

**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C – 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

	<u>English Martyrs and Ss Peter &amp; Paul's</u>	<u>St Joseph's</u>	<u>St Bede's</u>	<u>Feast Days this week</u>
<b>Sat 9th</b>	<b>11:00am</b> African Community Event Mass <b>6:00pm Vigil Mass</b> Anne & Bill Foley RIP (MF)	<b>9:30am</b> Vi Finn RIP	—	—
<b>Sun 10th</b>	<b>12:30pm</b> Mass for the Polish Community	<b>10:30am</b> Jack & Alice Elrod RIP (SB) <b>4:00pm</b> Holy Hour	<b>9:00am</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Mon 11th</b>	—	—	—	St Clare of Assisi <i>Virgin</i>
<b>Tue 12th</b>	—	—	<b>9:30am</b> Special Intention <b>10:00am</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Jane Frances de Chantal Religious
<b>Wed 13th</b>	<b>9:30am</b> Michael Ho RIP (TW)	<b>11:30am Requiem Mass</b> Mary Marshall RIP	—	Ss Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, <i>Priest, Martyrs</i>
<b>Thur 14th</b>	<b>6:00pm Vigil</b> Mary & Mick Igoe RIP (ES)	<b>2:00pm – 4:00pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe <i>Priest, Martyr</i>
<b>Fri 15th</b>	—	<b>10:30am</b> Margaret Trigg RIP (KD)	<b>9:00am</b> Shelagh Wigham RIP (Birthday) (J&S)	<b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> <u>Holy Day of Obligation</u>
<b>Sat 16th</b>	<b>6:00pm Vigil Mass</b> Jonathan Peter Wright RIP (TW)	<b>9:30am</b> Flora Love RIP (SV & family)	—	—
<b>Sun 17th</b>	—	<b>10:30am</b> Wynne Logan RIP (MH)	<b>9:00am</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August  
**EMSSPP Confessional**  
**5:00pm – 5:45pm**

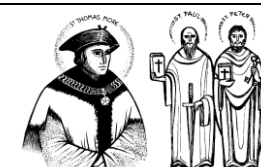
**Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469**

**Bulletin Items:** If you would like a notice included in the next bulletin, please email [parishnewsletterstockton@gmail.com](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

**P A R I S H N E W S L E T T E R**

**Sunday 10th August 2025**  
**19<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 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

Just before the reading above, Jesus has warned in St Luke's Gospel about the peril of worldly possession. This is a danger about which Luke, writing to a prosperous audience, continually reminds his audience. Then Jesus issues a series of exhortations to be alert for the final meeting with the Lord, and a series of blessings on those who are so ready. Luke does not have a great scene of a universal final judgement (as Matthew's Gospel does with the parable of the sheep and the goats).

For Luke there is no need to wait for a great final judgement scene at the end of the world; instead, with his Greek frame of mind, he is more interested in the individual judgement (for each of these parables concerns a single individual who is rewarded or punished).


This is fully compatible with the notion that each individual's final judgement is at death, rather than all together at the end of the world. Most wonderful and startling is the promise (suggested by today's parable) that, after the Master's return at the judgement, he will himself serve the faithful servants.

How may we best be "ready" for the return of the Lord?

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 Marshall and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Thank you:** the funeral collection in memory of Arthur Bryan RIP raised £52 for EMSSPP church funds. Sincere thanks to all who donated.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> September. 12 noon – 2pm.

**Holy Hikers:** next walk on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August is to Snods Edge (afternoon tea). Please contact David Mackintosh for more details 07913 021814.

**Notice for Bible Alive Subscribers:** with effect from the September–October issue *Bible Alive* will be published as a **double issue**, covering **two months in each edition**. This change is being made to help them continue delivering high-quality content in a more sustainable format. As a result, the price of your order will also be adjusted: **Current Price:** £2 per issue **New Price:** £4 per double issue. Please note, this is not a price increase, as the price remains the same over the same two-month period - just consolidated into one combined issue. We appreciate your continued support and understanding.

**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](mailto:info@marriagecare.org) or ring 0800389380

**March for Life UK:** Join March for Life UK on 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk)

PARISH FINANCES

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](mailto: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.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

**First Reading** **Wisdom 18:6-9**  
That night of our liberation was made known beforehand to our fathers, so that they might rejoice in sure knowledge of the oaths in which they trusted. The deliverance of the righteous and the destruction of their enemies were expected by your people. For by the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us. For in secret the holy children of good people offered sacrifices and with one accord agreed to the divine law, that the saints would share alike the same things, both blessings and dangers; and already they were singing the praises of the fathers.

**Responsorial Psalm** **Ps 33(32):1,12. 18-19. 20, 22. ±12b**  
*R: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.*

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting from the upright. Blessed the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his heritage.	3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. He is our help and our shield. May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.
2. Yes, the Lord’s eyes are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their soul from death, to keep them alive in famine.	

**Second reading** **Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19**  
Brothers and Sisters: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, ‘Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.’ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

**Gospel** **Luke 12:32-48**  
At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with money bags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ‘Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service, and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’ Peter said, ‘Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?’ And the Lord said, ‘Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. But if that servant says to himself, “My master is delayed in coming”, and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. And that servant who knew his master’s will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.’

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Thought for the Day

If you aim to contribute positively to the world, consider starting by caring for your family at home. *St Mother Teresa of Calcutta*