

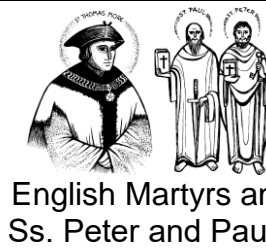
Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
5th Sunday of Lent Year B –17th March 2024

	<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 16th	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<u>9:30am</u> Vi Finn RIP	—	—
Sun 17th		<u>10:30am</u> Damien Perry RIP (OH) <u>4:00pm</u> Stations of the Cross	<u>9:00am</u> Chackappan Devassy RIP (DC)	5th Sunday of Lent
Mon 18th	—	—	—	—
Tue 19th	<u>11:30am</u> Stations of the Cross <u>12:00 noon</u> Lenten Lunch	<u>9:30am</u> <u>Whole School Mass</u> Intentions of Pat & Stephen Hamilton (PDR) (Refreshments afterwards in Thornton Hall)	<u>10:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>1:00pm</u> <u>Requiem Mass</u> Shelagh Wigham RIP <u>7:00pm</u> Stations of the Cross	St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed 20th	<u>9:30am</u> <u>Whole School Mass</u> Deceased Members of the Ho Family RIP (TW)	—	—	St Cuthbert Patron of the Diocese
Thur2 1st	—	<u>9:30am</u> O'Malley Family RIP (WJ) <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	—
Fri 22nd	<u>10:00am</u> <u>Funeral Service</u> Sheila Horner RIP <u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> Sylvia Trotter RIP (PW) <u>6:30pm</u> Stations of the Cross	<u>11:30am</u> Stations of the Cross <u>12:00 noon</u> Lenten Lunch	—	—
Sat 23rd	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u> Intention of Philip Zyla	<u>9:30am</u> Joan Colley RIP (PM)	—	—
Sun 24th	<u>9:00am</u> Mass for the Polish Community	<u>10:30am</u> Deceased Members of the Watson Family RIP (MH)	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	Palm Sunday

<u>Thursday 21st March</u> <u>St Joseph's Legion Room</u> <u>after Mass</u>	<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u> <u>Friday 22nd March</u> <u>EMSSPP Confessional</u> <u>5:00pm – 5:45pm</u>	<u>Saturday 23rd March</u> <u>EMSSPP Confessional</u> <u>5:00pm – 5:45pm</u>
Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469		

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.

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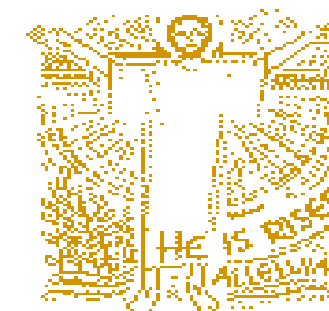
P A R I S H N E W S L E T T E R

Sunday 17th March 2024
5th Sunday of Lent-Year B

Clergy	<u>Parish Priest:</u> Fr Mark Millward <u>Assistant Priest:</u> Fr Oliver Keyes <u>Deacon:</u> Paul Hargreaves
Parish Office	<u>Hours:</u> Tuesday to Friday 10.00am till 2:00pm <u>Contact:</u> Gill Hall Tel. 01642 806469 <u>Email:</u> parishfamilystockton@outlook.com
Internet	<u>Parish YouTube:</u> Stockton Parish Family <u>Facebook page:</u> @ParishFamilyStocktonRC <u>Parish website:</u> www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk <u>Diocesan website:</u> diocesehn.org.uk
Parish Contacts	<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 <u>PresidentC211509@svp.org.uk</u> <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

ADVANCE NOTICE OF HOLY WEEK MASSES

MONDAY 25th March:	9:30am Mass at St Joseph's .
TUESDAY 26th March:	9:30am Mass at St Bede's
TUESDAY 26th March – 5:30pm to 7:30pm -	Priests will be available at EMSSPP for confessions.
WEDNESDAY 27th March:	9:30am Mass at EMSSPP .
MAUNDY THURSDAY 28th March:	7:00pm MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER at EMSSPP
GOOD FRIDAY 29th March:	3.00pm CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION in all Churches.
HOLY SATURDAY 30th March:	7.00pm EASTER VIGIL at EMSSPP.
EASTER SUNDAY 31st March:	9.00am Mass at St Bede's 10:30am Mass at St Joseph's



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 **Shelagh Wigham, Sheila Horner and Mary McGuinness** and 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.

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.

Advance Notice: there will be a second collection for Holy Places on the weekend of **23rd / 24th March**.

Our Lady and St. Bede School: Are looking for invigilators for the upcoming exams. Working as part of a team, invigilators contribute to ensuring a calm environment for the exams, giving candidate's confidence in the process. The public examination period is May and June; however, Invigilators will be required to attend during the year for training and to assist with internal exams. Readers/Scribes are required to support individual students by reading aloud and/or transcribing verbal answers to examination questions. If anyone would be interested in this role, could you, please email gilrainei@olsb.bhcet.org.uk or call school for further information.

Roseworth Spring Fayre: held at Kiora Hall on **Saturday 23rd March** starting at **11** and finishing at **3pm**. You are all welcome to come along and join in with the fun. See Poster on the noticeboard for full details.

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: On the First Sunday of Lent 9 ladies who had been attending the Journey in Faith Sessions became members of the Elect. They will be Baptised or Received into Full Communion with the Church at Easter. Please pray for them, their sponsors and those who have been journeying with them. 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 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'.

First Holy Communion: In the spirit of 'Reuse and Recycle', we are looking to set up a First Holy Communion Dress Bank at St. Bede's church, where dresses could be hired in return for a small donation. If you have any dresses which you are willing to donate then please contact the parish office. Thank you.

The Bread and Butter Thing: Every Thursday from 7th March at 1pm at Redhill Family Hub, Roseworth. Get your weekly groceries at a fraction of the cost! See the fliers in church or visit www.stockton.gov.uk/TBBT for more information.

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.

Response to Listening Exercises: Bishop Stephen has shared his initial personal reflection on everything he has listened to, the summaries from the various Listening Exercises that have been running since the summer of 2023, and the results of the Questionnaire for the Dicastery of Bishops' Report from March 2023. Bishop Stephen reflects on the past, present and our future together; it is his response to what has been presented to him. The document, is published on the Diocesan website [Bishop Stephen's Response to the Listening Exercises - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](https://www.diocesehn.org.uk/BishopStephenResponse)

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.

Fr Mark has signed up for CAFOD's Big Lent Walk 2024 He well on the way to his 200km target and has raised an amazing **£1,055** 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>

Job Vacancy: The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancy: **HR Adviser**, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time. Closing date: 28 March. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact uson 0191 243 3301.

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.

Proud Catholics - Stations of the Cross: *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 19th March, at 7.30pm**. We will pray the Stations of the Cross in St Andrew's RC Church, followed by refreshments in the Chaplaincy room. 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 5th Sunday of Lent

First Reading **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-15**

R: A pure heart create for me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

3. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.

Second Reading **Hebrews 5:7-9**

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel **John 12:20-33**

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself. 'By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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Thought for the Day

Don't say a thing is impossible when it is only difficult. **Anon.**