

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
26th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C – 28th September 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 27th	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Vigil Mass</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<u>9:30am</u> Flora Love RIP (SVP)	—	—
Sun 28th	<u>12:30pm</u> Mass for the Polish Community	<u>10:30am</u> Ronnie Watson RIP (MH)	<u>9:00am</u> Irene, Stanley & Peter Collins RIP (DO)	26 th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 29th	—	—	—	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
Tue 30th	—	—	<u>9:30am</u> Stuart Paul L RIP (LL) <u>10:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	St Jerome <i>Priest, Doctor</i>
Wed 1st	<u>9:30am</u> Alan Atkinson RIP (JR)	—	—	St Thérèse of the Child Jesus <i>Virgin, Doctor</i>
Thur 2nd	—	<u>9:30am</u> Aiden De Souza RIP (AM) <u>2:00pm – 4:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	The Holy Guardian Angels
Fri 3rd	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> Priests Intention	—	—	—
Sat 4th	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Vigil Mass</u> Thomas & Clare Evans TIP (MG)	<u>9:30am</u> <u>Healing Mass</u> Sheila Lannon RIP (KLG)	—	—
Sun 5th		<u>10:30am</u> Flora Love RIP (KH)	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	27 th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation		
<u>Thursday 2nd October</u> <u>St Joseph's Legion Room</u> <u>after Mass</u>	<u>Friday 3rd October</u> <u>EMSSPP Confessional</u> <u>5:00pm – 5:45pm</u>	<u>Saturday 4th October</u> <u>St Joseph's Legion Room</u> <u>after 9.30am Healing Mass</u> <u>EMSSPP Confessional</u> <u>5:00pm – 5:45pm</u>
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
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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
Internet	<u>Parish YouTube:</u> Stockton Parish Family <u>Facebook page:</u> @ParishFamilyStocktonRC <u>Parish website:</u> www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk <u>Diocesan website:</u> diocesehn.org.uk
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 26th Sunday Ordinary Time

This story told by Jesus occurs only in Luke. It is another of those dreadful warnings about the danger of wealth, for Luke's Gospel is often known as the Gospel to the Poor. Luke shows us those who blithely turn down their invitation to the banquet of the Kingdom in order to try out their new holiday cottage, their latest Porsche or the re-fitted yacht.

Through the Crafty Steward he reminds us that those who want to make money are often sharper than those who want to make the Kingdom. Through the Rich Fool he teaches us that well-stocked barns are no remedy against death.

For me there are three particularly horrible features of this parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man: firstly, the flea-ridden dogs licking Lazarus' sores: there are no pets in Palestine - dogs are either bristling guard-dogs or mangy curs.

Secondly, the Rich Man's continuing self-absorption even after death: he still does not recognise Lazarus' existence and thinks only of his own burning tongue. Contrast this with Abraham's gentleness: it almost looks as though he would cross the chasm if he could.

Thirdly, the obdurate brothers: they are just not willing to listen, even to the most startling news; nothing will distract them from their own selfish pre-occupations.

When was the last time I turned my back on someone who needed my help?

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 collection for the Comboni Mission when Sr Asmeret visited recently raised a fantastic £1,022. Sincere thanks to all who contributed.

Friendship Group: The Friendship Group is meeting again on a regular basis on Tuesdays in the Thornton Hall at St. Joseph's 11:30am – 1:30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along.

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.

Holy Hikers: next walk on Sunday 19th October is to Craster. Please contact David Mackintosh for more details 07913 021814.

SPDG - there will be a meeting of the parish Spiritual Pastoral & Development Group on Tuesday 21st October at 6:30pm in EMSSPP Hall. Please feel free to come along if you wish to contribute.

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.

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

Parish Office Email – IMPORTANT: we will be closing our old email address (parishofficestockton@outlook.com) shortly, so could you please make sure that you send any emails to the new parish office address of ourladyofwalsingham@diocesehn.org.uk in future, as they will no longer be automatically forwarded on.

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. Grateful thanks to those who have already done so. 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.



25 October 2025 | 7:30pm
Jeremy McMurray & The Pocket Jazz Orchestra
in aid of The Snowdrop Suite JCUH & The Trinity Holistic Centre JCUH
Local jazz legends, Jeremy and his musical colleagues bring their laid back tunes to the Cathedral.
This night is not just jazz but promises fun and games along the way!
Tickets £12 (Under 16s £6) Tickets: Click here
Box Office: 0333 666 3366
Cathedral Box Office: 01642 597750 | cathedralevents@rcdmidd.org.uk

Vacancies: St Joseph's Catholic Academy
Level 3 Teaching Assistant. Permanent Full-Time. Salary £21,842.00 - £23,457.00 Annually 32.5 hrs per week, term time only. Closing date 11:59pm, 30th Sep 2025
Lunchtime Supervisor: Permanent, Part-Time. Salary £3,526.00 - £3,606.00 Annually Closing date 11:59pm, 29th Sep 2025
See their website stjosephsnorton.bhcet.org.uk for more information.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest
Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10 or scan this QR code.

RESULT OF SPUC CLUB DRAW: SUNDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2025
£150 No. 32 Terry Johnson £50 No. 2 Pat Rea £20 No. 31 Geraldine Johnson
Many thanks to all who support the Club Draw. If you would like a number please contact Christine Pope on 07980 290432 or either Eileen Brydon or Maurie Ward.

Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear Nicholas Sagovsky speak about 'Heart speaks to heart'; what has Newman to do with synodality? in the hall of Holy Name Church, Jesmond, Newcastle, NE2 3JX, on Tuesday 30 September, at 7.30pm.

Prayer and Liturgy News

Visit of the Papal Nuncio
On Tuesday 30 September we welcome the Papal Nuncio, His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía to our Diocese. On that day at 1.00pm he will celebrate Mass at St Mary's Cathedral. Everyone is welcome to this celebration of Mass. As Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Buendía is Pope Leo's Ambassador to our country and so a sign of our communion with the Church of Rome. As well as celebrating Mass he will visit several of our Diocesan institutions as he stays with us.

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

Life in the Spirit Seminars: The Life in the Spirit Seminars are being run once again by the Diocesan CHARIS Group and we welcome everyone to attend. The seminars are being held at Our Blessed lady Immaculate, Village Lane, Washington, NE38 7HS from 7.00-8.30pm. All dates, seminar themes and speakers are listed below:
2 October: Salvation Fr Anthony Ohaekwusi
9 October: The New Life Christine Dixon
16 October: Receiving God's Gifts John Wheeler
23 October: Baptised in the Holy Spirit Fr Shaun O'Neill
30 October: Growth Deacon Alison Rebello
6 November: Transformation Fr Shaun O'Neill
The Life in the Spirit Seminars come from Catholic Charismatic Renewal and are designed as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. They provide an opportunity for you to find out more about that life, and to be helped in taking the first steps of a new, dynamic relationship with the living Lord through talks and small group discussions. For more information or to reserve your place, please visit: https://forms.office.com/e/PYrP88YDNq

Pope Leo XIV's Monthly Intentions – September: For our relationship with all of creation
Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Readings 26th Sunday Ordinary Time

First reading Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts: 'Woe to those who are at ease in Sion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria. 'Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 146(145): 7. 8-9a. 9b-10. ±5a
R: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

1.It is the Lord who does justice to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free.
2.It is the Lord who opens the eyes of the blind,
the Lord who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger.

3.The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
your God, O Sion, from age to age.

Second reading 1 Timothy 6:11-16
O man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

Gospel Luke 16:19-31
At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us." And he said, "Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment." But Abraham said, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them." And he said, "No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead."'
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Thought for the Day

Prayer is the best weapon we possess, the key that opens the heart of God. St Pio