

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

Palm Sunday Year B – 24th 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 23rd	6:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass Intention of Philip Zyla	9:30am Joan Colley RIP (PM)	—	—
Sun 24th	9:00am Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Deceased Members of the Watson Family RIP (MH)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	Palm Sunday
Mon 25th	11:15am Funeral Service Ian Wanless RIP	9:30am Thanksgiving for PW (from family AMB) 10:00am – 10:30am Confessions	—	—
Tue 26th	11:30am Stations of the Cross 12:00 noon Lenten Lunch	—	9:30am Intentions of Pauline Rodrigues (BL) 10:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Confessions 7:00pm Stations of the Cross	—
Wed 27th	9:30am The Donor's Intention 10:00am – 10:30am Confessions	—	—	—
Thur 28th	7:00pm Mass of the Last Supper Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	—	—	MAUNDY THURSDAY
Fri 29th	3:00pm CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION	11:30am Stations of the Cross 3:00pm CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION	3:00pm CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION	GOOD FRIDAY
Sat 30th	7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	—	—	HOLY SATURDAY
Sun 31st	9:00am Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Joan Colley RIP (PDR)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	EASTER SUNDAY

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday 25th March
St Joseph's Legion Room
10:00am – 10:30am

Tuesday 26th March
St Bede's 10:00am
During Exposition
EMSSPP Confessional
in English **5:30pm – 7:30pm**
in Polish **5:00pm – 7:00pm**

Wednesday 27th March
EMSSPP Confessional
10:00am – 10:30am

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 24th March 2024

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Clergy

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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 Palm Sunday Year B

The procession of palms is joyful and sad at the same time. It is the triumphant entry of the Messiah as King into his holy city.

The crowds were celebrating and singing the psalm for the festival as they entered the city, not knowing that they were in fact welcoming the Messiah who ushers in the Kingship of God. Often in Mark the actors in the story do not realise the full significance of their actions, as when the Roman soldiers later mock Jesus as King, not knowing that that is what he truly is. As Christians we believe that the Kingship of God was brought to fulfilment by the death and resurrection of Jesus. The drama, which begins with this entry into Jerusalem, ends with the story of the empty tomb. John tells us that it was only afterwards, when Jesus had risen from the dead, that the disciples realised the significance of the event.

The resurrection at last made sense of everything, showed everything in a new light. John also tells us that this was the humble king of the prophecy, riding not on a triumphant war-horse but on a humble donkey.

As someone watching the drama of Holy Week unfold, how will you journey with the Lord in these days?

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 Ian Wanless, Mary McGuinness, Margaret Trigg 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: THE NEW BOXES OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR USE FROM 7th APRIL ONWARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM CHURCH. Please let the Parish office know if you do not have any envelopes and would like some, if your address has changed, or if you no longer require a box. Many thanks.

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 this weekend.

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.bhctet.org.uk or call school for further information.

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 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'.

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 \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)

LENT Activities 2024

Tuesday 26th March: 11.30am at EMSSPP: Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten Lunch
Tuesday 26th March: 7.00pm at St Bede's: Stations of the Cross.
Friday 29th March: 11.30am at St Joseph's: Stations of the Cross

Fr Mark has signed up for CAFOD's Big Lent Walk 2024 He has past his original 200km target and is now aiming for 250km - he has raised an amazing £1,735 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>

North East Catholic History Society: The North East Catholic History Society is 50 years old this year. It was founded to encourage and promote the very rich Catholic History of our region. They meet five times a year for lectures, and have the excellent magazine "Northern Catholic History" published yearly. Excursions to places of interest are organised for members. The Society is looking to attract new members. Currently, they meet on Wednesday afternoons at Joseph's Centre, Gateshead, directly opposite the Metro and bus interchange. They welcome visitors too. After many years of excellent service, their Programme Secretary is retiring and they are looking for a replacement to organise talks. In recent years, they have established great contact with Ushaw and their fine group of researchers. You can read about The Society on the diocesan website, or contact Margaret Henderson margaret@coopuk.com

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 us on 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.

Palm Sunday

First reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

R: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!

Second reading

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel

Mark 11:1-10

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If any one says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately."' And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!'

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Thought for the Day

Pray hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.

St Padre Pio

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.