

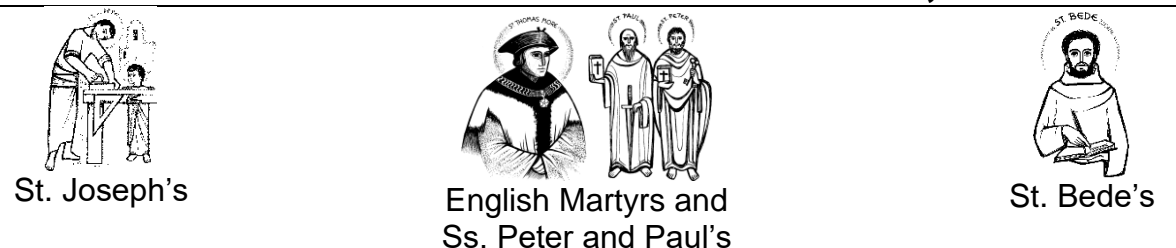
Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
21st Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 25th August 2024

	<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 24th	6:00pm Vigil Mass Pat Kennedy RIP (MS&AF)	9:30am Diamond Wedding Celebration Mr & Mrs Roddam (KJM)	—	—
Sun 25th	—	10:30am Richard H Hunter RIP (MH)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	21st Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 26th	—	—	—	St Ninian, <i>Bishop</i> Blessed Dominic Barberi, <i>Priest</i>
Tue 27th	—	—	9:30am Holy Souls 10:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Monica
Wed 28th	9:30am Sheila Earl RIP (D&AE)	—	—	St Augustine of Hippo <i>Bishop, Doctor</i>
Thur 29th	—	9:30am Betty Hayes RIP (SVP) 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	The Passion of St John the Baptist
Fri 30th	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Successful operation for Barbara J (M&A)	—	—	Ss Margret Clitherow, Anne Line, <i>Martyrs</i> & Margaret Ward, <i>Virgin, Martyr</i>
Sat 31st	6:00pm Vigil Mass Intentions of Vivienne H (DT)	9:30am Edward McVay RIP (MM)	—	—
Sun 1st	—	10:30am Terry Wynn RIP 4:00pm Holy Hour	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Thursday 29th August St Joseph's Legion Room after Mass	Friday 30th August EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm	Saturday 31st 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.

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM, STOCKTON



PARISH NEWSLETTER
Sunday 25th August 2024
21st 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 21st Sunday Ordinary Time

A priest, advanced in age, was widely recognised for his profound wisdom. A young man from the parish wanted to test if aging has altered his insight and judgment. One day after Mass, the young man approached the priest and asked, "Father, I have in my hand a little bird. If you are really a man of God, tell me if the bird in my hand is dead or alive." The priest sensed it was a trap. If he says that the bird is alive, the young man would squeeze the bird to death. If he says that the bird is dead, the young man will open his hands to let the bird fly. So, the priest answered, "The life of the bird is in your hands."

In the last five weeks, we have been going through the Bread of Life discourse in the Book of John. We repeatedly heard the Good News that Jesus is the Bread of Life, that anyone who believes in him and eats the Bread he gives will live forever. Every time we go to Mass, we put the Bread of Life, the Body of Christ, in our hands. What we do with the Gospel we heard and this heavenly bread we receive is our choice. We could crush it by rejecting Christ's offer, similar to what some of the followers of Jesus did in this Sunday's Gospel. Or we could be like Peter, who, despite his flaws, held firmly to the promise of eternal life in Christ and followed him.

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 Bank transfer or set up a standing order, please contact the parish office for the account details. Thank you.

Offertory Envelopes: Please **do not use old Gift Aid envelopes from previous years** .. contact the Parish office if you do not have any current 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.

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'.

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.

Bishop's House Address: The new address for Bishop Stephen, Bishop's PA and the Diocesan Chancellor is: **Bishop's House, St Aidan's, Coach Lane, Benton, Newcastle, NE12 8AD** There is no change to the phone no. 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: at 4pm on **Sunday 1st September** at St Joseph's, Norton. All are welcome.

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.

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

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 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 21st Sunday Ordinary Time

First reading

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33(34):2-3,16-23

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.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal.

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

Second reading

Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. *For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body.* This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel

John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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Thought for the Day

You will achieve more in this world through acts of mercy, than you will through acts of retribution.

Nelson Mandela