

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

26th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A – 1st October 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 30th	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Bob Lyle RIP	9:30am Vincent Roddam RIP (PDR)	—	—
Sun 1st	—	10:30am Michael Moreland RIP (EF) 4:00pm HOLY HOUR	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	26th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 2nd	—	—	—	The Holy Guardian Angels
Tue 3rd	—	—	9:30am Priests Intention 10:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—
Wed 4th	9:30am Mavis Walton RIP (GEM)	—	—	St Francis of Assisi <i>Religious</i>
Thur 5th	—	9:30am Michael & Maggie Farrell (MM) 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Maria Faustina Kowaska <i>Virgin</i>
Fri 6th	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Edith Bryan RIP (MH)	—	—	St Bruno <i>Priest</i>
Sat 7th	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Our Lady of the Rosary Thomas & Clare Evans RIP (MG) <i>Followed by multicultural social event with shared table</i>	9:30am Deceased Members of Colum & McGloin families RIP (BM)	—	—
Sun 8th	9:00am Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Jack Elrod RIP (SB)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	27th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 5th October
St Joseph's Legion Room
after 9:30am Mass

Friday 6th October
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 7th October
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 1st October 2023

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Clergy

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Millward
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Deacon: Paul Hargreaves

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Parish Contacts

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

Reflection 26th Sunday Ordinary Time

Matthew loves to tell parables of Jesus which contrast 'goodies' and 'baddies' like these two contrasting sons. Matthew's parables put everything in black-and-white terms with no shades of grey (wise and foolish wedding-attendants, sheep and goats, etc.).

Luke uses a different kind of parable, in which the characters - just like ourselves - often do the right thing for the wrong reason. The sayings of Jesus were handed down by word of mouth for some years before being written down.

Did the straightforward contrast in Matthew (it is odd that both change their minds without a reason) develop into Luke's parable of the Prodigal Son? Both times the 'goodie' son ends up bad, and the 'baddie' son ends up good, but in Luke's version both changes of mind are motivated, and there is great emphasis on the son's repentance and the father's overwhelming joy at getting him back.

The lesson in Matthew's story is given also by Jesus' word in the Sermon on the Mount, 'It is not anyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord" who will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in Heaven'. It is no use simply saying that Christ is our 'Lord'; we have to express it in our behaviour.

What meaning do you find in this parable for yourself and the relationship you have with the Father?


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 Mavis Walton 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.

Book Sale: there will be another

book sale at St Bede's after Mass on Sunday 1st October. (£66.00 was raised for Fr Vincent last Sunday). Many thanks for your support.

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.

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.

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

Music For the Mind: sessions are being held

- every Wednesday at Grays Institute, Grays Road, Stockton TS18 4LN 11:00am - 12:30pm £5 includes tea/biscuits/fruit
- on the 2nd Monday of the month at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham TS8 0TW 2pm for tea & cakes; 2:30pm - 3:30pm Singing

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'

Holy Island Camp

Holy Island Vinnies Camp is looking for new helpers to help in their kitchens on Holy Island. The Camp runs holidays for many of our Catholic Schools in the North East during the months of April to July and then September to November, but relies on volunteers to do caretaking duties and kitchen helpers to wash up, serve meals and help prepare light meals, salads and sandwiches etc. for the groups staying on site. Commitment can be as little as a few days a year or more if you are able to and willing!

We are running a camp afternoon tea at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Newcastle airport, on Saturday 7th October from 2.15pm until 4.45pm. People who are interested in volunteering are more than welcome to join us, but would need to email John Flynn on JohnF@svp.org.uk to book a place. Anyone who is thinking they might like to volunteer in 2024 could also contact Barbara Taws via BarbaraT@svp.org.uk to find more information about Camp and the process of becoming a volunteer. We hope to see you soon!

Significance Grand Draw Fr Dermott Donnelly, Director of Youth Services in our Diocese until his death in July 2022, founded the charity 'Significance' to enable young people to become all that God has created them to be. Significance has recently launched a fundraising appeal including a Grand Draw: First prize is 2 tickets for a live TV show in 2024 plus Meet and Greet with Ant and Dec, first class LNER travel and overnight stay in a London hotel (there are two first prizes); and there are other exciting prizes.

Each ticket costs £5 and the aim is to raise £20,000 by selling 800 books x 5 tickets. The draw will take place on Youth Sunday 26th November 2023. Please support by buying a ticket or taking a book to sell. Raffle tickets can be sent to you by contacting Mary Hughes at significance316@gmail.com

News from Uganda: We have not heard from Fr. Vincent over the summer because he had a bad accident. One day he was driving his truck through the bush to a sick call when a stick pierced a tyre and he was stranded for over an hour. The spare tyre was worn out and also had a puncture. A catechist went to a trading station to get them repaired while Father waited by the truck. Suddenly a swarm of bees came and stung him more than 40 times on the head, face and chest. Passing villagers pulled out the stings, smeared him with honey and put him on a bicycle and took him to a clinic but it only had pain killers so they took Fr. Vincent to the chief's house where a motor cycle took him to hospital. By then his face was very swollen and he was in great pain, he had a fever and wounds on his face. On the journey he was given water to drink which was not clean so Father developed Typhoid fever. **Please pray for Fr. Vincent who is recovering and back at work.**

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

Dept. for Education: All roles based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle.

Senior Administrator – Full-time, permanent. Closing date: 2 October

Primary Adviser – RE and Catholic Ethos – Full time, term-time. Closing date: 5 October

Secondary Adviser – RE and Catholic Ethos – Part-time, term-time. Secondment may be considered. Closing date: 5 October.

Administrator – full-time, permanent. Closing date: 10 October.

Cleaner, St Charles, Gosforth – part-time, permanent. Closing date: 11 October.

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

Worldwide Church News

Pope Francis Monthly Intentions for October: For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Our Lady of the Rosary celebrations

Saturday 7th October – International praying of the Rosary at 5.15pm followed by multicultural celebration of Mass at 6pm at English Martyrs Ss Peter & Pauls Church, TS19 9BY, we will celebrate the many cultures who worship in our parish. Mass will be followed by a social event with multicultural food and live music. There will be a charity collection of toiletries, hats scarves and gloves for the Apostleship of the Sea. Everyone is welcome at these celebrations.

Apostleship of the Sea 'Stella Maris' Collection Items of toiletries, hats, scarves and gloves are much appreciated by seafarers far away from home and their families. Many of them are part of our international Catholic community. Please support the work of 'Stella Maris' by donating items at church, or at the Parish Multicultural Social on 7th Oct.



Prayer and Liturgy News

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 Readers of the Liturgy of the Word: Please note that the course for due to take place at St Aidan's, Benton on 9 and 14 October **has been cancelled** due to unforeseen circumstances.

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 2nd October.**

Our Parish Journey in Faith Programme is underway – meetings are held on Saturday afternoons, 2pm – 3:15pm in Thornton Hall, St. Joseph's (until 9th December). 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 the Parish Office and someone from the programme 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.

First Steps – Exploring the Catholic Faith online: The Vicariate for Faith and Mission is pleased to be able to offer First Steps this autumn. What is First Steps?

Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? First Steps is aimed at people who are thinking about their faith or their relationship with God. Perhaps you were baptised a Catholic, but didn't make First Communion, or receive Confirmation, or were baptised as a member of another Christian Church, or have never been baptised at all. If you are currently wondering whether joining the Catholic Church is the next step for you this may be the way forward. For further information, or to register, please visit <https://bit.ly/3sHqZOF>.

In previous years, some people have attended First Steps as a pre-requisite to joining their local RCIA programme.

First Steps online begins on Wednesday 11 October at 7 pm for 7 weeks and will be delivered via Zoom.

STOLEN LIVES AND A LAY-LED SYNODAL ASSEMBLY on HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE EMERGING CATHOLIC CHURCH: A ground-breaking Lay-led Synodal Assembly on 8-14 October 2023, with 100+ Voices, worldwide, telling it like it really is. Look out for our content relating to church-based abuse!! The content 8-12 October is all on line from our YouTube channel. That's where 'Shaking the Tree' will take place. Tickets are £55 or £24 for unwaged people. On 13th and 14th October people have the option to attend either online or in person. For this option tickets for the whole event are priced at £88 for Rome and £77 for people who come to Bristol. Tom Doyle and Doris Reisinger as keynote speakers! 13 and 14 October. Amazing survivors, activists and academics from around the world 'Shaking the Tree'. From Silence to Speech. We're delighted that Bishop Stephen from Hexham & Newcastle has already agreed to do this! I really hope that some of you will join us! We have tickets online only at £55, Online and at Bristol, on 13 and 14 October. Come and network with each other and activists. See you there!

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 wonderful ways 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.

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First reading **Ezekiel 18:25-28**

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 24(25):4-9**

Remember your mercy, Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord

and the love you have shown from of old

Do not remember the sins of my youth.

In your love remember me

because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright

He shows the path to those who stray

He guides the humble in the right path

He teaches his way to the poor.

Second reading **Philippians 2:1-11**

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel **Matthew 21:28-32**

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Thought for the Day

Faith is passed on by contact, from one person to another, just as one candle is lighted from another.

Pope Francis