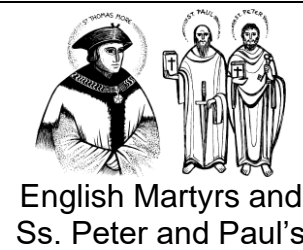


Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
32nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 10th November 2024

	<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 9th	6:00pm Vigil Mass Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	9:30am Jayne Roberts RIP (JS)	—	—
Sun 10th	9:00am Mass for the Polish community	10:30am Damian Perry RIP (OH)	9:00am Deceased Members of Edwards, Hunt & Rodrigues families RIP (PR)	32nd Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 11th	—	—	—	St Martin of Tours <i>Bishop</i>
Tue 12th	—	—	9:30am Connie Splevins & Jim Kane RIP (PR) 10:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Josaphat <i>Bishop, Martyr</i>
Wed 13th	9:30am Priests Intention	—	—	—
Thur 14th	—	9:30am Sally & Reg Davidson RIP (PT) 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	—
Fri 15th	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Peter Saint RIP (M&A)	—	—	St Albert the Great <i>Bishop, Doctor</i>
Sat 16th	6:00pm Vigil Mass Anne & Bill Foley RIP (MF)	9:30am Blessings for Newly Wed Couple	—	—
Sun 17th	—	10:30am Vigil Mass Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	9:00am Ray Chesser RIP (MS)	33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Thursday 14th November St Joseph's Legion Room after Mass	Friday 15th November EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm	Saturday 16th November EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm
Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469		

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM, STOCKTON



PARISH NEWSLETTER
Sunday 10th November 2024
32nd Sunday Ordinary Time-Year B

Clergy	Parish Priest: Fr Mark Millward Assistant Priest: Fr Oliver Keyes Deacon: Paul Hargreaves
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Reflection 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

We are presented in the gospel with a contrast between the dignitaries of the Temple, parading in their splendour, and the least of the least.

These little coins of the widow are called lepta, meaning 'light', hardly more than shavings of copper, hardly worth picking up. Yet the value of a gift depends not on its absolute worth, but in the love with which it is given. The value of a birthday present depends on the love which it expresses, and the care which has gone into choosing or making it. One can imagine the widow debating with herself: if she made this supreme gift to the Lord, could she survive without these two little coins. What would she have to go without?

As with the Sidonian widow in the first reading, this paltry gift is a rich expression of the widow's trust in divine love and care, and of her wanting to do something for the Lord. The little gift would go unnoticed among the riches of the exquisite and lavish Temple building, for its splendour was the wonder of the eastern Mediterranean, but her offering is a heartfelt expression of her love.

Just so with our prayer of praise: it is the joyful outpouring of our love.

What gift could you give to the Lord?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB, from Wednesday Word

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 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.

Offerory 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.

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT IS –

ourladyofwalsinghamstockton@diocesehn.org.uk

The parish newsletter email remains unchanged at parishnewsletterstockton@gmail.com

PARKING: When coming to Mass on a Sunday, **please do not park on the pavements outside church** as this prevents those with mobility issues, push chairs, etc. from passing and puts them at risk. Thank you for your understanding and consideration of others. Fr Mark.

Walsingham Pilgrimage: for anyone who has only paid £10 towards the deposit, please note that the balance of the £50 deposit is now due. Thank you. Also, if anyone is paying their deposit direct to **the parish bank account**, please add the reference 'Walsingham' to your payment. **(please note that the old Walsingham Account has now been closed)** Thank you.



October Baptisms: Please pray for Luka Stephen, Theodore Joseph, Tommy Ray, Afumbom Terry Jordan, Georgie Rachael, Sienna North, Freddie, George, Arlo Paul, Phillip Jackson and Phoebe Kaye who received the Sacrament of Baptism in September. May they and their godparents grow in their Faith in the years ahead.

SVP Christmas Tea Party The SVP are hosting a Christmas Tea Party for our senior parishioners on December 7th at 2pm in Thornton Hall, St. Joseph's. If you would like to attend, please complete a form which you will find at the back of church and return it to us by Friday November 29th. Please hand the completed forms to an SVP member

Vacancies at Safe Families: Can you think of anyone in your church that loves people, loves church and wants to make a real impact on families lives here in Tees Valley at Safe Families. We are looking for a new **Community Volunteer Manager** to join our growing team. This person would be responsible for building great relationships with local churches and other community groups, engaging with new Safe Families supporters and working with our wider team to connect volunteers with families who need some support. Could this be you or someone you know? Or could you share this opportunity with your church? We need your help to find the perfect person!

The deadline to apply is 18th November. For more information follow this link https://safefamilies.uk/job_roles/tees-valley-community-volunteer-manager/ or contact Sarah Bhatoe at sarahbhatoe@safefamilies.uk or call on 07964920326

We are also looking for a new **Family Support Manager**. This person would be responsible for building great relationships with local families, understanding how we can empower them. They would then be the main point of contact when a volunteer is linked with the family, helping the volunteer feel confident as they help the family thrive. The deadline to apply is 10th November. For more information follow this link https://safefamilies.uk/job_roles/tees-valley-family-support-manager-2/ This is a maternity cover until April 25.

Oppose Assisted Suicide: Bishops are calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide. On Wednesday, 16 October, the House of Commons will hear the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide tabled by Kim Leadbeater MP. The proposed legalisation undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. We are a praying community. Please pray that our lawmakers will act wisely and will value human life. Please contact your local MP to express your views. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this with a provided factual letter. It can be found on the Bishops' Conference website together with materials explaining the Church's grave concerns about the proposed legislation at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/> Thank you for your prayers and action. Bishop Stephen.

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 Sale: There will be books for sale in Thornton Hall, St Joseph's after each Mass.

Foundation Governor: St. Gregory's Catholic Academy are looking to appoint a Foundation Governor, any practising Catholic over the age of 18 can apply and you do not need to have any specific skills. If you think you might make a good Foundation Governor, please contact the school office (01642 672262).

Volunteers Wanted Please: to help at St Gregory's Primary school with the pupils' reading skills. Can you give an hour at your convenience to listen and assist with the pupils reading skills? The pupils really develop with this reading scheme.

Please contact the school for further information 01642 672262. You will be required to complete a DBS application which the school will organise. Please help.

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.

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.

Stockton Hope Larder: We are very grateful for all donations to the larder, however, as Christmas is approaching we would like to request Christmas donations and new pyjamas for all age groups, especially the older children. Every year we try to make hampers up for all our families and with your kind help I'm sure we'll do the same this year. Many thanks and God Bless you all.

Pope John Paul II Award: we are delighted that Ann Maria and Amelia are going to undertake the award. If any other school-leavers (aged 16+) are interested, please let Fr Mark know. You will be guided through it, and be among around 100 young people from the diocese doing the award. Let your light shine- Give it a try!

Little Sisters of the Poor Christmas Concert The Newcastle Male Chorus and Gibside Singers will be performing a Christmas Concert in the Chapel at St Joseph's Home (Little Sisters of the Poor) on Saturday 7th December 2024 at 7.00pm. The concert is in aid of the work of the Little Sisters at St Joseph's Home.

Tickets are £8 (interval drink included), available from St Joseph's Home – 0191 273 1279.

Prayer and Liturgy News

Pope Francis Monthly Intentions – November: For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

2023 / 2024 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: The Parishes of St. Bede, English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul and St. Joseph Remembrance Service for our deceased relatives and friends will be held at **St Joseph's Church Norton on Tuesday 26th November at 7:00 pm**. Everyone is welcome.

Memorial cards are available at the back of Church for you to complete and place in the basket. These will be brought to the altar during the service.

A Day for Readers: will be held on **Saturday 23rd November** at St. Joseph's, Thornton Hall. 10:30am – 2pm. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

English Martyrs form groups from Our Lady and St. Bede RC School would love to invite you all to a very special Mass. The Mass will take place here **in school at 2.20pm on Tuesday 19th November 2024**.

All of the pupils in English Martyr's form groups have prepared this Mass. It will include introduction, readings, reflections and bidding prayers. Our school Praise and Worship group will be leading the music and Fr. Mark will be celebrating the mass.

We would love to see as many of you as possible at this Mass and we thank you for always showing us your care and support.

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:

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

Readings 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading

1 Kings 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."' The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 145(146):7-10

R: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry;
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign forever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.' He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

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Thought for the Day

I sought to hear the voice of God and climbed the topmost steeple, but God declared: "Go down again- I dwell among the people."
St John Henry Newman.