

**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

	<u>English Martyrs and Ss Peter &amp; Paul's</u>	<u>St Joseph's</u>	<u>St Bede's</u>	<u>Feast Days this week</u>
Sat 4th	<b>6:00pm</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b> Fr John Gibbins RIP (MF)	<b>9:30am</b> <b>Healing Mass</b> For the people of Gaza (James Jordan)	—	The English Martyrs
Sun 5th	—	<b>10:30am</b> Marcella Varey RIP (CH) <b>4:00pm</b> Holy Hour	<b>9:00am</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
Mon 6th	—	—	—	—
Tue 7th	—	—	<b>9:30am</b> <b>Whole School Mass of Our Lady</b> Blessing for Christina (MS)	St John of Beverley Bishop
Wed 8th	<b>6:00pm</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b> Peter Shaw RIP (ES)	—	—	—
Thur 9th	—	<b>9:30am</b> Joan Wilson RIP (MH) <b>2:00pm – 4:00pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)
Fri 10th	<b>5:00pm – 6:00pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>6:00pm</b> Pat Chapman RIP (AC)	—	—	St John de Avila Priest, Doctor
Sat 11th	<b>6:00pm</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b> Intention of Anthony Chapman & Thanksgiving for 80 years	<b>9:30am</b> For a Successful Operation (PW)	—	—
Sun 12th	—	<b>10:30am</b> Mary Millward RIP (H&G)	<b>9:00am</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

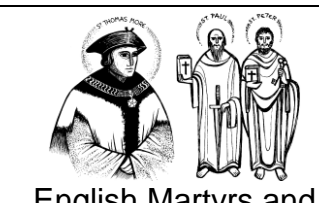
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>St Joseph's Legion Room</b> <b>after Mass</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>EMSSPP Confessional</b> <b>5:00pm – 5:45pm</b>	<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>EMSSPP Confessional</b> <b>5:00pm – 5:45pm</b>
<b>Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469</b>		

**Bulletin Items:** If you would like a notice included in the next bulletin, please email [parishnewsletterstockton@gmail.com](mailto: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 5th May 2024**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - Year B**

<b>Clergy</b>	<b>Parish Priest:</b> Fr Mark Millward <b>Assistant Priest:</b> Fr Oliver Keyes <b>Deacon:</b> Paul Hargreaves
<b>Parish Office</b>	<b>Hours:</b> Tuesday to Friday 10.00am till 2:00pm <b>Contact:</b> Gill Hall Tel. 01642 806469 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:parishfamilystockton@outlook.com">parishfamilystockton@outlook.com</a>
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<b>Parish Contacts</b>	<b>St Vincent De Paul Society:</b> For anything SVP related please speak to one of our members or contact Alan on 07939 912354 or Mary on 07714 327665 or email <a href="mailto:PresidentC211509@svp.org.uk">PresidentC211509@svp.org.uk</a> <b>St. Joseph's Thornton Hall:</b> For any requests to book / hire the Hall please contact Philip and Cath Jackson direct on 01642 284770 Thank you <b>Safeguarding:</b> The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and Diocese's policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are David Mackintosh & Joan Rogers or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0191 2433305 or at <a href="mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk">safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk</a>

**Reflection 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Like so many of the great discourses of Jesus in the gospel of John, today's reading is not a shorthand record of Jesus' words, but will have been written up after the event. Most probably there were several slightly different versions of what Jesus said at the Last Supper.

In any case, one can see that the author has in mind two different contexts: Jesus' own historical situation at the Last Supper and the situation of the early Church, where the disciples are being tested hard in their mission. They need encouraging by Jesus' own example of his sacrifice and by his promise of real friendship; they are friends, not servants, specially chosen by Jesus to bear fruit that will last.

So we too are welcomed as friends, chosen and commissioned by Jesus to go out and bear fruit, but reminded that we must be prepared to pay the price. There is no fruit without pruning.

Jesus had just given the example of service by washing the feet of his disciples. If we are to share the joy of Jesus we must be ready to join him also in laying down our lives for our friends.

Do we ever have to make hard choices for Christ?

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 Brian Hedley 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:** 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.

**April Baptisms:** Please pray for Archie Francis, Ella Rose, Faith Margaret, Riven Harry and Chizaram Seren who received the Sacrament of Baptism in April. May they and their godparents grow in their Faith in the years ahead.

**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.

**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](mailto:holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk)

**News from Uganda:** Fr. Vincent writes, "It's the rainy season in Uganda and as it rains malaria increases. I am lobbying to get a lot of mosquito nets for families especially those with young babies. As I go around I see many babies suffering from malaria. Please pray for Fr. Vincent and his people.

**Roseworth Naturally Creative Arts and Craft Group:** Friday mornings 10am-12:30pm at Kiara Hall, Roseworth. Please see the copy of the 2024 Programme on the noticeboard at the back of church.

**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](http://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.

**Holy Hikers:** are out walking again for the summer season of monthly walks. Contact David Mackintosh for details on 07913 021814.

**Proud Catholics - Annual General Meeting:** 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 our AGM, on Tuesday 21st May, at 7.30pm. We will be looking at the past year and sharing our thoughts and reflections on the future. Elections to the Committee will also take place. All are welcome. Refreshments will follow. Zoom link available, get in touch if interested.

For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email [proud.catholics@yahoo.com](mailto:proud.catholics@yahoo.com), or visit our website [Proud Catholics](http://Proud Catholics)

### Job Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancy:

IT Field Engineer (two posts) Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time, 9-month fixed term contract. Closing date: 6 May Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

**St Joseph's Catholic Academy** have vacancies for a Classroom Teacher and a Teaching Assistant Level 3. See their website [stjosephsnorton.bhccet.org.uk](http://stjosephsnorton.bhccet.org.uk) or use the following links for full details:

[https://files.schudio.com/bishop-hogarth-catholic-education-trust/files/vacancies/advert/TA\\_Level\\_3\\_Advert-3\\_1.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/bishop-hogarth-catholic-education-trust/files/vacancies/advert/TA_Level_3_Advert-3_1.pdf)

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**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](mailto: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'.

**Mental Health Awareness:** A time of prayer to mark the beginning of Mental Health Awareness Week 2024 (13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May) will be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 4:00pm in St Joseph's RC church, JARROW NE32 4PJ. See posters in church. All are welcome, refreshments afterwards.

## Prayer and Liturgy News

**Pope Francis Monthly Intentions May:** For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

**Ascension (Holy Day of Obligation):** Please note that Mass on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> at EMSSPP will be a Vigil at 6pm**. Masses will also be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> at St Joseph's at 9:30am, St Cuthbert's at 10am, St Mary's at 12noon and at St Patrick's at 7pm.

**Holy Hour:** at St. Joseph's on **5<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm**. All are welcome.

**Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 4pm at Ushaw**, please join us for Sung Vespers in St. Cuthbert's Chapel at Ushaw. Please note that this is not a concert performance, but an opportunity to pray together the Evening Prayer of the Church for the Sixth Sunday of Easter. As the format of this service may be new to some people, we will also be offering some reflections on praying Vespers as a group. All are welcome to join us for the service. No ticket is required.

**May Celebration of Our Lady Weekend at EMSSPP: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 5:15pm** Rosary at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, followed by Mass at 6pm. **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 1:30pm** procession of Our Lady.

**Corpus Christi: Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** at Ushaw On **Sunday 2nd June**, Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Bishop Stephen Wright, and starting at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. Weather permitting; the procession will go through Ushaw's gardens, returning to the Chapel for Benediction. Teas and coffees will be available after the service. You do not need a ticket for this event, but please sign up on the sheet available at the back of church, to help Ushaw to estimate numbers. Please indicate if you are bringing a car: this will help Ushaw to manage car parking requirements.

**Workshop on Synodality:** On **Saturday 8th June**, Ushaw will be holding a day workshop on what the Synod on Synodality means for us. There will be sessions on the current stage of the worldwide Synod, including an opportunity to look at some of the outputs of last October's General Assembly in Rome. The workshop will also look at some practical examples of synodality in our local parishes and church groups. The workshop costs £10. The day starts with welcome and refreshments at 10.30am, and will finish by 4pm. Bring a packed lunch, or you will be able to buy lunch in Ushaw's café. You can book for the workshop on Ushaw's website at <https://ushaw.org/whats-on-at-ushaw/> For those who are new to synodality and would like to find out more about what the Synod is, and why it is important for our local church, there will be an optional introductory session starting at 9.30am.

### Readings 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

#### First reading

**Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48**

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 97(98):1-4**

*R: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.*

Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,  
ring out your joy.

#### Second reading

**1 John 4:7-10**

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

#### Gospel

**John 15:9-17**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

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### Thought for the Day

One day Our Lady's statue will be enshrined in the Kremlin and peace will come to the world.

*St. Maximilian Kolbe*