

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

29th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A – 22nd 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 21st	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<u>9:30am</u> Brian Armstrong RIP (PDR)	—	—
Sun 22nd	<u>9:00am</u> Mass for the Polish Community	<u>10:30am</u> Thanksgiving Colum & MacGloin Families (BM)	<u>9:00am</u> Priests Intention	29th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 23rd	—	—	—	St John of Capistranno <i>Priest</i>
Tue 24th	—	—	<u>9:30am</u> Priests Intention <u>10:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Anthony Mary Claret <i>Bishop</i>
Wed 25th	<u>9:30am</u> Mavis Walton RIP (TA)	—	—	—
Thur 26th	—	<u>9:30am</u> Dorrie Tait & Christine Kenny RIP (AT) <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	Ss Chad & Cedd <i>Bishops</i>
Fri 27th	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> Cusack Family RIP (M&P)	—	—	—
Sat 28th	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u> Clare & Thomas Evans RIP (CJ)	<u>9:30am</u> Intention of Father Antonio (BM)	—	Ss Simon & Jude Apostles
Sun 29th	—	<u>10:30am</u> Veronica Nall RIP (PM)	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	30th Sunday Ordinary Time

Thursday 26th October <u>St Joseph's Legion Room</u> <u>after Mass</u>	Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday 27th October <u>EMSSPP Confessional</u> 5:00pm – 5:45pm	Saturday 28th October <u>EMSSPP Confessional</u> 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



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 22nd October 2023

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Clergy	<u>Parish Priest:</u> Fr Mark Millward <u>Assistant Priest:</u> Fr Oliver Keyes <u>Deacon:</u> Paul Hargreaves
Parish Office	<u>Hours:</u> Tuesday to Friday 10.00am till 2:00pm <u>Contact:</u> Gill Hall Tel. 01642 806469 <u>Email:</u> parishfamilystockton@outlook.com
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Parish Contacts	<u>St Vincent De Paul Society:</u> 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 <u>St. Joseph's Thornton Hall:</u> For any requests to book / hire the Hall please contact Philip and Cath Jackson direct on 01642 284770 Thank you

Reflection 29th Sunday Ordinary Time

They must really have thought they had their victim sewn up! If Jesus said he paid the Roman taxes, he recognised the Emperor, not God, as his Lord. If he said he didn't pay, he was a traitor to Rome.

Jesus turns the question back on them. First he makes them admit that they themselves recognise Rome as overlord by carrying a Roman coin, for the coin would carry the Emperor's head. Next he puts them a question: what do they consider is due to Caesar? Finally he goes beyond their question, to interrogate their ultimate loyalty: in the last analysis, just what is due to God?

At a superficial level this seems a little verbal tussle, in which Jesus outwits his opponents. But the story was remembered and passed on in the Christian community not because of Jesus' cleverness, but because at a deeper level it is a question which Jesus puts to each of us: just where do our loyalties and priorities lie? Money? Respect? Sex? Fame? A good holiday? Comfort? Power?

Jesus is not a dictator who imposes his will. He just asks the question and leaves us to give our own answer. To those who question him he gives no easy response, but always replies with another question.

What takes priority in my life? Does God get a look-in? In what way?

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 Catherine Thompson, Joan Walker, Jim Armstrong 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.

World Mission Sunday this year is on 22 October. On this day the whole Church unites together through prayer for its missionary activity, and by collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world experiencing situations of poverty and turmoil. The theme chosen by the Holy Father is: *‘Hearts on fire, feet on the move’* (based on Luke 24). In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis encourages us all to set hearts ablaze with God’s love and compassion for *‘everyone has the right to receive the Gospel and we as Christ’s followers have the duty to proclaim it without excluding anyone.’* Donations and prayers on this day have a direct impact on Catholic communities overseas where the Church is too young, too small, or too poor to flourish without help from the rest of the Church. Our donations help build the Church, support vocations, and enable missionaries to carry out their mission in often dangerous and remote places. Thank you for your ongoing support of Missio through prayer and charity. For more information about World Mission Sunday, please visit missio.org.uk/wms

Readers Lists a REVISED ROTA for EMSSPP is now available in church.

Roseworth Community Garden is looking for people with DIY skills to help them build a polytunnel and shed on their site at Hope Community Church on Ragpath Lane. They meet every Tuesday from 1.00-3.00pm. Tools can be provided. Just turn up or for more information contact Holly Goodfellow at hollygoodfellow@teeswildlife.org More volunteers needed in the spring to help with planting vegetables.

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.

News from Uganda: This season Fr. Vincent says they hope to have a good harvest because there has been more rain. During March and April (the dry season) he asked people in all the Mass centres to collect cattle dung and bring it in a bag when they came to Mass. This was their Sunday collection contribution. As they have no money parishioners were asked to share what they had to help fertilize the farms to get a better harvest. This worked well, 2 tons of manure was collected. Those who had no cows brought grass to mix with the dung to make fertilizer. **Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his mission.**

Holy Hikers are having a Social Evening on Saturday 21st October beginning at 7:00pm in St Joseph's Thornton Hall. All welcome.

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

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.

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

Fairtrade Popup Shop at St Joseph’s on **Sunday 12th November** 10.00 to 12.30.Thornton Hall selling household goods, food, chocolate, jewellery, gifts and a range of Christmas items. Spend your money on lovely things and support producers to receive a fair price for all their efforts.

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

St Bede’s Christmas Coffee / Bingo Evening: on **Friday 1st December 2023** at 7pm. Tickets £1 each available at the back of Church. **Donations of any raffle prizes will be gratefully received.**

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

Vacancies 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 gilrainej@olsb.bhcet.org.uk or call school for further information.

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 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.

Prayer and Liturgy News

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.

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

Readings 29th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

First reading **Isaiah 45:1,4-6**

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 95(96):1,3-5,7-10**

R: Give the Lord glory and power.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens,

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Second reading **1 Thessalonians 1:1-5**

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel **Matthew 22:15-21**

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man’s rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

Thought for the Day

Keep your light shining , God will put it where it can be seen.