

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

27th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A – 8th 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 7th	<u>6:00pm</u> Sunday Vigil Mass Our Lady of the Rosary Thomas & Clare Evans RIP (MG) <i>Followed by multicultural social event with shared table</i>	<u>9:30am</u> Healing Mass Deceased Members of Colum & McGloin families RIP (BM)	—	—
Sun 8th	<u>9:00am</u> Mass for the Polish Community	<u>10:30am</u> Jack Elrod RIP (SB)	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	27th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 9th	—	—	—	St John Henry Newman, <i>Priest</i>
Tue 10th	—	—	<u>9:30am</u> Carol Storey RIP <u>10:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Paulinus of York, <i>Bishop</i>
Wed 11th	<u>10:00am</u> Requiem Mass Mavis Walton RIP	—	—	St John XXIII <i>Pope</i>
Thur 12th	—	<u>9:30am</u> 60th Wedding Anniversary of Kathleen & John Morgan (LoM) <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Wilfrid <i>Bishop</i>
Fri 13th	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> Mavis Key RIP (MG)	—	—	St Edward the Confessor <i>King</i>
Sat 14th	<u>6:00pm</u> Sunday Vigil Mass Valerie & Marsden Ellis RIP (BG)	<u>9:30am</u> Priests Intention	—	—
Sun 15th	—	<u>10:30am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<u>9:00am</u> Joan Ayre RIP & Jack & Ann Riddle RIP (TA)	28th Sunday Ordinary Time

Thursday 12th October
St Joseph's Legion Room
after Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday 13th October
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 14th 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

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 8th 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

Prisoners' Sunday: 8th October 2023

'Today you will be with me in Paradise'

'Our Lord made a promise to the convicted criminal crucified beside him, 'Today you will be with me in paradise'. Alongside our concern for the wellbeing of those in prison, we remember that families in our parishes and neighbourhoods may be enduring anxious worry, isolation and perhaps hardship while a loved one in incarcerated.

It is good to know that Pact is there for people of all faiths and none, supporting prisoners and their families on our behalf and with our help. I encourage you to play your part in this work of the gospel for the common good of all.'

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of Pact

God of mercy, you offer freedom to all people.

We pray for those in prison and for their families. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. May your love overcome struggle and heartache and bring new life.


Your support could make a big difference. Please donate.
Go to www.prisonadvice.org.uk/prisoners-sunday

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, Tony Coleman 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.



September Baptisms: Please pray for Sadie Rue, David Jack, Tommy, Bobby Watson John and Myles Martin Ssekiranda Kyebuzibwa who received the Sacrament of Baptism in September. May they and their godparents grow in their Faith in the years ahead.

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.

The Book Sale at St. Bede's last Sunday raised a further £28 for Fr Vincent. Many thanks to everyone who donated books and supported the effort.

Advance Notice: Fr Stephen Kimani from St. Patrick's Missionary Society will be visiting our parish on the weekend of 28th & 29th October to appeal for support with their work.

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

St. Joseph's Catholic Academy: Thank you so much to everyone who donated cakes and to those who were able to attend our recent Macmillan coffee morning, which raised a grand total of £423. It was amazing to see such a fabulous turn out from our families and parishioners. We are always overwhelmed by your support and generosity at our events.

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'

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

Our Lady and St. Bede School are looking for invigilators for the upcoming exams. Working as part of a team, invigilators contribute to ensuring a calm environment for the exams, giving candidate's confidence in the process. The public examination period is May and June; however, Invigilators will be required to attend during the year for training and to assist with internal exams. Readers/Scribes are required to support individual students by reading aloud and/or transcribing verbal answers to examination questions. If anyone would be interested in this role, could you, please email gilrainei@olsb.bhcet.org.uk or call school for further information.

News from Uganda: Recently Fr. Vincent was attacked by a swarm of bees and spent time in hospital. He says: - 'Thank you for all your support.

It provided me with some funds to buy medicines. While in hospital I got a picture of the low quality of medical care. Sad indeed! I had to buy all the medicare before they attended to me. Unfortunately the sick person I was on my way to attend passed away, it was a snake bite. It was a young girl about 11 years old who was bitten while resting under a tree, I knew her well. Her family visited me while I was in hospital.' *Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his Mission*

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

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

Autumn Fair: Saturday 18th November 10am – 12noon at St John's church, Durham Road. Various stalls, cakes, teas, tombola. Entrance free – all welcome.

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

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.

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

Proud Catholics - Christ on the Margins: Jesus in the Gospel of Luke: 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, 17th October, at 7.30pm**. Fr Dermot Preston SJ will join us to speak on what the Gospel according to Luke says about Jesus and "outsiders". It will be possible to connect by Zoom. Please get in touch for the link. For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit our website <https://www.proud Catholics.co.uk/>

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/3sHgZOF>. 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

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 79(80):9,12-16,19-20

R: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

1.You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

3.God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

2.Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field.

4.And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Second reading

Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, "Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They answered, "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?" "I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit."

Thought for the Day

Seek not to understand so that you may believe, but believe so that you may understand.

St Augustine of Hippo

