

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 **Eileen Mary Gibson** and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.



December Baptisms: Please pray for Ajay, Prajay, Danujay, Enibokun Inemesit and Omosivie Idara who received the Sacrament of Baptism in December. May they and their godparents grow in their Faith in the years ahead.

SPDG Group Meeting: The Parish Spiritual & Pastoral Development Group will be meeting on **Tuesday 7th January** at **6:30pm in EMSSPP Hall**, to discuss events for the Jubilee Year, Live Simply and any other parish business. New members are most welcome to come along and share their ideas. Fr Mark.

Prayer and Liturgy News

Pope Francis Monthly Intentions December: For pilgrims of hope
We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

The Jubilee year opens on Sunday 29 December 2024. In Rome, Pope Francis will be opening Holy Doors in St Peter's Basilica and in St. John Lateran – and here in Hexham & Newcastle, we'll be having our own celebrations too. **Bishop Stephen will be opening the Jubilee Year at our 2 Jubilee Hub Churches.** He will be saying Mass and opening Holy Doors at **St Joseph's, Hartlepool at 4.00pm on Sunday 29 December.** Please do join us. Everyone is welcome!

Holy Hour: on **Sunday 5th January** in St Joseph's at 4:00pm. All are welcome.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading Micah 5:2-5a

Thus says the Lord: You, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 80(79):2ac, 3b, 15-16. 18-19. ±4

R: Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
enthroned on the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse up your might and come to save us.

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the stock your right hand has planted,
the son you have claimed for yourself.

3. May your hand be on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have confirmed as your own.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.

Second Reading Hebrews 10:5-10

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said, ‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, “Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.” When he said above, ‘You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings’ (these are offered according to the Law), then he added, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will’. He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.’

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PARISH OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM, STOCKTON



St. Joseph's



English Martyrs and
Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's

PARISH NEWSLETTER
Sunday 22nd December 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Clergy

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Millward
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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.
The Legion of Mary: meets at St Joseph's Norton; Contact 01642 531263 for information.
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



*Fr Mark, Fr Ollie, Deacon Paul and Gill
wish you and your loved ones
a very Happy, Holy and Peaceful Christmas.*

With every Blessing for the New Year.

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C – 22nd December 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 21st	<u>6:00pm</u> Vigil Mass Deceased Henry & Hamill Families RIP	<u>9:30am</u> Elaine Conelly RIP (SVP)	—	—
Sun 22nd	<u>12:30pm</u> Mass for the Polish Community	<u>10:30am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<u>9:00am</u> Tom Ayre RIP (TA)	4th Sunday of Advent
Mon 23rd	—	—	—	St John of Kanty <i>Priest</i>
Tue 24th	<u>5:30pm</u> Carols <u>6:00pm</u> Christmas Vigil Mass Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	—	—	—
Wed 25th	<u>9:30am</u> Mass for the Polish Community	<u>10:30am</u> Deceased Members of the Watson Family RIP (MH)	<u>9:00am</u> Ray Chesser RIP	The Nativity of the Lord
Thur 26th	—	<u>10:00am</u> Catherine Hanson RIP (MH)	—	St Stephen First Martyr
Fri 27th	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> The Moore & Atkinson Families (MA)	<u>12:45pm</u> Requiem Mass Eileen Mary Gibson RIP	—	St John Apostle & Evangelist

Sacrament of Reconciliation		
<u>Thursday 2nd January</u> St Joseph's Legion Room after Mass	<u>Friday 27th December</u> EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm	<u>Saturday 28th December</u> EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm
	<u>Friday 3rd January</u> EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm	<u>Saturday 4th January</u> St Joseph's Legion Room after 9.30am Healing Mass EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm
Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469		

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

Holy Family Year C – 29th December 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 28th	<u>6:00pm</u> Vigil Mass Terence Collins RIP (AC)	<u>9:30am</u> Eileen Minto RIP (SVP)	—	The Holy Innocents Martyrs
Sun 29th	<u>12:30pm</u> Mass for the Polish Community	<u>10:30am</u> Colin Clamp RIP (JC)	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	The Holy Family
Mon 30th	—	—	—	—
Tue 31st	—	—	<u>9:30am</u> Birthday Thanksgiving for Jason Uneidu	St Sylvester I Pope
Wed 1st	<u>11:00am</u> Dave, Sheila & Julie Earl (D&ABF)	—	—	Mary Mother of God
Thur 2nd	—	<u>9:30am</u> Eddie McDermott RIP (EM) <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Basil the Great St Gregory Nazianzen <i>Bishops, Martyrs</i>
Fri 3rd	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> Yvonne D'Sausa RIP (PR)	—	—	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Sat 4th	<u>6:00pm</u> Vigil Mass Bernard Brannen RIP (CB)	<u>9:30am</u> Healing Mass Edward McVay RIP (MM)	—	—
Sun 5th	—	<u>10:30am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish) <u>4:00pm</u> Holy Hour	<u>9:00am</u> Shelagh Wigham RIP (JB)	Epiphany



We will be toasting the New Year with a glass of bubbly after Mass at EMSSPP on the 1st of January. All are welcome.

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.

Thought for the Day

Each of us is an innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus. **Neal A. Maxwell**