

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

30th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A –29th 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 28th	<u>6:00pm</u> Sunday Vigil Mass Clare & Thomas Evans RIP (CJ)	<u>9:30am</u> Intention of Father Antonio (BM)	—	Ss Simon & Jude Apostles
		<u>CLOCKS GO BACK</u>		
Sun 29th	—	<u>10:30am</u> Veronica Nall RIP (PM)	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	30th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 30th	—	—	—	The Martyrs of Douai College
Tue 31st	<u>6:00pm</u> Priests Intention	—	<u>9:30am</u> Bill McGuinness RIP <u>10:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—
Wed 1st	—	<u>10:30am</u> Martin & Betty Wing & Cecilia Hodgkiss RIP (SRW)	<u>8:45am</u> Mass at Our Lady & St Bede School <u>12noon</u> Requiem Mass Joan Walker RIP	All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
Thur 2nd	—	<u>9:30am</u> Winifred McHugh RIP (MD&PW) <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<u>10:30am</u> Requiem Mass Jim Armstrong RIP	The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
Fri 3rd	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> Holy Souls	—	—	—
Sat 4th	<u>6:00pm</u> Sunday Vigil Mass Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<u>9:30am</u> Healing Mass Intentions of Dick & Marie (DJM)	—	—
Sun 5th	—	<u>10:30am</u> Neil Anthony Sutheran RIP (Sutheran family) <u>4:00pm</u> HOLY HOUR	<u>9:00am</u> Vincenza Morgan RIP (LL)	31st Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 2nd November
St Joseph's Legion Room
after Mass

Friday 3rd November
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 4th November
St Joseph's Legion Room
after 9.30am Healing Mass

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 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 29th October 2023

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Clergy

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Millward
Assistant Priest: Fr Oliver Keyes
Deacon: Paul Hargreaves

Parish Office

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Diocesan website: diocesehn.org.uk

Parish Contacts

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 30th Sunday Ordinary Time

Familiarity with Jesus' answer to the question about the greatest commandment blunts our awareness of its startling directness. Many answers could be given, perhaps singling out any one of the ten commandments as the greatest, the most important basis of society.

A frequent answer to the question was and is the Golden Rule which exists in many cultures: 'Do not do to another what you would not have done to you'. This is basically a selfish answer, protecting one's own interests.

By contrast, Jesus' answer hits home, turning us away from self to God. 'Love' (not 'obey' or 'adore' or 'fear' or 'reverence') is the command. Love is not simply the warmth of companionship or of sex, but is the willing generosity of mother to helpless young child or daughter to helpless old parent, of wife to alcoholic husband or husband to paralysed wife, seeking no reward but the happiness of the receiver.

Paul gives a useful check-list about love in chapter 13 of his first letter to the Corinthians. John's first letter provides a useful summary: 'No one who fails to love the brother or sister whom he can see, can love God whom he has not seen'.


How do we put into practice this commandment to love?

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 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.

 **British Summer Time Ends - Don't Forget to put your clocks back an hour on Saturday night!**

Please Note: Wednesday 1st November All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation) See back of newsletter for Mass Times.

St. Patrick's Missionary Society - Fr Stephen Kimani: will be visiting our parish this weekend, **28th & 29th October** to appeal for support with their work.

St. Joseph's Catholic Academy: have the following vacancies;
After School Club Leader Grade E SCP 5 £6135 - £6275. Permanent Term time only Hours 12.5 hours per week Closing Date 9am Monday 6th November 2023 Interviews w/c 6th November 2023.
Class Teacher Temporary - August 2024 Main Pay Scale A1 – C7 £16,800 - £24,375 Part-time / Temporary 0.6 per week / 19.5 hours. Closing Date: 9am Monday 30th October 2023 Interview Date: w/c 30th October 2023. Please see church notice board or www.stjosephsnorton.bchct.org.uk for further details.

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: Fr. Vincent has a group called 'The Good Samaritan Team' who organise others to give time to help aged and sick families by doing work on their small farms. The group choose a day, first they meet for prayer and plan who is to be helped. The following day early in the morning they come together and clear the farm, then Father leaves some seed for sowing and two or three people do the sowing the next day. So far more than 9 families have benefited from this. Fr. Vincent says "This is our local way of showing and sharing our Christian love with others." **Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his parishioners.**

Advance Notice: there will be a second collection for the **Clergy Training Fund on the weekend of 4th /5th November.** The collection will remain open for donations until 26th November.

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 **Singing**, tea & cakes; 2:30pm - 3:30pm

St Joseph's Fairtrade PopUp Shop: 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

Thank you: very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and support will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year please go to missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755.

Roseworth Big Local Advice Service – in partnership with Citizens Advice, Roseworth Big Local has set up a new advice service to give **free specialist and independent advice** on benefits, grants, debts, finances, housing, energy costs, employment problems and much more. This can be arranged locally rather than travelling into town – call 01642 626135 to arrange an appointment. See leaflets in church for more 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

Holy Hour at St Joseph's on **Sunday 5th November at 4:00pm.** All are welcome

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 - Reading with Care: Perspectives on the Bible: 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, 21st November, at 7.30pm.** We will examine some of the Biblical texts which are used against LGBTQ+ people, considering whether alternative interpretations are possible. Zoom link available, get in touch if interested. This will be followed by our usual social time and bring-and-share refreshments. For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit our website <https://www.proud Catholics.co.uk/>

Readings 30th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this: "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51

R: I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Thought for the Day

Remember the past with gratitude. Live the present with enthusiasm and look forward to the future with confidence. **St Pope John Paul II**