

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

18th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 4th August 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 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
Mon 5th	—	—	—	Dedication of St Mary Major Basilica
Tue 6th	—	—	9:30am John & Daisy Evans RIP (CJ) 10:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Wed 7th	9:30am Lisa McIntosh RIP (CS)	—	—	St Sixtus II Pope and Companions <i>Martyrs</i> St Cajetan <i>Priest</i>
Thur 8th	—	9:30am Hazel Knight RIP (AW) 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Dominic <i>Priest</i>
Fri 9th	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Matt Murphy RIP (JW)	—	—	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross <i>Virgin, Martyr</i>
Sat 10th	6:00pm Vigil Mass The Late Stewart & Nertney families RIP (AP)	9:30am Betty Hayes RIP (Friendship Group)	—	St Lawrence <i>Deacon, Martyr</i>
Sun 11th	—	10:30am Intention of Cheryl C (AW)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	19th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 8th August
St Joseph's Legion Room
after Mass

Friday 9th August
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 10th August
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.

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St. Joseph's



English Martyrs and
Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 4th August 2024

18th 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 18th Sunday Ordinary Time

After the account of the miraculous feeding of the five thousand, Jesus explains the significance of the event.

First he stresses that its importance lies not in the material food that goes bad, but in that of which the food is a sign. The people must understand the sign-value of the food, its ultimate fulfilment in Jesus of the manna in the desert: we do not live by bread alone but by every word which comes from the mouth of God.

The whole explanation is built on a contrast between Moses and Jesus, between the food given by Moses and that given by Jesus. Jesus is the bread of life as the eucharistic bread, and also as revelation. We often concentrate exclusively on the eucharistic meaning of this chapter.

This introduction to the Bread of Life discourse, however, emphasises that it is belief and understanding which is first required, and only then does Jesus begin to explain the deeper meaning of the bread. Jesus gives the explanation of what he has done in the synagogue at Capernaum, and – after the manner of Jewish sermons of the time – each phrase of the scriptural quotation from the Book of Exodus is commented on in turn: Bread from heaven / he gave them / to eat.

If this miraculous feeding is a sign, what is it a sign of?

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.

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.

July Baptisms: Please pray for Millie Olivia, Monty William, Lucia June, Jack Kenneth and Noel Derek who received the Sacrament of Baptism in July. May they and their godparents grow in their Faith in the years ahead.

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.

Holy Hikers: next walk is to Pickering via Thornton-le-Dale on **Sunday 18th August**. Contact David Mackintosh for details on 07913 021814

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.

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 August: For political leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

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

Rosary Rally A Rosary rally will be held at Minsteracres on **Sat 10th August**. Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon. The Rosary procession and Benediction will be from 2-00pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

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

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.

On this occasion, our next meeting will be on Tuesday 20th August, at 7.30pm. We will meet at the Tanner's Arms, 1 Byker Bridge, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 2NS. This will be a lovely opportunity to relax and chat together, and perhaps to meet the group for the first time! For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit our website Proud Catholics 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:

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 18th Sunday Ordinary Time

First reading

Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not. 'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 77(78):3-4,23-25,54

R: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
these we will not hide from their children
but will tell them to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might

Yet he commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven.
and the marvellous deeds he has done,

Mere men ate the bread of angels
He sent them abundance of food
So he brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won.

Second reading

Ephesians 4:17,20-24

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel

John 6:24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

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Thought for the Day

If someone tells you that there is another way to God except prayer, do not believe them.

St Teresa of Avila