

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
3rd Sunday of Easter Year B – 14th April 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 13th	6:00pm Vigil Mass Angela Armstrong RIP (AF&MS)	9:30am Intention of Cheryl C (AW)	—	—
Sun 14th	9:00am Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	9:00am Raymond Chesser RIP (MS)	3rd Sunday of Easter
Mon 15th	—	—	—	—
Tue 16th	—	—	9:30am Whole School Mass Lawrence Fitzgerald RIPP (MF) 10:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Bernadette Soubirous <i>Religious</i>
Wed 17th	9:30am Tony Skipper RIP	—	—	—
Thur 18th	—	9:30am Joan Colley RIP (MH) 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	—
Fri 19th	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Holy Souls	—	—	—
Sat 20th	6:00pm Vigil Mass John W Henry (EFH)	9:30am The Finn Family (RF)	—	—
Sun 21st	—	10:30am Marcella Varey RIP (SVP)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	4th Sunday of Easter

Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Thursday 18th April St Joseph's Legion Room after Mass	Friday 19th April EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm	Saturday 20th April EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm
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.

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM, STOCKTON



St. Joseph's



English Martyrs and Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 14th April 2024
3rd Sunday of Easter -Year B

Clergy	Parish Priest: Fr Mark Millward Assistant Priest: Fr Oliver Keyes Deacon: Paul Hargreaves
Parish Office	Hours: Tuesday to Friday 10.00am till 2:00pm Contact: Gill Hall Tel. 01642 806469 Email: parishfamilystockton@outlook.com
Internet	Parish YouTube: Stockton Parish Family Facebook page: @ParishFamilyStocktonRC Parish website: www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk Diocesan website: diocesahn.org.uk
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 3rd Sunday of Easter

The two disciples had met Jesus on their way to Emmaus. There Jesus had used the Eucharistic meal to reveal himself to them, for the Eucharist is always an occasion for us to get to know the Risen Christ better.

Now he meets the whole group of disciples in their refuge, the Upper Room. It is perhaps an account of the same incident that we heard last Sunday, but with different emphasis. Now the stress is on the meeting with a real person, and not with a ghost. That is why Jesus eats a piece of fish. The important lesson of this is that, in our resurrection to true life, it is the whole person that is raised, not just the soul.

Christian teaching is that a person is an animated body. We work out our salvation with fingers and toes and other bodily members, and all will be raised to life. It is not just a matter of thoughts and intentions! The whole body is baptised into Christ and is the instrument of our salvation. The body will be changed, and St Paul reminds us that we should not get bogged down with worrying about what sort of body we will have at the resurrection, but rejoice that each of us will be raised as a whole person.

What do you imagine the risen life to be like? Is love, friendship and companionship part of this?

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 all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Journey in Faith: The group will meet on Saturday 13 April at 2 pm in the Thornton Hall at St Joseph's

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.

Offerory Envelopes: If you have not already collected your new BOX OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR USE FROM 7th APRIL, please do so as soon as possible. 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.

Northern Brethren Fund: the annual collection for the NBF Sick & Retired Priests fund will remain open until 28th April.

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.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 7th- 9th June: Remaining balances are due by 19th April at the latest. Please contact Mary on 07952 321396 or Pat on 01642 650904 if you have any dietary requirements. Thank you.

Fr Mark has completed his Big Lent Walk: and has raised an amazing £2,560. His fundraising page is still open and can be accessed using the link below. All money raised will be used by CAFOD to fight poverty around the world. A great big thank you to everyone for your support. God bless, Fr Mark
<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fr-marks-big-lent-walk-24>

Easter News from Uganda: Fr. Vincent sends Easter Greetings to all in our three parishes. Father says - "At the Easter Vigil I baptised more than 46 catechumens, some were former Traditional believers. Many said they were touched by my actions of charity to them and they chose to convert to the Catholic Faith. You see your generosity is working miracles here. Some had to walk over 10 km in the evening for their Baptism. Some slept in the church and left early the following morning for their Station church. The oldest of them was over 70 years." Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his Mission.

Holy Island SVP Vinnies Camp: There are places still available for boys and girls in school years 5-7 (inclusive) at Holy Island Children's camp. A week's traditional holiday with meals and transport costs just £150! If you would like your child to have a week's holiday on Holy Island this Summer please visit our site <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island> If you know of any child who would benefit from this opportunity but may need assistance in paying, please email holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk

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.

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.

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 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.

Holy Hikers: are out walking again for the summer season of monthly walks. The first walk of the season will be on Sunday 21st April – to Bishop Auckland for the 2024 Food Festival. Contact David Mackintosh for details on 07913 021814.

Job Vacancy: Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant **St Bede's Catholic Academy**, Green Lane, Stockton on Tees TS19 0DW
Terms: 10 hours per week/Term time only: Salary: £5,172.00. Closing date: **Monday, 22 April 2024**. Due to our continued growth we are looking to appoint a caring and dynamic Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant who will be responsible for overseeing children throughout the lunchtime period. You will assist with pupils' table manners and use of cutlery and will also be responsible for coordinating a range of interactive play activities, administering minor first aid and ensuring the welfare and safety of the pupils. Further details and application forms are available from the school website www.https://stbedesstockton.bhcet.org.uk/. Completed application forms should be returned to recruitment@stbedesstockton.bhcet.org.uk or posted to Mrs B Rizzi-Allan Executive Head Teacher, St Bede's Catholic Academy, Green Lane, Stockton, TS19 0DW

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 gilrainej@olsb.bhcet.org.uk or call school for further information.

Job Vacancies The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies
Administrator, St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle – full-time. Closing date: 16 April
IT Field Engineer (two posts) Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time, 9-month fixed term contract. Closing date: 21 April Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

Proud Catholics - Mass

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 16th April, at 7.30pm. We will celebrate Mass in St Andrew's RC Church and will share refreshments in the adjacent Chaplaincy Room. All are welcome. Zoom link available for Mass, 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/>

Prayer and Liturgy News

Pope Francis Monthly Intentions April: For the Role of Women

This month's prayer intention is "that the dignity and richness of women be recognized in all cultures, and for an end to the discrimination they suffer in various parts of the world.

Eamon Duffy: Holy Name Parish: invites you to hear this eminent historian speak on **Celebrity Priest: Robert Hugh Monsignor Benson** and the End of the World, on **Saturday 4th May** in the church (North Jesmond Avenue NE2 3JX). Open at 11:00am for 11:30 am start; ends at 12:30 pm

Readings 3rd Sunday of Easter

First reading

Acts 3:13-15,17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 4:2,4,7,9

R: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Second reading

1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel

Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

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Thought for the Day

If we behaved like true Christians, there would be no pagans.

St Pope John XIII