

## 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.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** please for Fulbert Estrada's 50th on December 27th. Thank you. God bless.



**December Baptisms:** Please pray for Phoebe Celerina and Miles Max Morgan who received the Sacrament of Baptism in December. May they and their godparents grow in their Faith in the years ahead.

## Prayer and Liturgy News

**Pope Francis Monthly Intentions December:** For persons with disabilities:

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

**Holy Hour** there will be a Holy Hour at St. Joseph's on 7<sup>th</sup> January. All are welcome.

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

**First Reading** **2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16**

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you. 'But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.'"

**Responsorial Psalm** **Psalm 88(89):2-5,27,29**

**R: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.**

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

2. I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
I will establish your dynasty for ever  
and set up your throne through all ages.

3. 'He will say to me: "You are my father,  
my God, the rock who saves me."  
I will keep my love for him always;  
with him my covenant shall last.'

**Second Reading** **Romans 16:25-27**

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel** **Luke 1:26-38**

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

## PARISH OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM, STOCKTON



St. Joseph's



English Martyrs and  
Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

### Clergy

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

### Parish Office

**Hours:** Tuesday to Friday 10.00am till 2:00pm  
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**Parish YouTube:** Stockton Parish Family  
**Facebook page:** @ParishFamilyStocktonRC  
**Parish website:** www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk  
**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](mailto: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



*Fr Mark, Fr Ollie and Deacon Paul wish you and  
your loved ones a very Happy, Holy and Peaceful Christmas.  
With every Blessing for the New Year.*

**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**

**Fourth Sunday in Advent Year B – 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

	<b><u>English Martyrs and Ss Peter &amp; Paul's</u></b>	<b><u>St Joseph's</u></b>	<b><u>St Bede's</u></b>	<b><u>Feast Days this week</u></b>
<b>Sat 23rd</b>	<b><u>6:00pm</u></b> <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b> Ellis Family RIP (BG)	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Michael & Sylvia Daly RIP (VMD)	—	—
<b>Sun 24th</b>	<b><u>6:00pm</u></b> <b>Christmas Vigil Mass</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<b><u>10:30am</u></b> Joan McGee 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday (KM)	<b><u>9:00am</u></b> Irene, Stan & Peter Collins RIP (DO)	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>Mon 25th</b>	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Mass for the Polish Community	<b><u>10:30am</u></b> Deceased Members of Watson Family RIP (MH)	<b><u>9:00am</u></b> Deceased Members Henry & Hamill Families RIP	<b>The Nativity of the Lord</b>
<b>Tue 26th</b>	—	—	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Jacqueline Anne Holmes RIP <b><u>10:00am</u></b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Stephen <i>First Martyr</i>
<b>Wed 27th</b>	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Cathie Pickering RIP	—	—	St John <i>Apostle &amp; Evangelist</i>
<b>Thur 28th</b>	—	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Catherine Hanson RIP (MH) <b><u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u></b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Thomas Becket <i>Bishop</i>
<b>Fri 29th</b>	<b><u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u></b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b><u>6:00pm</u></b> Colin Clamp RIP	—	—	—
<b>Sat 30th</b>	<b><u>6:00pm</u></b> <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b> Margaret Bower RIP (CJ)	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Veronica Nall RIP (AW)	—	—
<b>Sun 31st</b>	—	<b><u>10:30am</u></b> Jose Baldomero Jr RIP (JAP)	<b><u>9:00am</u></b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<b>The Holy Family</b>

<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>St Joseph's Legion Room</b> <b>after Mass</b>	<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>EMSSPP Confessional</b> <b>5:00pm – 5:45pm</b>	<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December</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.

**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**

**Holy Family Year B – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

	<b><u>English Martyrs and Ss Peter &amp; Paul's</u></b>	<b><u>St Joseph's</u></b>	<b><u>St Bede's</u></b>	<b><u>Feast Days this week</u></b>
<b>Mon 1st</b>	<b><u>11:00am</u></b> Priests Intention	—	—	<b>Mary the Mother of God</b>
<b>Tue 2nd</b>	—	—	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Deceased Members Edwards & Hunt Families & Relations RIP (PR) <b><u>10:00am</u></b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianen <i>Bishops, Doctors</i>
<b>Wed 3rd</b>	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Sheila Earl RIP	—	—	The Holy Name of Jesus
<b>Thur 4th</b>	—	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Catherine Thompson RIP (PDR) <b><u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u></b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	—
<b>Fri 5th</b>	<b><u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u></b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b><u>6:00pm</u></b> Holy Souls	—	—	—
<b>Sat 6th</b>	<b><u>6:00pm</u></b> <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> <b>Healing Mass</b> Joan Walker RIP (Staff of St. Joseph's Catholic Academy)	—	—
<b>Sun 7th</b>	—	<b><u>10:30am</u></b> Elizabeth Ann Hunter RIP (MH) <b><u>4:00pm</u></b> Holy Hour	<b><u>9:00am</u></b> Paul Kennedy RIP (DK)	<b>Epiphany</b>

<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>St Joseph's Legion Room</b> <b>after Mass</b>	<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>EMSSPP Confessional</b> <b>5:00pm – 5:45pm</b>	<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January</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>		

We will be toasting the New Year with a glass of bubbly after Mass at EMSSPP on the 1st January. All are welcome.

**CAFOD** thank you for your support and prayer this year. We are truly grateful for every prayer, every donation and every signature in support of our campaigns. It has been a difficult year for many, not least for those caught up in the devastating conflict in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory and other conflicts throughout the world. But together, we continue on our Advent journey to the manger to welcome Christ once again.

**Thought for the Day**

I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. **Charles Dickens**