

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
18th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C – 3rd August 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 2nd	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Vigil Mass</u> The Ellis Family (BG)	<u>9:30am</u> <u>Healing Mass</u> Jean Peacock RIP (HW)	—	—
Sun 3rd	—	<u>10:30am</u> Patricia Kearns RIP (CK)	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	18 th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 4th	—	—	—	St John Vianney <i>Priest</i>
Tue 5th	—	—	<u>9:30am</u> Successful Surgery for Brooke (PR) <u>10:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Dedication of St Mary Major Basilica
Wed 6th	<u>9:30am</u> Lisa McIntosh RIP(ES)	<u>1:00pm</u> <u>Requiem Mass</u> Mary Olive Hepworth RIP	—	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Thur 7th	—	<u>9:30am</u> Marie & David Sayers RIP (AT) <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Sixtus II Pope & Companions <i>Martyrs</i> St Cajetan <i>Priest</i>
Fri 8th	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> Alan Atkinson RIP (P,C,D&A)	—	—	St Dominic <i>Priest</i>
Sat 9th	<u>11:00am</u> African Community Event Mass <u>6:00pm</u> <u>Vigil Mass</u> Anne & Bill Foley RIP (MF)	<u>9:30am</u> Vi Finn RIP	—	—
Sun 10th	<u>12:30pm</u> Mass for the Polish Community	<u>10:30am</u> Jack & Alice Elrod RIP (SB) <u>4:00pm</u> Holy Hour	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	19 th Sunday Ordinary Time

Thursday 7th August
St Joseph's Legion Room
after Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday 8th August
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 9th 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



St. Joseph's



English Martyrs and
Ss. Peter and Paul's



St. Bede's

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 3rd August 2025
18th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C

Clergy	<u>Parish Priest:</u> Fr Mark Millward <u>Assistant Priest:</u> Fr Oliver Keyes <u>Deacon:</u> Paul Hargreaves
Parish Office	<u>Contact:</u> Gill Hall Parish office hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9:30am – 3:00pm. Friday 9:30am – 2:30pm Tel. 01642 806469 Email ourladyofwalsingham@diocesehn.org.uk
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Parish Contacts	<u>St Vincent De Paul Society:</u> 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 <u>St. Joseph's Thornton Hall:</u> For any requests to book / hire the Hall please contact Philip and Cath Jackson direct on 01642 284770 Thank you. <u>The Legion of Mary:</u> meets at St Joseph's Norton; Contact 01642 531263 for information. <u>Safeguarding:</u> 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 18th Sunday Ordinary Time

Luke's language and style make it clear that he comes from a reasonably privileged background. In his stories he refers to far larger sums of money than Mark does. He also understands about investment banking and rates of interest. This makes it all the more striking that he continually warns against the dangers of wealth.

Jesus brushes aside a dispute about inheritance. The parable of the Rich Fool is perhaps the most condemnatory of all the parables; nowhere else in the gospels is anyone called outright a 'Fool'! Luke tells us that salvation came first to the poor, to the shepherds of Bethlehem, through a baby cradled in a cattle-trough. Only Luke says that the apostles left 'everything' to follow Jesus.

The guests invited to the Great Supper refuse the invitation because they are distracted by their new purchases. In the ideal young community of the early Church in Jerusalem Luke insists that everything was held in common. The only hope for the rich (for example in the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus) is to use their wealth to make friends in heaven.

What challenge does Jesus offer me in this Gospel, particularly about where I find my true 'treasure'?

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 Mary Olive Hepworth, Mary Marshall and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.



July Baptisms: Please pray for Asher Liam, Benjamin, Eryn Niamh and Zara who received the Sacrament of Baptism in July. May they and their godparents grow in their Faith in the years ahead.

Friendship Group: The Friendship Group at St. Joseph's will not be meeting through the month of August but will be starting again on Tuesday 2nd September. 12 noon – 2pm.

Thank you: Mary Atkinson & family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, Mass offerings and kind words. The collection in memory of Alan has raised £500 for Butterwick Hospice. Sincere thanks to all who have donated.

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. A Big THANK YOU for your cash donations all your continuing food donations every week which keeps our Larder stocked up. We are overwhelmed by your generosity and the money donations will be very welcome to buy in more food for the larder and keep things running. In these times of rising costs we hope that in a small way we have helped families to get by, and your donations have certainly contributed to that. Blessings to you all. Thank you from Stockton Hope Trustees and Volunteers.

SVP Summer Raffle

Tickets for the SVP Summer Raffle are available. 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 parish income and expenditure 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.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) 2025-2026 The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. The 2025-2026 CCRS course programme is now available on the Diocesan website: https://diocesehn.org.uk/education/professional-development-and-formation/#ccrs If anyone would like further information, they can contact the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

Prayer and Liturgy News

Pope Leo XIV's Monthly Intentions– August: For mutual coexistence:

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



RETREAT & FAMILY FUNFAIR: The African community within the parish are arranging a parish-wide Retreat and Family Funfair which will begin with mass at 11am on Saturday, 9th August 2025 at EMSSPP.

The event is intended to foster community, spiritual growth, and fellowship among parishioners. Activities will include Mass celebration, reflections, talks, question and answer section by an African priest from the diocese and immediately after Mass, family-friendly recreational activities within the church grounds. All are most welcome to attend.

Holy Hour: at St Joseph's on Sunday 10th August at 4:00pm. All are welcome.

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 18th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. Sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90(89):3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14, 17. ±1

R: O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.

1. You turn man back to dust,
and say, 'Return, O children of Adam.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
or like a watch in the night.

2.You sweep them away like a dream,
like grass which is fresh in the morning.
In the morning it sprouts and is fresh;
by evening it withers and fades.

3.Then teach us to number our days,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Turn back, O Lord! How long?
Show pity to your servants.

4.At dawn, fill us with your merciful love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us;
give success to the work of our hands.
O give success to the work of our hands.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

At that time: Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of one's possessions.' And he told them a parable, saying, 'The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, "What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?" And he said, "I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So is the one who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God.'

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Thought for the Day

Violence destroys what it claims to defend: the life, liberty and dignity of the human being: Pope St John Paul II