

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

5th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 4th February 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 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)	5th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 5th	—	—	—	St Agatha <i>Virgin, Martyr</i>
Tue 6th	—	—	<u>9:30am</u> Intention of St Bede's school & parish <u>10:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Paul Miki & Companions <i>Martyrs</i>
Wed 7th	<u>9:30am</u> Mary Walker RIP (JC)	—	—	—
Thur 8th	—	<u>10:00am</u> <u>Requiem Mass</u> Phyllis Harbron RIP <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Jerome Emiliani <i>Priest</i> St Josephine Bakhita <i>Virgin</i>
Fri 9th	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> Edna Felgate RIP (JV)	<u>6:30pm</u> Mass for the Polish Community	<u>12:45pm</u> <u>Funeral Service</u> Sharon Casey RIP	—
Sat 10th	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u> Albert Swales (MS)	<u>9:30am</u> Intention of Kath Holden (SVP) <u>6:00pm</u> Mass for the Polish Community	—	—
Sun 11th	<u>9:00am</u> Mass for the Polish Community	<u>10:30am</u> Liliana Smith RIP (VR)	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	6th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Polish Reconciliation
9th February 6:00pm St Joseph's
10th February 5:30pm St Joseph's
11th February 8:30am EMSSPP

Friday 9th February
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 10th February
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469

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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 4th February 2024

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Clergy

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Millward
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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

5th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

The snippets gathered in the gospel reading give us a sample of Jesus' activity at Capernaum – healing and prayer.

The first incident, the healing of the relative of his friend and follower Simon Peter, reminds us that Jesus does respond if we pray for the needs of our nearest and dearest. Then the summary of his evening activity shows his concern to bring healing and wholeness.

Any Christian will desire to follow his example: we can harm or heal those around us in so many ways. It does not need to be a miracle! A greeting, a look, a smile, a touch can bring the peace of Christ to someone in desperate need of reassurance - and no less can these actions harm and wound.

But the third little story, of Jesus going off to pray in the early morning, shows that the well-spring of all his activity was his union with God whom he called his Father. We cannot say what Jesus' prayer was, any more than I can say what your prayer is, but the confident communication between Father and Son must have been the source of his strength and compassion.

What sort of things can you do to bring healing to others? Where do you find it easiest to pray?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB, 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 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.



January Baptisms: Please pray for Ivy-Rose Janet, Adaline, Ephien Robert Willis, Ebon Joseph Willis, Austin, Millie Ann and Nora Pearl who received the Sacrament of Baptism in January. May they and their godparents grow in their Faith in the years ahead.

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

A Huge Thank You From Chris Skipper and family: To Fr Mark, Fr Ollie and all the Parish family for the cards, prayers, flowers, Mass intentions and all your words of comfort. It has been a huge comfort for us all. Thank you.

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'.

Belated Christmas Message from Fr Vincent: I failed to send out Christmas cards this year as I had used all my funds to cater for the needs of the people here. Many refugees internally displaced who turned up to me during the month of October to December. Looking for basic need like food soap and cloth. Today I have two groups I will feed for lunch. When they are strong enough next week they will continue to the camp. Here Christmas is different from that side. No snow, weather warm but a lot of challenges. It's after the rains so we have a lot of mosquitoes. Many cases of malaria. I try to protect myself from the bites. Today I will have two Masses. The last will be in a village I had spent time with our visiting for to the rains. The roads are very slippery. My truck is still pushing on after over 8 years. I look after it well though it's getting very very unreliable. Last week I spent over 4 hours on the road side. It broke down with two sick people inside it. Hope you are well. I too look forward to a visit to Norton. It will be great though I need to first mobilize my transport fares plus a lot of other logistics. I pray in future it will work. I really miss visiting you all at Norton. ***Please Pray for Fr Vincent and his Mission***

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: Fr. Vincent visits a number of remote villages in the bush. At the beginning of January he was able to offer Mass in a village he had not been able to visit since May 2023. When it rains the roads get very bad and the journey is difficult. Even when the rains have stopped Father says he always carries a hoe and a shovel which are very useful when he gets stuck. ***Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his Mission.***

Prayer and Liturgy News

Pope Francis Monthly Intentions February: For the Terminally ill

Let us pray that the sick, who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

Holy Hour: at St. Joseph's on 4th February at 4pm. All are welcome.

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 7th 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.

Proud Catholics - Sharing our stories with Bishop Stephen: Do you identify as LGBTQ+ or are you questioning your sexual or gender identity? Would you like to attend a support group run by and for LGBTQ+ 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 20th February, at 7.30pm.** We welcome **Bishop Stephen**, who invites us to pray with him and share our experiences as LGBTQ+ Catholics in our parish and as members of Proud Catholics. There will be an opportunity for reflection on the future of LGBTQ+ ministry in the Diocese, as well as our usual social time and shared refreshments.

Zoom link available, get in touch if interested. *For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit our website <https://www.proud Catholics.co.uk/>*

Readings 5th Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading

Job 7:1-4,6-7

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day? 'Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146(147):1-6

R: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due.

2.The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name.

3. Our Lord is great and almighty;
His wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
He humbles the wicked to the dust.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak: I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

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Thought for the Day

God looks at what we want to be rather than what we have been. ***St Francis de Sales***