

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
Sat 8th	<b>6:00pm</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<b>9:30am</b> Intention of Mary Marshall (SVP)	—	—
Sun 9th	<b>12:30pm</b> Mass for the Polish Community	<b>10:30am</b> Bryan McGuinness RIP (MAJ)	<b>9:00am</b> Deceased of the McGuinness Family RIP (AF)	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 10th	—	—	—	St Scholastica <i>Virgin</i>
Tue 11th	—	—	<b>9:30am</b> Peter Collins RIP (DO) <b>10:00am</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady of Lourdes World day of Prayer for the Sick
Wed 12th	<b>9:30am</b> Intention of Monseigneur D (TW)	—	—	—
Thur1 3th	—	<b>9:30am</b> Intention of Kath Holden (SVP) <b>2:00pm – 4:00pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	—
Fri 14th	<b>5:00pm – 6:00pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>6:00pm</b> Holy Souls	—	—	Ss Cyril, Monk & Methodius, <i>Bishops</i> Patrons of Europe
Sat 15th	<b>6:00pm</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b> Intention of Pat Suttill (N&L)	<b>9:30am</b> Intention of Susan Travers (SVP)	—	—
Sun 16th	—	<b>10:30am</b> Intention of Wyn Joyce (SVP)	<b>9:00am</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**  
**St Joseph's Legion Room**  
**after Mass**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**


**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**  
**EMSSPP Confessional**  
**5:00pm – 5:45pm**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February**  
**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](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 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C**

**Clergy**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Mark Millward  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr Oliver Keyes  
**Deacon:** Paul Hargreaves

**Parish Office**

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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](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk)

**REFLECTION 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

There were obviously several different versions of the call of the first disciples circulating in the early Church. In the gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is passing along the shore of the lake when he calls two pairs of disciples. In John it takes place where John the Baptist was preaching. The story in Luke has many similarities to the story at the end of John's gospel after the Resurrection, when the risen Christ commissions Peter: a night of failed fishing is followed by a huge catch as a consequence of obedience to Jesus' instructions, and so the Church has always seen this event as signifying the need for obedience to Christ.

Luke's version combines the same play on words as in Mark and Matthew about fishing for people, but Luke sets the story a little later. In Mark the fishermen have never seen Jesus and follow him blindly; in Luke Peter and his friends have already got to know Jesus before they are commissioned.


A special feature in Luke is Peter's cry that he is an unworthy sinner. Luke often teaches us that no one can be a disciple of Jesus without first admitting their sinfulness: Zacchaeus the tax-collector (Luke 19:1-10), and the woman who wept at Jesus' feet (Luke 7:36-50) are other examples.

What is significant about the Lord's call of his disciples according to Luke's account?

*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 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.



**January Baptisms:** Please pray for Ella Anne and Amber Eve who received the Sacrament of Baptism in January. May they and their godparents grow in their Faith in the years ahead.

**Friendship Group** This informal group meets on a Tuesday afternoon in the Thornton Hall at St Joseph's, 12.00 until 2.00pm. All are welcome to come along, tea and coffee provided, meet up with other parishioners, great chats and discussions, various activities.

**St. Joseph's Holy Hikers Social Evening** – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 at 7:00pm in Thornton Hall (next to church). Shared table and BYOD. 50p entry. All welcome.

**St. Patrick's Fairfield Stockton on Tees will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the opening of the church on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 with a Mass at 7:00pm followed by refreshments. All welcome.

**White Flower Appeal.** ... A big thank you to all who supported the SPUC White Flower Appeal, the total raised through your generosity was a fantastic **£382.75** which is greatly appreciated.

**Stockton Hope Larder.** We are open every Wednesday from 11am until 1pm offering 10 items of food for £2, also lots of free items including bread, fruit and vegetables. This service is open to anyone. We also have a warm space serving free tea or coffee and a friendly chat. As the weather is so cold, as well as asking for food donations, we are also asking for good quality winter coats for children, men and women. Once again thank you for your generosity. God bless.

**Warm Wednesdays:** Join us from Wed 8th Jan to Wed 16th April, 10.30 to 1.30, The Institute, Grays Road, Grangefield, Stockton TS18 4LN. Free refreshments, free Wi-Fi. Free activities, book swap, bring your knitting & crafts. Warm essentials stall. Ramped access. Supported by Tees Foundation, delivered by Young at Heart ULO CIC.

**Bible Alive Subscription** the annual subscription of £30.00 is now due. Could those who receive Bible Alive please hand in to the parish office by the end of February. Thank you.

**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.

**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**.

**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.

**Youth2000 Leeds Retreat:** Saturday 15th February from 9am-10.30pm. Held at Leeds Trinity University, Brownberrie Lane, Leeds, LS18 5HD. Registration is essential, using the following Link <https://youth2000.churchsuite.com/events/td7cjfox>

## Prayer and Liturgy News

**Pope Francis Monthly Intentions–February 2025: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.**  
Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

**Blessed Carlo Acutis** is scheduled to be the first millennial saint as he will be canonised in April 2025. Because of his devotion to the Eucharist, his youthfulness and his life of deeply commitment Catholic faith in the 21st century, he is a wonderful example to all of us. We are delighted that a relic of Blessed Carlo will visit our diocese between 26-30 March 2025 and there will be opportunities to attend Mass in the presence of the relic, as well as times of veneration and talks about the life of Blessed Carlo, and all are welcome. Further information about the visit and how to book your ticket for an event can be viewed on the following website: [CarloAcutis.bwcet.com](http://CarloAcutis.bwcet.com) or see the poster in church.

**A Liturgical Day of Reflection for Liturgical Leaders for Celebrations of the Word and Holy Communion**  
**Date:** Saturday 15 March 2025 **Times:** 10.30am-3.00pm - arrivals, registration and refreshments from 10.00am  
**Location:** St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY  
**Cost:** £15.00 per person **Catering:** Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.  
*If you wish to attend, please book via the Parish Office - **Booking Deadline: Friday 7 March 2025***

**A Year of Jubilee Formation Opportunity: Adventurous Accompaniment:** As we journey through this year of Jubilee, we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope. As Catholics our hope is in the Lord who is always at work in our lives. Our new formation programme Adventurous Accompaniment is designed to help us become better at walking with others, supporting them to see God at work. You will explore how to accompany others whether it is informally while out talking with your neighbour or over a sustained relationship with family and friends. The 'Adventure' of this formation is that God is the one leading the way. All are welcome to attend.

**Dates & Times:**  
**Session 1:** Saturday 15 March 2025, 10.00am – 1.00pm.  
**Session 2:** Saturday 12 April 2025, 10.00am – 1.00pm.  
**Venue:** St Vincent's Diocesan Office, St Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 7PY.  
**Cost:** £25.00 For more information and booking details please visit [bit.ly/DHNAdventurousAccompanimentYOJ](http://bit.ly/DHNAdventurousAccompanimentYOJ) or email: [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk).

**The Cleveland Newman Circle:** A Talk by Prof. Karen Kilby, “*The Blessed Trinity mystery and the search for understanding*”  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at St Mary's Cathedral** Hall, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough TS8 0TW at **7.45**, Refreshments 7.30pm. All Welcome for more information please Tel: 01642 645732 or email [p.egerton123@gmail.com](mailto:p.egerton123@gmail.com)

### The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of the kingdom.  
May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.  
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

### Readings 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

#### First Reading Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the Temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory! 'And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts! 'Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: 'Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for. 'And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 138(137):1-2a, 2bc, 3, 4-5, 7c-8, ±1c

**R: In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart;  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels I praise you.  
I bow down towards your holy Temple.

2. I give thanks to your name  
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.  
On the day I called, you answered me;  
you increased the strength of my soul.

3. All earth's kings shall thank you, O Lord,  
when they hear the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

4. With your right hand you save me;  
the Lord will accomplish this for me.  
O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;  
discard not the work of your hands.

#### Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unworthy to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

#### Gospel Luke 5:1-11

At that time: The crowd was pressing in on Jesus to hear the word of God. He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.' And Simon answered, 'Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.' And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.' For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.' And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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### Thought for the Day

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you planted.

**Robert Louis Stephenson.**