

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

3rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 21st January 2024

	<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 20th	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Bill & Anne Foley RIP (MF)	9:30am Brian Houseman RIP (TH)	—	—
Sun 21st	—	10:30am Lilian Greenwell Bliss RIP	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	3rd Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 22nd	—	—	—	St Vincent
Tue 23rd	11:00am Funeral Service Catherine Heslop RIP	—	9:30am Whole School Mass 90 th Birthday of Alf M 10:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—
Wed 24th	9:30am Service of the Word & Holy Communion	—	—	St Francis de Sales <i>Bishop, Doctor</i>
Thur 25th	12 noon Requiem Mass Kenneth Salmon RIP 1:45pm Funeral Service Jean Millington RIP	9:30am Thanksgiving M&PR (PM) 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle
Fri 26th	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Don & Betty Wallace RIP (AF)	—	—	Ss Timothy & Titus <i>Bishops</i>
Sat 27th	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Thomas & Clare Evans RIP (MF)	9:30am Joan Walker RIP (K&L)	—	—
Sun 28th	9:00am Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Jack & Alice Elrod RIP (SB)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	4th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Thursday 25th January St Joseph's Legion Room after Mass	Friday 26th January EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm	Saturday 27th January EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm
Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469		

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM, STOCKTON



St. Joseph's



English Martyrs and
Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 21st January 2024

3rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

Clergy

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Millward
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Deacon: Paul Hargreaves

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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 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

What is going on? We had last Sunday the story of the first two disciples joining Jesus. One of them was Andrew, the other unnamed. Now we get another story, in another place, of other first disciples being called.

So the Church underlines, two weeks running, the importance of Jesus' new community. The first thing he does is call disciples. He can't do everything on his own, and that is the point of the Church. He calls disciples to make a new people, a new Israel - old, young, middle-aged: we all have our part to fill in Jesus' play. Tired old people, busy parents, lively youngsters - each of us can make a unique contribution, especially since Jesus has chosen us himself. An odd choice, some of us! What did he want ME to do in the new family of Jesus?

The two different versions of the calling of the disciples show that at least two different people told this story. When two people tell the same story, there are bound to be variations. The place didn't matter, or the order in which the disciples were called. The point of the story was the call, the response and the companionship, the working together with the Lord.

Do you enjoy more being on your own or linking up with others? What is Jesus calling you to do?

Dom Henry Wansborough, *from Wednesday Word*

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 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 Heslop, Kenneth Salmon, Jean Millington, Tony Skipper, Bernard Brannen, Lilly Hope 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.

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

Vacancy: for a **School Chaplain** at **St Thomas More Catholic School Blaydon**. Those interested can get in touch with us by emailing recruitment@stthomasmore.org.uk, or calling **0191 499 0111**.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: A big thank you to all who supported the SPUC White Flower Appeal from the Parish of Our Lady of Walsingham. The total raised through your generosity was a fantastic **£663.55** which is greatly appreciated.

Westminster Abbey: we have obtained a Parish Pass to Westminster Abbey which allows **free entry** for up to four visitors (adults, students or children aged 6-16years ... up to 5's are free) at one time. We can use this pass up to five times before the end of November 2024. If anyone is visiting, or planning to visit, London and would like to use the Parish Pass please contact Gill in the parish office. (First come, first served)

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2024: there are still some spaces left on this year's parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham, which will depart on **Friday 7th June and return on Sunday 9th June** WE URGENTLY NEED TO FINALISE NUMBERS **by the end of January**. A deposit of £40 will secure your place. En-suite rooms are £237, standard rooms are £193. Please contact Mary on 07952 321396 or Pat on 01642 650904 as soon as possible to book your place or complete the form which is available in church.

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 or book online here: 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

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: Fr. Vincent still helps many internally displaced people. He says "It seems the flow of people never stops but thanks to you all I always have something to share with them. Mostly they are in need of food and small basic needs. Recently I had two families with aged relatives. They got some soap and salt and some second hand clothes also two blankets for the little children. **Please pray for Fr. Vincent and the people he tries to help.**

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal: Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at 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

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 29th January to 2nd February**. If you would like to visit, please enter through the school playground or the Stable Yard entrance. Thank you.

Holocaust Memorial Service: We would like to invite you all to our which will be taking place at **Our Lady and St. Bede School on Thursday 26th January 2024 in Hall A**. The service will begin at 6pm with light refreshments afterwards. Our theme for this year will be 'Fragility of Freedom.' We would love to see as many of you as possible at this service and we thank you for always showing us your care and support.

Readings 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5,10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24(25):4-6,7b-9

R: Lord, make me know your ways.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

3. The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path,

He teaches his way to the poor.

2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

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Thought for the Day

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to an all knowing God. **Corrie Ten Boom (Holocaust survivor)**