

**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 18<sup>th</sup> August 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 17th	<b>6:00pm</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b> Jonathan Peter Wright RIP (TW)	<b>9:30am</b> Wynne Logan RIP (MH)	—	—
Sun 18th	—	<b>10:30am</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<b>9:00am</b> Shelagh Wigham RIP (JB)	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>
Mon 19th	—	—	—	St Oswin, King <i>Martyr</i> St John Eudes, <i>Priest</i>
Tue 20th	—	—	<b>9:30am</b> Kevin O'Shea RIP (KO) <b>10:00am</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Bernard <i>Abbot, Doctor</i>
Wed 21st	<b>9:30am</b> Birthday of Terence RIP (AC)	—	—	<b>The Dedication of St Mary's Cathedral</b>
Thur 22nd	—	<b>9:30am</b> Thanksgiving (A&S) <b>2:00pm – 4:00pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	The Queenship of Mary
Fri 23rd	<b>5:00pm – 6:00pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>6:00pm</b> Holy Souls	—	—	St Rose of Lima <i>Virgin</i>
Sat 24th	<b>6:00pm</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b> Pat Kennedy RIP (MS&AF)	<b>9:30am</b> Diamond Wedding Celebration Mr & Mrs Roddam (KJM)	—	—
Sun 25th	—	<b>10:30am</b> Richard H Hunter RIP MH)	<b>9:00am</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>

<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August</b> <b>St Joseph's Legion Room</b> <b>after Mass</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b> <b>EMSSPP Confessional</b> <b>5:00pm – 5:45pm</b>	<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August</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 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time-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> parishfamilystockton@outlook.com
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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 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

This is the last of the readings from the Bread of Life Discourse in John's Gospel. In today's passage, we move on from seeing Christ as the Wisdom of God, who must be accepted and believed, to a reflection on the sacrament of eating the bread of life.

These two themes correspond to the two halves of the Mass, first the service of the Word, then the Eucharistic banquet. We are all so diet-conscious nowadays that it is quite obvious that the food we eat affects us. By eating the Body of Christ we are assimilated into him. But, just as, if I am sick, food does me no good and can even harm me, so if I eat Christ sacramentally without wanting to be moulded into him, it does me no good at all. That is why Paul complained that the Corinthian people were answerable for the death of Christ.

And drinking the blood of Christ? Blood is the sign of life – if there is no blood, there is no life – and God is the Lord of life and death. So if I receive Christ's blood I take on his life, his divine life, as the gift of God. That has alarming side-effects: it means I share Christ's life with other Christians. We all live with the same life's blood.

Do I really share my life, my talents, my goods with others, knowing that we share the same life of Jesus?

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.

**Volunteers:** We are looking for volunteers to help with the 'Holy Washing' at EMSSPP. Training will be given. If you are interested in helping, please see Fr Mark or David. Thank you.

**Holy Hikers:** next walk is to Pickering via Thornton-le-Dale on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](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. 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](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'.

**The Refugee and Asylum Seekers Project** are urgently requiring clothing for young men. Any donations please contact Karen Dick on 07759 984586. Sincere 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**.

**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.

**The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint to the following vacancy:**

**Parish Secretary, Our Lady of Mercy, Sunderland** – 20 hours a week. Closing date: 21 August. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

**Bishop's House Address:** 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.

**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](http://www.youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk). To join, please email [rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk](mailto:rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk)

**Proud Catholics: Proud Catholics - Social evening at the pub:** 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**. 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](mailto:proud.catholics@yahoo.com), or visit our website [Proud Catholics](http://ProudCatholics) 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.

**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](http://bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents). Details of other Liturgy days are also available on the Diocesan website.

### Readings 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

#### First reading

#### Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.' To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

#### Responsorial Psalm

#### Psalm 33(34):2-3,10-15

*R: Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Revere the Lord, you his saints.  
They lack nothing, those who revere him.  
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Come, children, and hear me  
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Who is he who longs for life  
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?

Then keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.  
Turn aside from evil and do good;  
seek and strive after peace.

#### Second reading

#### Ephesians 5:15-20

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but you redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Gospel

#### John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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### Thought for the Day

Don't think you are on the right road just because it is a well beaten path.