

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

6th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 11th 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 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)	6 th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 12th	—	—	—	
Tue 13th	—	—	<u>9:30am</u> Daisy & John Evans RIP (CJ) <u>10:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wed 14th	<u>9:30am</u> Mabel Bulmer RIP (JC)	<u>6:00pm</u> Joan Colley RIP (LoM)	<u>11:00am</u> Priests Intention	—
Thur 15th	—	<u>9:30am</u> Intention of Susan Travers (SVP) <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	—
Fri 16th	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> Sheila Earl RIP	—	—	—
Sat 17th	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u> Pat Chapman RIP (AC)	<u>9:30am</u> Intention of Brenda Henderson (SVP)	—	—
Sun 18th	—	<u>10:30am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<u>9:00am</u> Ray Chesser RIP	1 st Sunday of Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 15th February
St Joseph's Legion Room
after Mass

Friday 16th February
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 17th 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

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 11th February 2024

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Clergy

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Millward
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Deacon: Paul Hargreaves

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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

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Mark's emphasis is distinctly different from that of Matthew and Luke. No details of the testing are given. Rather Jesus' sojourn in the desert seems almost a return to the peace of the Garden of Eden. The desert of Judea, between Jerusalem and the Jordan Valley, is a noble and dignified solitude of smooth, sandstone hills. Nothing grows, of course, but wild camels and the occasional leopard prowl around. There Jesus was 'with the wild animals' as, led by the Spirit, he made his preparation for his mission. In what way was he tested? We may presume that in solitude and prayer he was working out the implications of the Voice from Heaven at his Baptism. How was he to run his course as the beloved Servant of the Lord? Precisely how was he to bring the presence of the Kingship of God into people's lives? The 'forty' is often used in biblical accounts for a period of preparation, as Israel's forty years in the desert, or the forty days between Easter and Ascension which prepared the Apostles for Jesus' leaving them and then for the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. We may use our forty days of Lent to reflect on how we may bring God's presence to bear in and through our lives. How will you make best use of this time of preparation in Lent.

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 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.

Thank you: For the kind donation for altar flowers at EMSSPP church in remembrance of Mr Falstead RIP.

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

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)

Bible Alive Subscription the annual subscription of £30.00 is now due. Could those who receive Bible Alive please hand in to the parish office by the end of February. Thank you.

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'.

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: you may have gathered from Fr Vincent's last message that we have invited him to come over to stay in Stockton for some very well deserved R n R with his friends here. He is trying to sort out his travel arrangements and we will let you know when things are arranged so we can be sure to give him a right royal welcome and a good time in the North East.

Holy Hikers – Social Evening Saturday 17th February 7:00pm in St Joseph's Thornton Hall. All welcome.

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.

LENT Activities 2024

Tuesdays: 11.30am at EMSSPP: Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten Lunch from Tuesday 20th Feb
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Fridays: 11.30am at St Joseph's: Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten Lunch from Friday 23rd Feb.
Fridays: 6.30pm at EMSSPP: Stations of the Cross after Mass

World Wide Day of Prayer Friday 1st March 2.00pm hosted at St Mary's Norton Green

This year's service has been prepared by an ecumenical group of Christian women of Palestine.

The theme is "I beg you, bear with one another in love" from Ephesians 4:1-7.

The women started planning the service three years ago. The theme is particularly appropriate given the current situation in the Middle East. Please come along to be part of this worldwide wave of prayer involving people in over 146 countries.

There will also be a Fairtrade Stall of goods from Palestine to buy...

(Please note: no Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's on that day).

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/>*

The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from **10th -18th 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. 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

Readings 6th Sunday Ordinary Time

First reading

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons. 'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 31(32):1-2,5,11

R: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile.

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

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Thought for the Day

There is no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end. Scott Adams