

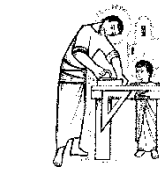
**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**

	<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 2nd</b>	<b><u>6:00pm</u></b> <b><u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u></b> Nicola Holmes RIP	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> <b><u>Healing Mass</u></b> Alan Bell RIP (LG)	—	—
<b>Sun 3rd</b>	—	<b><u>10:30am</u></b> Kostas Moschopoulos RIP (SB) <b><u>4:00pm</u></b> Holy Hour	<b><u>9:00am</u></b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>Mon 4th</b>	—	—	—	St Casimir
<b>Tue 5th</b>	<b><u>11:30am</u></b> Stations of the Cross  <b><u>12:00 noon</u></b> Lenten Lunch	—	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Holy Souls <b><u>10:00am</u></b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  <b><u>7:00pm</u></b> Stations of the Cross	—
<b>Wed 6th</b>	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Michael McMaster RIP (TW)	—	—	—
<b>Thur 7th</b>	—	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Terry Swales RIP (MM) <b><u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u></b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	Ss Perpetua & Felicity <i>Martyrs</i>
<b>Fri 8th</b>	<b><u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u></b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b><u>6:00pm</u></b> Eileen F. Henry RIP <b><u>6:30pm</u></b> Stations of the Cross	<b><u>11:30am</u></b> Stations of the Cross  <b><u>12:00 noon</u></b> Lenten Lunch	—	St John of God <i>Religious</i>
<b>Sat 9th</b>	<b><u>6:00pm</u></b> <b><u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u></b> Anne Brannen RIP	<b><u>9:30am</u></b> Pat Brennan RIP (MM)	—	—
<b>Sun 10th</b>	<b><u>9:00am</u></b> Mass for the Polish Community	<b><u>10:30am</u></b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<b><u>9:00am</u></b> Ray Chesser RIP (PB)	<b>4th Sunday of Lent</b>

<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <div> <div> <b><u>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</u></b>  <b><u>St Joseph's Legion Room</u></b>  <b><u>after Mass</u></b> </div> <div> <b><u>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March</u></b>  <b><u>EMSSPP Confessional</u></b>  <b><u>5:00pm – 5:45pm</u></b> </div> <div> <b><u>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March</u></b>  <b><u>EMSSPP Confessional</u></b>  <b><u>5:00pm – 5:45pm</u></b> </div> </div>		
<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**



St. Joseph's



English Martyrs and  
Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's

**P A R I S H N E W S L E T T E R**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent - Year B**

<b>Clergy</b>	<b><u>Parish Priest:</u> Fr Mark Millward</b> <b><u>Assistant Priest:</u> Fr Oliver Keyes</b> <b><u>Deacon:</u> Paul Hargreaves</b>
<b>Parish Office</b>	<b><u>Hours:</u> Tuesday to Friday 10.00am till 2:00pm</b> <b><u>Contact:</u> Gill Hall Tel. 01642 806469</b> <b><u>Email:</u> parishfamilystockton@outlook.com</b>
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<b>Parish Contacts</b>	<b><u>St Vincent De Paul Society:</u> For anything SVP related please speak to one of our members or contact Alan on 07939 912354 or Mary on 07714 327665 or email <b><u>PresidentC211509@svp.org.uk</u></b></b> <b><u>St. Joseph's Thornton Hall:</u> For any requests to book / hire the Hall please contact Philip and Cath Jackson direct on 01642 284770 Thank you</b>

**Reflection 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

According to John, this scene took place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry, on the first of Jesus' four visits to Jerusalem. At each subsequent visit the Temple authorities lay in wait for Jesus, increasingly keen to eliminate him, but unable to do so till his Hour had come.

The other gospels place both this incident and all other scenes of Jesus in Jerusalem as the final climax of Jesus' ministry.

Whichever is correct, the incident is the basic cause of Jesus' arrest and his tortured death. By his action Jesus had demonstrated that the worship carried out in the Temple had become vain in God's eyes owing to its lack of integrity and must be superseded. To the Temple authorities this was intolerable, and he must be removed. Again, Jesus demanded a complete reversal of standards.

His puzzling saying about building the Temple anew in his body was at last understood by his disciples after his resurrection when they realised it meant the Temple that was his Body, the Church. The material building which had been the centre of worship was no longer important. Henceforth all worship would take place in any place, but within the Christian community. The community - or the Church - was now the place of sanctification and of prayer to God.

What does it mean to think of the Church as Jesus' Body?

What does it mean to you to be a member of Christ's Body, the Church?

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 Lawrence Ryan, Ann Dobbing all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

### PARISH FINANCES

**Parish 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.



**February Baptisms:** Please pray for Jack and Charlotte who received the Sacrament of Baptism in January. May they and their godparents grow in their Faith in the years ahead.

**Mass Intentions:** We have received a lot of requests, particularly at St. Joseph's, so if you would like a Mass to be said on a specific date, please give as much notice as possible to avoid disappointment.

**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.

**Bible Alive Subscription:** the annual subscription of **£30.00 is now due**. Could those who have not already done so please hand in to the parish office as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Roseworth Naturally Creative Arts and Craft Group:** Friday mornings 10am-12:30pm at Kiora Hall, Roseworth. Please see the copy of the 2024 Programme on the noticeboard at the back of church.

**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 to012 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 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 have any, 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.

**Young Catholic Adult Network UK ('YouCAN'):** YouCAN is a group for practising young Catholic adults between the ages of 18 - 35. YouCAN's mission is simple - to connect all young Catholic adults with one another. No one can practise their Faith on their own! YouCAN members stay connected via Whatsapp groups and in-person events. As well as the national YouCAN group, there is also an active North East group with members from across the region, including Teesside. The North East group meets regularly for days out, social time and retreats. Joining YouCAN is a great opportunity to connect with other practising young Catholic adults, make new friends and strengthen your faith. For more details, visit [www.youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk](http://www.youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk). To join, please email [rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk](mailto:rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk)

## LENT Activities 2024

**Tuesdays: 11.30am at EMSSPP:** Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten Lunch

**Tuesdays: 7.00pm at St Bede's:** Stations of the Cross.

**Fridays: 11.30am at St Joseph's:** Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten Lunch

**Fridays: 6.30pm at EMSSPP:** Stations of the Cross after Mass

**Sycamore - Online Sessions for Lent 2024:** Take some time out with God during this Lenten season and join us online (via Zoom) for a series of Sycamore sessions as we explore how we can live out our 'Ministry of Love'

**The sessions will take place on Thursdays throughout Lent from 7.00pm to 8.15pm.**

\*7 March: "The Gift of Faith"      \*14 March: "Finding True Freedom"      \*21 March: "The Meaning of Love"

All are welcome! Each session can stand-alone so there is no obligation to attend all if you can't commit to every week. Some of you may have had experience of Sycamore previously, so we'll be using an alternative set of questions which will give you more opportunities to reflect on your own experiences of faith. Please register your interest to receive the Zoom link. You can do this by completing the [online form](#) or by calling the Diocese admin team on 0191 243 3316

**Fr Mark has signed up for CAFOD's Big Lent Walk 2024!** He has walked 135km of his 200km target already and raised an amazing **£735** so far. If you can, please donate to his fundraising page using the link below. All money raised will be used by CAFOD to fight poverty around the world. Sincere thanks to all for your support. <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fr-marks-big-lent-walk-24>

**Lenten Day for Families:** Catholic Mothers and the Carmelite Friars invite you to a Lenten Family Day at St John Vianney's, West Denton on Saturday 9th March, beginning with 10am Mass and followed by a short talk, opportunity for Confession, a soup lunch, children's activities and social time. All ages and families welcome. For more information email [catholicmothersne@gmail.com](mailto:catholicmothersne@gmail.com)

**Newman Tyneside Circle** invites you to come and hear Sue Oxley speak about The Five Mothers of Bernadette Soubirous and her Neglected Life. The meeting will be at Holy Name parish hall, Jesmond, Newcastle [nb new venue], on Wednesday 13 March at 7.30pm.

**Diocesan Lenten Reflection Booklets:** the Vicariate for Faith and Mission have produced booklets of Daily Lenten Reflections which are available for viewing, downloading and printing from the Diocesan website, using this web link: <https://bit.ly/DHNLentReflections>. Last year's Lent booklets were very well received. As we prepare to commemorate Jesus' salvific death and resurrection at Easter, we hope that this year's edition will once again foster prayerful reflection on the Scriptures and a renewed sense of purpose and hope amongst the people of the Diocese. The reflections have been written by a variety of people to express the richness of our diocesan community. If you do not have internet access and would like a copy please contact the parish office.

## Prayer and Liturgy News

**Pope Francis Monthly Intentions March:** For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

**LOUDfence:** St. Mary's Cathedral and Newcastle Cathedral 3rd-6th March. Welcome to All. Together with the Diocese of Newcastle, our diocesan family is privileged to be hosting a LOUDfence at St. Marys' Cathedral and at Newcastle Cathedral. It will begin at the 11.30 Sunday Mass on the 3rd March at St. Mary's Cathedral and end with a Service of the Word at Newcastle Cathedral on the 6th March at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to these liturgies and to visit both Cathedrals during the days to offer their prayers and support for all who have suffered abuse within church communities and all contexts. We are invited to leave prayers and messages together with provided items like the prayer ribbons presented to Bishop Stephen at his Installation Mass, which are still tied to his Bishop's Chair. People can leave their prayers and messages within or outside of the Cathedrals, recognising some people would rather not enter a place of worship. There will be people available for pastoral accompaniment if that is requested. As a diocesan family we pray for all who have suffered abuse and recognise our shared duty to safeguard the vulnerable.

**The National Novena to St Joseph** will take place from **10<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> March 2024** at **St Joseph Church in Maidenhead**. Every Year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. If you are able, ,and it is possible to attend, Masses are at **10:00am** every day of the Novena **except Sunday, when it is at 11:00am**. These Masses will be available to follow on **Zoom**, via the Mill Hill website: [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena). Also available on Zoom will be the **Evening Prayer** together with the **Novena Prayer at 6:00pm every day** during the Novena. This year a special Novena Prayer Booklet has been prepared, and is available on request for a suggested donation. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena prayer booklet. Please write to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ, or email [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com)

### Readings 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### First reading

#### Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

#### Responsorial Psalm

#### Psalm 18(19):8-11

*R: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.*

1.The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple.

2.The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes.

3.The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just.

4.They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb.

#### Second reading

#### 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

#### Gospel

#### John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

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### Thought for the Day

The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts his sails. *William Arthur Ward*