readers of the Liturgy of the Word training and guidance in the preparation and delivery of reading during church services. Whilst the course is aimed at those who are new to this ministry, **existing readers are more than welcome to attend also.** **Venue:** St Aidan’s, Coach Lane, Benton NE12 8AD. **Session 1** (evening): Monday 9 October, 7.00 – 9.00pm. **Session 2** (day): Saturday 14 October, 10.30am – 3.00pm*. *Participants to bring their own packed lunch for the day event – tea and coffee provided NB: Session 2 will include a Commissioning Service. Please register for this course through the parish office. **Booking Deadline: Wednesday 4 October 2023.**

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First reading Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9
Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 102(103):1-4,9-12
R: The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

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| 1.My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. | 2.It is he who forgives all your guilt
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. | 3.His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. |
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4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

Second reading Romans 14:7-9The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, ‘Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. ‘And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master’s feet. “Give me time” he said “and I will pay the whole sum.” And the servant’s master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. “Pay what you owe me” he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, “Give me time and I will pay you.” But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. “You wicked servant,” he said “I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?” And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.’

Thought for the Day

The Blessed Sacrament is that Presence which makes a Catholic Church different from every other place in the world, which makes it, as no other place can be, holy. *St John Henry Newman*