

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
17th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 28th July 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 27th	6:00pm Vigil Mass Pat Chapman RIP (AC)	9:30am Sid Gillson RIP	—	—
Sun 28th	9:00am Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Thanksgiving (60) DPR	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	16th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 29th	—	—	—	Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus
Tue 30th	—	—	9:30am Tracey Molloy RIP (JM) 10:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Peter Chrysologus <i>Bishop, Doctor</i>
Wed 31st	9:30am Tom McMaster RIP (TW)	—	—	St Ignatius of Loyola <i>Priest</i>
Thur 1st	—	9:30am Marie & David Sayers RIP (AT) 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Alphonsus Mary Liguori <i>Bishop, Doctor</i>
Fri 2nd	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Anne Bright Speedy Recovery (JB)	—	—	St Eusebius of Vercelli <i>Priest</i> St Peter Julian Eymard <i>Bishop</i>
Sat 3rd	6:00pm Vigil Mass The Ellis Family (BG)	9:30am Healing Mass Joan Colley RIP (SVP)	—	—
Sun 4th	—	10:30am Patricia Kearns RIP (CK) 4:00pm Holy Hour	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	18th Sunday Ordinary Time

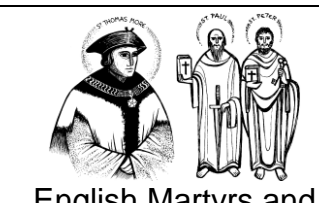
Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Thursday 1st August St Joseph's Legion Room after Mass	Friday 2nd August EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm	Saturday 3rd August St Joseph's Legion Room after 9.30am Healing Mass EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm
Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469		

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 28th July 2024

17th Sunday Ordinary Time - 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 17th Sunday Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, John's version of the miraculous feeding reminds us of the Last Supper, when Jesus 'said the blessing' over the bread. Since John's gospel has no account of the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, this feeding account is particularly significant.

The feeding is also described as one of the 'signs' which Jesus works. The first part of the Gospel of John is often called 'the Book of Signs' because Jesus works a number of signs which show who he truly is. First there is the sign at the marriage-feast of Cana, where the sign of turning the water into wine is a sign of the messianic banquet. Other signs are the raising of the royal official's son, a sign of Jesus' gift of life, and the cure of the blind man in the temple, a sign of Jesus' gift of light and revelation.

Several of the signs are followed by an extended discourse, explaining the meaning of the sign, as this feeding sign is followed by the discourse on the Bread of Life, explaining the significance of Jesus' gift of himself as the Bread of Life, the Wisdom of God received in the Eucharist.

Why is this miracle called a sign? What is it a sign of?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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.

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 do not have any envelopes and would like some, if your address has changed, or if you no longer require a box. Many thanks.

First Holy Communion Dresses: Many thanks to those who have donated FHC dresses for our 'Dress Bank'. **More dresses are needed for next year please, if you are able to donate.** Please contact the parish office or speak to Fr Mark. Thank you.

Holy Hour: on 4th August, 4pm at St Joseph's, Norton.

Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to a **guided tour of St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle** (with particular attention to the stained glass windows, including the new Kevin Nichols window). The tour will take place on **Tuesday 6 August, at 2pm** and will be followed by discussion, refreshments and an extraordinary general meeting of the circle.

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. Once a month we have an advisor from Citizens Advice Service - this is a free service. Everyone at the Stockton Hope Community Larder thanks you all for your wonderful generosity.

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'.

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.**

Book Sales in our churches have so far raised £164.04 for Fr Vincent. Sincere thanks to all who have supported.

Sincere thanks from Little Sisters of the Poor: for collecting used stamps and foreign currency for St Joseph's Home in Newcastle (David and Theresa O'Neill have raised over £21,000 so far). The Sisters and residents remember all who donate in their prayers and Masses. If you have any more, please continue 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.

Job Vacancy: The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a full-time, permanent Management account to work in the Dept. for Finance in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301. Closing date for applications: 28 July.

Bishop's House Address: from Monday 17th June the new address for Bishop Stephen, Bishop's PA and the Diocesan Chancellor will be: **Bishop's House, St Aidan's, Coach Lane, Benton, Newcastle, NE12 8AD** There is no change to the telephone number and email addresses.

Prayer and Liturgy News

Pope Francis Monthly Intentions July: For the pastoral care of the sick
We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

Young Catholic Adult Network UK ('YouCAN')

YouCAN is a group for practising young Catholic adults between the ages of 18 - 35. YouCAN's mission is simple - to connect all young Catholic adults with one another. No one can practise their Faith on their own YouCAN members stay connected via WhatsApp groups and in-person events. As well as the national YouCAN group, there is also an active North East group with members from across the region, including Teesside. The North East group meets regularly for days out, social time and retreats.

Joining YouCAN is a great opportunity to connect with other practising young Catholic adults, make new friends and strengthen your faith. For more details, visit www.youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk. To join, please email rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: The fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly falls on **Sunday 28 July 2024**. Pope Francis has given the day the theme "Do not cast me off in my old age" from Psalm 71:9.

As the Pope says, we should cherish the elderly and recognise that there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to grandchildren.

New Lectionary - Readers Day: The Diocesan Liturgical Formation team are running a day for readers of all levels of experience to explore the new translation of the Lectionary on Saturday 9 November at St Augustine, Darlington, DL3 7RG. This day will provide an opportunity to look at the background of the new Lectionary and to be ready to proclaim the Scriptures. For more information and to book, please visit: bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents. Details of other Liturgy days are also available on the Diocesan website.

Proud Catholics

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. Newcastle. For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit our website <https://www.proud Catholics.co.uk/> and our Facebook and Instagram pages @proud Catholicsuk

Let Life Flourish Spiritual Bouquet: SPUC has launched a prayer initiative in collaboration with Knights of St Columba. The spiritual bouquet is a rallying call to SPUC supporters, the wider pro-life community and all people of good will to pray with renewed faith and trust for the protection of life from conception until natural death.

Please pray for the following intentions each month:

July: For the Church – that its witness to the sanctity of life will touch the hearts of all people

August: For women and families expecting a child at this time

September: For political leaders – that they will act to uphold the sanctity of life through just laws

October: For an end to abortion in the UK

November: For the work of SPUC and KSC in defending the sanctity of life.

Readings 17th Sunday Ordinary Time

First reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144(145):10-11,15-18

R: You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God.

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live.

3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

Second reading

Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Gospel

John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

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Thought for the Day

If God sends us on stony path, he will provide us with strong shoes.

Alexander Maclaren