

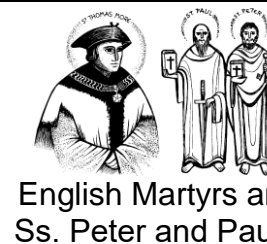
**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**  
**Christ the King Year A – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

	<u>English Martyrs and Ss Peter &amp; Paul's</u>	<u>St Joseph's</u>	<u>St Bede's</u>	<u>Feast Days this week</u>
Sat 25th	<b>6:00pm</b> <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b> Dennis Jenkins RIP (CJ)	<b>9:30am</b> Intention of Phyl Morgan (SVP)	—	—
Sun 26th	<b>9:00am</b> Mass for the Polish Community	<b>10:30am</b> Deceased Members of St. Joseph's Friendship Group RIP	<b>9:00am</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<b>Christ the King</b>
Mon 27th	—	—	—	—
Tue 28th	<b>7:00pm</b> <b>Parish Remembrance Service</b>	—	<b>9:30am</b> Special Intention of AW	—
Wed 29th	<b>9:30am</b> Peter Shaw RIP (ES)	—	—	—
Thur 30th	—	<b>9:30am</b> Norah, Peter & Paul McPartland RIP (MT) <b>2:00pm – 4:00pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	<b>St Andrew Apostle, Patron of Scotland</b>
Fri 1st	<b>5:00pm – 6:00pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>6:00pm</b> A Special Intention	—	—	—
Sat 2nd	<b>6:00pm</b> <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b> Caroline Suttill RIP	<b>9:30am</b> <b>Healing Mass</b> Matthew Chipchase RIP (MC)	—	—
Sun 3rd	—	<b>10:30am</b> Catherine Thompson RIP	<b>9:00am</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>

<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>St Joseph's Legion Room</b> <b>after Mass</b>	<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b> <b>EMSSPP Confessional</b> <b>5:00pm – 5:45pm</b>	<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b> <b>St Joseph's Legion Room</b> <b>after 9.30am Healing Mass</b>  <b>EMSSPP Confessional</b> <b>5:00pm – 5:45pm</b>
<b>Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469</b>		

**Bulletin Items:** If you would like a notice included in the next bulletin, please email [parishnewsletterstockton@gmail.com](mailto: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**



**PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
**Christ the King Year A**

<b>Clergy</b>	<b>Parish Priest:</b> Fr Mark Millward <b>Assistant Priest:</b> Fr Oliver Keyes <b>Deacon:</b> Paul Hargreaves
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<b>Parish Contacts</b>	<b>St Vincent De Paul Society:</b> For anything SVP related please speak to one of our members or contact Alan on 07939 912354 or Mary on 07714 327665 or email <a href="mailto:PresidentC211509@svp.org.uk">PresidentC211509@svp.org.uk</a> <b>St. Joseph's Thornton Hall:</b> For any requests to book / hire the Hall please contact Philip and Cath Jackson direct on 01642 284770 Thank you

**Reflection Christ the King**

This is the last of Matthew's great parables. The world is finally divided into 'goodies' and 'baddies'. The great dramatic scene here depicted is that of the Final Judgement of all, but we shall each of us at the moment of death face the judgement of our divine Lord in his glory.

This confrontation will be an experience far more awesome and shattering than any description can express, and yet fulfilling and re-assuring. We will know at last in a naked way our own sin and also our own infinite value before the transcendent figure of the Lord.

Two striking points are stressed in the parable. Firstly, we will be judged uniquely on our treatment of those in any kind of need. Not first of all on our prayer-life; not on our asceticism; not on penances undertaken; but on our respect for others - how far we look to see what they need and what we can give. The ten commandments of the Old Testament, the eight beatitudes of the New can be summarised in this way: speak the truth, be honest (including financially), honour father and mother (or children), hunger for justice, make peace. The second striking point is the reason for the first: that Christ is in each person. What we do to others, we do to Christ.

What does it mean that Jesus is in all other people, especially the stranger, the sick, the comfortless, even those in prison?

How does this teaching of Jesus change my attitude to people I despise or avoid or just ignore?

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 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.

**Offerory 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.

**Little Sisters of the Poor – Christmas Fayre** the Little Sisters of the Poor are having a Christmas Fayre at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle at 1pm-4pm on Saturday 25th November. All are welcome to attend.

**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.**

**Bella Canta Ladies Choir Concert Friday 8th December 7.30pm at St Joseph's:** Be superbly entertained with a Christmas programme, including Fr Mark's by special request 'Ave Maria'. Free entry. Donations to the Norton based Headlight Project charity, which aims to reduce the number of deaths due to suicide in the Teesside area.

**Sunday 26th November, the Feast of Christ the King,** Pope Francis invites the global Church to celebrate and pray for young people. YMT have taken the opportunity to share some Youth Ministry highlights since the last Youth Sunday, many of which would not be possible without the support of such wonderful chaplains, school staff and parishes, so on behalf of all of us at YMT, thank you. The "Youth Sunday News" is posted on our notice board. The retiring collection on Youth Sunday will go towards the work of YMT. Gift aid envelopes are available.

**Invitation from the Sacred Heart Sisters in Fenham:** The Society of the Sacred Heart has spent the last year giving thanks and celebrating their arrival in England on December 8th, 1842. This year the celebration of our 180 years in this country draws to a close on December 8th, 2023. We, the sisters in Fenham, would like to invite those who have shared our mission of Education in Fenham over the years as students, pupils, staff and friends from the Sacred Heart schools or St Mary's Teacher Training College to join us for Mass in St Robert's Church, Bolbec Rd, Fenham at 6.p.m. on that day. Come along and meet old friends. Bishop Seamus will be the celebrant as he was the College Chaplain for many years. To have some idea of numbers for the Mass leaflets please RSVP to rscjfenham@yahoo.com by November 30th or leave a message on 0191 422 3840

**Invitation to Christmas tea party** Following the success of the January and summer parties **the SVP is holding a tea party for our senior parishioners from all three churches.** It is **on December 9th in Thornton Hall at St. Joseph's at 2pm.** Numbers are limited to 50 so if you would like to attend please **let us know by November 28th** to allow us to book catering. We can arrange transport if it is needed. Please either leave completed forms with an SVP member, at the back of church or contact the SVP members via the numbers on the parish newsletter.

**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

**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'.

**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](mailto:hollygoodfellow@teeswildlife.org) More volunteers needed in the spring to help with planting vegetables.

**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.

**Stockton Hope Community Larder Hardwick:** Stockton Hope would like to pass on many thanks for all the donations we receive. As Christmas is approaching we would like to give hampers to our community as we have done other years. We would be grateful, therefore, for any donations of selection boxes, hats & gloves, and new pyjamas. We ideally need pyjamas for the over eight to sixteen age groups. With blessings to you all from the Stockton Hope Community Larder.

**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.

**Homes for Ukraine Matching Service:** Caritas Social action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, are matching Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

**St. Joseph's Catholic Academy have a vacancy** for a Level 3 Teaching Assistant. 30 hours per week, term time only, permanent. Closing date for applications: 9:00 a.m. **Wednesday 29th November 2023** Interview Date: W/C 4th December 2023. For full details on how to apply for the position, please see our website <https://stjosephsnorton.bhcet.org.uk/>

## Worldwide Church News

**Pope Francis Monthly Intentions November:** For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal:** Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

### Prayer and Liturgy News

**2022 / 2023 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE:** The churches of St. Bede, English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul and St. Joseph Remembrance Service for our deceased relatives and friends will be held at **English Martyrs & SS Peter & Paul Church on Tuesday 28th November at 7:00 pm.** Everyone is welcome. Memorial cards are available at the back of Church for you to complete and place in the basket. These will be brought to the altar during the service.

**Prolife Holy Hour:** Wednesday 29th November at St Marys from 11-12noon before Mass. Please come and join us to pray for the unborn and the sanity of life.

**Our Parish Journey in Faith Programme** – the final meeting of this term will be held on 9th December 2023 with sessions recommencing on 13th January 2024 (Saturday afternoons, 2pm – 3:15pm in Thornton Hall, St. Joseph's). 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.

**CELEBRATION of MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE MASS** Bishop Stephen has kindly agreed to preside at a Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 17 February 2024 at 12:00pm.** This open invitation will focus on couples celebrating significant anniversaries but is open to engaged couples preparing for marriage, those who have been married since our last Mass in 2022 and all married couples. We include those widowed and bereaved who were unable to visit wives and husbands in hospital and homes prior to their deaths. In these unprecedented times, we remember couples in crisis and individual adults and children experiencing difficulties and abuse in their family relationships. We wish all to know that no-one is forgotten and that the Sacramental life, despite our Covid experiences over the past three years, is very much alive and prayed for. Anyone celebrating a special anniversary can request a certificate by completing a form with their details: <https://bit.ly/DHNMarriageMass> or contact [marriage@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:marriage@diocesehn.org.uk) or ring 0191 243 3316.

### Christ the King – 26th November 2023

#### First Reading

**Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17**

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 22(23):1-3a,5-6**

**R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**1.** The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.

**3.** You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

**2.** Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.

**4.** Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever

#### Second Reading

**1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king *until he has put all his enemies under his feet* and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be *put under his feet*. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

#### Gospel

**Matthew 25:31-46**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. 'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." 'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." 'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

### Thought for the Day

When I change the way I look at things, the things I look at change.