

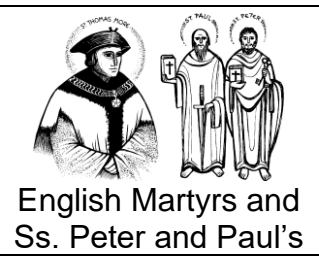
Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
7th Sunday of Easter Year B – 12th May 2024

	<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 11th	6:00pm Vigil Mass Intention of Anthony Chapman & Thanksgiving for 80 years	9:30am For a Successful Operation (PW)	—	—
Sun 12th	9:00am Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Mary Millward RIP (H&G)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	7th Sunday of Easter
Mon 13th	—	—	—	Our Lady of Fatima
Tue 14th	—	—	9:30am Margaret & Denis Harrington RIP (GM) 10:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Matthias Apostle
Wed 15th	9:30am Mavis Walton RIP (AC)	—	—	—
Thur 16th	—	9:30am Thanksgiving (KLG) 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	—
Fri 17th	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Andrew Dunn RIP	—	—	—
Sat 18th	6:00pm Vigil Mass Dennis Jenkins RIP (CJ)	10:00am St Joseph's School First Holy Communion	—	—
Sun 19th	—	10:30am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	9:00am In Thanksgiving for 60 years (AF)	Pentecost Sunday

Thursday 16th May St Joseph's Legion Room after Mass	Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday 17th May EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm	Saturday 18th May 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



PARISH NEWSLETTER
Sunday 12th May 2024
7th 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: diocesehn.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 Safeguarding: 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 safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk

Reflection 7th Sunday of Easter

Surprisingly, this wonderful final chapter of Jesus' discourse after the Last Supper comes in the Sunday readings only on this Sunday (in each year of the three-year cycle). In the whole discourse (John 14-17) Jesus is preparing his disciples for the time of the Church, after his death and resurrection.

In this final chapter, however, he is speaking of his death itself, or rather of his consecration by his death. How exactly it is the actual words of Jesus we do not know, but it is a great prayer which is fully in accord with what Jesus would have been thinking on this daunting occasion.

The prayer centres on the Fatherhood of God and the coming of the Kingdom or Kingship of God by the sanctification or consecration of the world, especially in the sanctification of the disciples, praying also for the deliverance of the disciples of Jesus from evil (as in the final petition of the Lord's Prayer). Fully in view of his own approaching sacrifice Jesus prays that by his own glorification his disciples also may be consecrated.

The prayer is also a fitting preparation for Pentecost at which the Church is consecrated by the coming of the Spirit.

What do I bring to others? Is it Christ's joy?

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 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.

Mass Intentions: if you would like a Mass to be said on a specific date, particularly at St Joseph's 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

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.

First Holy Communion Dresses: We have a small number of First Holy Communion dresses available for hire in return for a small donation. Please contact the parish office. (more dresses are needed please, if you are able to donate) 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.

Holy Hikers: next walk will be from Catterick Bridge to Richmond on **Sunday 18th May**. Contact David Mackintosh for details on 07913 021814..

Bella Canta Ladies Choir presents their 5th Annual Alzheimer's Society Charity Concert on **Saturday 25 May at 7.30pm** at Greens Lane Methodist Church Hartburn TS18 5HP. Free entry with retiring collection for the charity. Part of Dementia Action Week.

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, or visit our website **Proud Catholics**

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'.

Job Vacancies

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

Parish Secretary, Our Lady & St Philip Neri, Gateshead and St Anne, Winlaton – 26 hours per week. Closing date: 21 May

HR Administrator, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – 15 hours per week. Closing date: 21 May

Cleaner, St John XXIII, Washington and St Joseph, Birtley – 12 hours per week. Closing date: 22 May

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

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.

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

May Celebration of Our Lady at EMSSPP: CHANGE OF PLANS

Saturday 25th May starting at **3:30pm** with Rosary at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, followed by the Procession of Our Lady, followed by Mass at 6pm. Refreshments afterwards. All are welcome.

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 at <https://ushaw.org/whats-on-at-ushaw/> to help Ushaw to estimate numbers.

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 7th Sunday of Easter

First reading

Acts 1:15-17,20-26

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: 'Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office. 'We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.' Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, 'Lord, you can read everyone's heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.' They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102(103):1-2,11-12,19-20

R: The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

The Lord has set his sway in heaven
and his kingdom is ruling over all.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,
mighty in power, fulfilling his word.

Second reading

1 John 4:11-16

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

Gospel

John 17:11-19

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

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Thought for the Day

Grace is simply God enabling us to become more than we ever imagined possible.

Karl Rahner SJ