

## Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024

	<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 27th	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u> Thomas & Clare Evans RIP (MF)	<u>9:30am</u> Joan Walker RIP (K&L)	—	—
Sun 28th	<u>9:00am</u> Mass for the Polish Community	<u>10:30am</u> Jack & Alice Elrod RIP (SB)	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish) Terrence Collins RIP	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 29th	—	—	—	—
Tue 30th	—	—	<u>9:30am</u> Intention of Ioma & Family (MS)  <u>11:00am</u> <u>Funeral Service</u> Lilly Hope RIP	—
Wed 31st	<u>9:30am</u> <u>Whole School Mass</u> Dominic Fletcher RIP (EF)	—	—	St John Bosco <i>Priest</i>
Thur 1st	<u>10:15am</u> <u>Requiem Mass</u> Bernard Brannen RIP	<u>9:30am</u> Intention of Anne White (SVP)  <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	—
Fri 2nd	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> In thanksgiving for prayers answered (JC)	—	—	The Presentation of the Lord
Sat 3rd	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u> Tony Skipper RIP (M&A)	<u>9:30am</u> <u>Healing Mass</u> Intention of Cecilia Reay (SVP)	—	—
Sun 4th	—	<u>10:30am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish) <u>4:00pm</u> Holy Hour	<u>9:00am</u> McCabe / Edwards Family RIP (AE)	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February  
St Joseph's Legion Room  
after Mass

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
EMSSPP Confessional  
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
St Joseph's Legion Room  
after 9.30am Healing Mass

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 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

### Clergy

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

### Parish Office

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Parish YouTube: Stockton Parish Family  
Facebook page: @ParishFamilyStocktonRC  
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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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

The growing authority of Jesus is the theme of the early part of Mark's gospel and today's story is an excellent illustration of this. Jesus has already called the disciples. He calls and they simply follow: it seems that he is a total stranger to them, yet has such authority that they drop everything to follow him.

Now in the synagogue he teaches on his own authority. He does not quote the interpretations of others, as rabbinic teachers did, saying, "Rabbi X says this," "Rabbi Y says that". No, Jesus teaches, "I say to you...". He seems to be master even of the Law. But it is God's Law. Only God has authority over it, so who does Jesus think he is? On one level he is a teacher to be compared with Moses, one who is to come into the world, the teacher prophesied in today's first reading. But he is more than this.

To confirm the power of his teaching, he shows what authority he has by overcoming an unclean spirit, wringing from it the snivelling protest, "Have you come to destroy us?" and the acknowledgement that he has a special link with God.

What are the qualities of a good teacher? How does Jesus, the good teacher, reveal his authority?

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 Lilly Hope, Bernard Brannen, Phyllis Harbron, Sharon Casey 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](mailto:recruitment@stthomasmore.org.uk), or calling **0191 499 0111**.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> June and return on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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)

**Roseworth Big Local: Slow Cooker cookery 4 week course** at Kiora Hall Community Space. Starts Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 4:30pm-6pm 12 spaces available. Receive a slow cooker and learn the skills to get the best out of it. Contact Marc Besford on 01642 733906 or email [marc.besford@catalyststockton.org](mailto:marc.besford@catalyststockton.org)

**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:** 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.

**News from Uganda:** In December a displaced family came to Fr. Vincent's door, one of the children had severe malaria. Father wrote "I tried to look for some medicine since going to hospital would be very expensive and I would have to pay yet I had not enough money. I checked on them in the evening. The baby was better but poorly fed. I asked them to stay in the neighbourhood for a few day as I tried to treat the baby. For me it was like Jesus being born in our midst. They had walked bare foot for a week looking for where they could rest and get help. I felt they were like the Holy Family looking for where Jesus could be born." **Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his Mission.**

**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

**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.

**Holy Hour:** at St. Joseph's on 4<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm. All are welcome.

**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.

**Our Lady & St Bede School:** St. Teresa's form groups from Our Lady and St. Bede RC School would love to invite you all to a very special Mass. The Mass will take place here **in school at 2.20pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024**. All of the pupils in St. Teresa's form groups have prepared this Mass. It will include introduction, readings, reflections and bidding prayers. Our school Praise and Worship group will be leading the music and Fr. Ollie will be celebrating the mass. We would love to see as many of you as possible at this Mass and we thank you for always showing us your care and support.

**A Path to Pray:** Learn how Sycamore can help your parish to mark the Year of Prayer. Zoom Meeting on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7pm**. No booking needed. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85975379313> For any questions contact the Vicariate of Faith and Mission [adminfaith.mission@diocesehm.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehm.org.uk)

## Readings 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

### First Reading

**Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

Moses said to the people: 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9**

*R:O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'*

1.Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.	2.Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us: for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.
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3.O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

### Second reading

**1 Corinthians 7:32-35**

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

### Gospel

**Mark 1:21-28**

Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

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## Thought for the Day

See that all who speak with you leave you as friends.

*St John Bosco*