

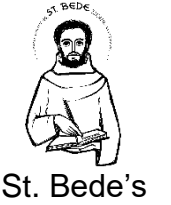
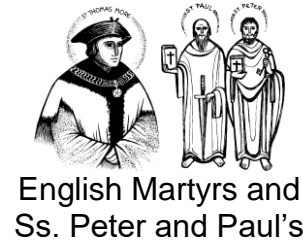
**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

	<b>English Martyrs and Ss Peter &amp; Paul's</b>	<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>St Bede's</b>	<b>Feast Days this week</b>
<b>Sat 13th</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b> Douglas Greenwood RIP (MG)	<b>9:30am</b> P M Thomas RIP (AA)	—	—
<b>Sun 14th</b>	<b>9:00am</b> Mass for the Polish Community	<b>10:30am</b> Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary RIP	<b>9:00am</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Mon 15th</b>	—	—	—	—
<b>Tue 16th</b>	—	—	<b>9:30am</b> Mary Keine RIP <b>10:00am</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>11:00am</b> <b>Requiem Mass</b> Raymond Chesser RIP	—
<b>Wed 17th</b>	<b>9:30am</b> Pat Chapman RIP (AC) <b>12 noon</b> <b>Requiem Mass</b> Terrence Joseph Collins RIP	—	—	St Anthony of Egypt <i>Abbot</i>
<b>Thur 18th</b>	—	<b>9:30am</b> Thanksgiving AM (PW) <b>2:00pm – 4:00pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	—
<b>Fri 19th</b>	<b>5:00pm – 6:00pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>6:00pm</b> Intention of my church family (BE)	<b>11:30am</b> <b>Funeral Service</b> Joan Colley RIP <b>1:00pm</b> <b>Requiem Mass</b> Mary Wilson RIP	—	St Wulstan <i>Bishop</i>
<b>Sat 20th</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b> Bill & Anne Foley RIP (MF)	<b>9:30am</b> Brian Houseman RIP (TH)	—	—
<b>Sun 21st</b>	—	<b>10:30am</b> Lilian Greenwell Bliss RIP	<b>9:00am</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>

<p><b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>St Joseph's Legion Room</b> <b>after Mass</b></p>	<p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>EMSSPP Confessional</b> 5:00pm – 5:45pm</p>	<p><b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>EMSSPP Confessional</b> 5:00pm – 5:45pm</p>
<p>Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469</p>		

**PARISH OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM, STOCKTON**



**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year B**

**Clergy**

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

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**Parish Contacts**

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**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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

This year the ordinary Sunday gospel readings are taken from Mark, and this provides us with a full picture of that gospel. But Mark is the shortest of the gospels, and is not quite long enough, so just occasionally a reading from John slips in to enrich our understanding of the meaning of Jesus' words and actions.

Today's story is about the call of the first disciples and takes place in the Jordan valley, where John was baptising. The first two to be called are disciples of John, so they had already joined his group who were waiting for the Messiah. They were ready when John pointed him out. It is striking that Jesus first calls them to be with him, and that they remain with him for a time.

In our call to follow Christ, first comes prayer and getting to know him, before we can actively work for Christ and bring others to share his joy. Only after this repose with the Lord do the disciples sprint off in their enthusiasm and bring others to join in the benefits they have received from that tranquillity and refreshment which comes from keeping company with Jesus.

Do I spend enough time simply being with Jesus? What is God calling you to do?

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 Ray Chesser, Joan Colley, Tony Skipper, Terrence Joseph Collins, Mary Wilson, Catherine Heslop, Kenneth Salmon, Jean Millington and Bernard Brannen. 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.

**Thank you:** Second collections and donations received during the quarter ended December 2023 have been passed on to the following: World Mission Sunday £593.08; Clergy Training Fund £368.95; Youth Ministry Trust £654.49, Fr Vincent £1,429; Holy Family India Project £90; Mary's Meals £40; Stockton Refugees £20 and Prison Advice & Care Trust £10. Sincere thanks to all who donated.

**Journey in Faith:** Please pray for all those who are enquiring about our Faith and those who are journeying with them.

**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'.

**Youth Ministry Conference – 3 February 2024:** This Youth Ministry and Practical Theology Conference is YMT's first conference since the COVID-19 pandemic and we look forward to gather with youth ministers, catechists, clergy, teachers, staff and volunteer co-workers from across the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle and beyond! The theme for the conference is "Investing in the Fearlessness of Youth", inspired by a quote from Pope Francis' letter, Christus Vivit (Chapter 7 no. 233). We hope you can join us for this Youth Ministry Conference. Booking is now open and you can either email [nsalkeld@ymt.org](mailto:nsalkeld@ymt.org) or book online here: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/youthministryteam](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/youthministryteam). Online booking will apply booking fees. We are looking forward to welcoming keynote speaker, Reverend Professor David Wilkinson, Director of Equipping Christian Leadership in an Age of Science, an international project based at St John's College, Durham, who will explore how we can engage young people in the Gospel when we live in a world of science. We are also pleased to welcome back David Wells, international speaker, best-selling author and friend of YMT, to guide us to reflect on our theme. For more information about the conference visit [www.ymt.org/ymt-conference](http://www.ymt.org/ymt-conference)

**Proud Catholics - Inclusive Churches: An Ecumenical Exchange:** 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, 16th January, at 7.30pm**. Just before the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we will welcome representatives from a number of LGBTQ+ inclusive churches in Newcastle, to share our experiences of this ministry as lay and ordained Christians. Zoom link available, get in touch if interested. For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email [proud.catholics@yahoo.com](mailto:proud.catholics@yahoo.com), or visit our website <https://www.proud Catholics.co.uk/>

**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.

**Active Coffee Morning:** You are invited to come along for a free brew and a chat which includes half an hour of gentle exercise. Wed 24 Jan, 10.00am to 12.00 at Kiora Hall Community Space. Organised by Roseworth Big Local & Shape the Play.

**Stockton Hope Community Larder Hardwick:** Stockton Hope would like to thank all parishioners who have kindly donated towards our Christmas hampers, and also for the food and generous monetary donations. The larder is open every Wednesday from 11am to 1pm and is available for everyone. We also have a 'warm space' serving tea/coffee for free or just for a chat. Everyone at the Stockton Hope Community Larder thanks you all for your wonderful generosity.

**Little Sisters of the Poor** are fundraising for St Joseph's Home in Newcastle by collecting used postage stamps (any country or period), or foreign currency (again from any time or country). If you save your stamps from Christmas cards you receive, or have any unwanted foreign currency, please put them in the separate collection envelope at the back of church (**not into the offertory baskets please**) or hand in to the parish office. Thank you.

**More news from Fr Vincent:** After Mass on the Feast of the Holy Innocents (28 December) Father organised a party for about 84 children. During Advent rice and beans were collected for the feast as well as firewood for cooking. Father bought cooking oil and dried fish, some parents volunteered to do the cooking. Afterwards there was a football match using 2 footballs also bought with money sent from our Uganda Mission Fund. Many children played in bare feet as they don't have shoes. Fr. Vincent says many children look underfed and for some it would have been the best meal eaten for a good while. Second hand clothing was also shared out among the children. Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his Mission.

**Vacancy:** St. Joseph's Catholic Academy have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant, Level 3 Grade H £18,654 - £19,079, 30 hours per week, term time only, permanent. Closing Date for applications: 9:00 a.m. Monday 15th January 2024. Interview Date: W/C 15th January 2024. For full details on how to apply for the position, please see our website <https://stjosephsnorton.bhccet.org.uk/>

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

HR Adviser, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle/hybrid – part-time. Closing date: 16 January

HR Administrator, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle/hybrid – part-time. Closing date 16 January

Cleaner, St Cuthbert, Durham – part-time. Closing date 18 January Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

**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.

**White Flower Appeal 2024** - The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is holding its annual appeal this weekend.

## Prayer and Liturgy News

**Pope Francis Monthly Intentions January:** For the Gift of Diversity in the Church.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

**St Joseph's Catholic Academy** to launch the Year of Prayer in school, the pupils and staff of St. Joseph's Catholic Academy would like to invite you to visit their prayer stations, which aim to provide a quiet time for prayer and reflection. The prayer stations will be open in the school hall **8.40am - 9.00am**, each morning from **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> February**. If you would like to visit, please enter through the school playground or the Stable Yard entrance. Thank you.

### Readings

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

#### First reading

#### 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

#### Responsorial Psalm

#### Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10

*R: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.*

I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth  
praise of our God.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I.

In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart.

Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord.

#### Second reading

#### 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

#### Gospel

#### John 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

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### Thought for the Day

A smart person only believes half of what they hear. A wise person knows which half. *Anon*

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