

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
16th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C – 20th July 2025

	<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 19th	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Vigil Mass</u> Karen Harley RIP (VP)	<u>9:30am</u> Thanksgiving (A&S)	—	—
Sun 20th	—	<u>10:30am</u> Intention of Kathleen M (CW)	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	16 th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 21st	—	—	—	St Lawrence of Brindisi <i>Priest, Doctor</i>
Tue 22nd	—	—	<u>9:30am</u> Intentions of Mary (PDR) <u>10:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Mary Magdalene
Wed 23rd	<u>9:30am</u> Alan Atkinson RIP (M&AS)	<u>11:00am</u> <u>Requiem Mass</u> David Moore RIP	—	St Bridget of Sweden <i>Religious Patron of Europe</i>
Thur 24th	—	<u>9:30am</u> Marie Anderson RIP (PT) <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	The Martyrs of the Diocese
Fri 25th	<u>11:00am</u> <u>Requiem Mass</u> Arthur Bryan RIP <u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> Jimmy Hanley RIP (KM)	—	—	St James Apostle
Sat 26th	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Vigil Mass</u> Pat Chapman RIP (AC)	<u>9:30am</u> Jan Jordan RIP & for the people of Gaza (JJ)	—	—
Sun 27th	<u>12:30pm</u> Mass for the Polish Community	<u>10:30am</u> Sid Gillson RIP (SG)	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	17 th Sunday Ordinary Time

Thursday 24th July
St Joseph's Legion Room
after Mass

Friday 25th July
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 26th July
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



St. Joseph's



English Martyrs and
Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 20th July 2025
16th Ordinary Time, Year C

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

Reflection 16th Sunday Ordinary Time

Martha and Mary have become classic figures in the Church representing two different styles of life, the active and the contemplative vocation, an active apostolate or a life of prayer. Carried to an extreme, this opposition is, of course, merely silly. No active apostolate can thrive unless it grows out of a life of prayer, for we cannot draw others to the knowledge and love of a God whom we do not ourselves know and love. Nor can a life of prayer be genuine unless it leads to care for others and concern for the salvation of all those whom the Lord loves. Even a strictly enclosed community cannot claim to be a part of Christ's body unless its fabric is one of love and concern for all the members, and especially those in need, the elderly, the sick and the young.


In fact, Jesus does not present any such choice between two different religious ways of life. His speech is always in terms of absolutes. He does not use comparatives; he says that Mary has chosen not 'the better' (as our translation has it) but 'the good' part (as the Greek has it). Any 'good' life must be founded on listening devotedly to the Lord and responding to what we have heard.

How important a part does listening to the Lord play in my life as a Christian?

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.

Thank you: the funeral collection in memory of Flora Love RIP raised £333.14 which will be split between CAFOD and SVP. Sincere thanks to all who contributed.

Thank you: Second collections and donations received during the quarter ended June 2025 have been passed on to the following: The Lay Training Fund £375.05; Northern Brethren Fund £153.40; Holy Places £493.90; CAFOD £115.00; Fr Vincent £245.00; Stockton Hope £10.00; RASPS £100.00; Holy Family India Project £120.00 & Mary's Meals £40.00. Sincere thanks to all who donated.

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.

The family of Flora Love would like to thank everyone for all their prayers, kind words, cards, flowers and generous donations to CAFOD and the SVP in memory of Flora. The wonderful support received has meant so much to us all. God bless.

Red Boxes (St. Bede's and others): The Mission Boxes are now due for collection. Could you please leave the boxes at the back of Church.

DBS Volunteers: The Online Update Service – Emails from DBS

The Update Service is a free online subscription service that allows you to keep your enhanced DBS certificates up to date. It enables the Diocese, with your consent, to complete your three yearly DBS check. Your Update Service Subscription requires an annual renewal. When this is due you will receive an email from DBS which will help you to do this. If you do not renew your subscription, it will lapse and subsequently, when your DBS is due for checking, a full application will need to be completed including identity verification. If you need any further information regarding this, please speak to your Parish Safeguarding Representative.

Stockton Hope Larder: St Andrew Church Hardwick: We are open **every Wednesday from 10:30am until 12:30pm** offering 10 items of food for a £2 donation.

This service is open to anyone. We also have a warm space serving free tea or coffee and a friendly chat.

Holy Hikers next walk on **Sunday 20th July** is to Newbiggin by the Sea. Please contact David Mackintosh for more details 07913 021814.

SVP Summer Raffle

Tickets for the SVP Summer Raffle will be available after all three masses next weekend 26th & 27th July. Tickets cost £1 each or £5 for a book. There are various cash prizes, including a first prize of £5000, and the money raised goes to help those in need. Thank you for your continued support.

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 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 and young women. Any donations please contact Karen Dick on 07759 984586. 'RASPS' would like to send their gratitude and heartfelt thanks to all those in the parish of Our Lady of Walsingham for their financial donations over the last 2 years. You have helped us stay open for another year, allowing us to welcome and serve our Asylum Seekers and Refugees in the area.

Getting Married? Plan ahead.....Take time together to shape the kind of marriage you want. Marriage Care offers facilitator led marriage preparation courses that can help you to develop a faithful, fruitful, quality relationship that can last a lifetime. The courses are very enjoyable one day group sessions where you can participate and share ideas and experiences with other couples, or not, as you wish. To find out more or to book a session in your local area contact; info@marriagecare.org or ring 0800389380

March for Life UK: Join March for Life UK on 6th September in London. The right to life underpins every other right we have and without it every other right is rendered meaningless. Abortion denies the most vulnerable in our society of their most basic right which is why this year's theme is "Human Rights for All Humans." Unite with thousands of others at this family friendly event where we recognise the value of life from conception and stand up for all those who have been impacted by abortion. Find out more at <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/> or email info@marchforlife.co.uk

PARISH FINANCES

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 2025:

A summary of the income and expenditure for our parish for the year to March 2025, and a comparison with the previous financial year has been posted on each church notice board. The figures show a loss of £30,686; however this is after paying for some unavoidable building repair and maintenance works which were around £50,000 in total. These works had to be completed to ensure the ongoing safety and reliability of our churches. Sincere thanks to all who have contributed to the work of our parish and for all of your fundraising efforts.

I know that these are difficult times, but if you can afford to increase your contributions, it will be most appreciated. If you are a taxpayer, please consider signing up to the Gift Aid scheme - this is a vital additional source of income for the parish as we can claim an extra 25% of your donation direct from the Government. Fr Mark

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.

Contact Gill in the parish office for Gift Aid details and forms. Thank you.

Prayer and Liturgy News

Pope Leo XIV's Monthly Intentions – July: For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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

Alive in HOPE: A Church for MISSION. Bishop Stephen invites you to a Jubilee Day on Saturday 27th September, from 10 am to 3 pm, at Cardinal Hume Catholic School in Gateshead. Everyone is welcome! There'll be guest speakers from the Prisons' Chaplaincy and the Justice & Peace Refugee Project, and a choice of seminars/forums to reawaken and empower us for mission. This is an opportunity to connect with old friends and new, and to celebrate our diocesan family as we explore what a Church in Mission invites us to be and do! There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a prayer space in the chapel, and praise and worship led by Durham musicians 'Set A Fire'. Take a look around the marketplace where there'll be stands and gifts from some of our Catholic partners and groups. Registration and refreshments from 9.15am, but please bring a packed lunch. Ample parking is available and entry is FREE but please register at <https://bit.ly/DHNAlive25> where you'll also find more information about the seminars you'll be able to join during the day. For enquiries and parish/group bookings, email Amy at formation.mission@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 2433316. Search on Facebook, X and Bluesky using the hashtag #DHNAlive25 for the latest information and updates.

Readings 16th Sunday Ordinary time

First reading

Genesis 18:1-10a

In those days: The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, 'O Lord, if I have found favour in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, 'Quick! Three measures of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.' And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk, and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is Sarah your wife?' And he said, 'She is in the tent.' The Lord said, 'I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15(14):2-3a. 3b-4b. 5. ±1b

R: O Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

1. Whoever walks without fault; who does what is righteous, and speaks the truth from his heart; whoever does not slander with his tongue.	2. Who does no wrong to a neighbour, who casts no slur on a friend, who looks with scorn on the wicked, but honours those who fear the Lord.
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3. Who lends no money at interest,
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a one shall never be shaken.

Second reading

Colossians 1:24-28

Brothers and Sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body — that is, the Church — of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known — the mystery hidden for ages and generations, but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

At that time: Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.'

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Thought for the Day

Challenges can be stepping stones or stumbling blocks. It's just a matter of how you view them.

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