# Times of Mass, Intentions and Services 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C – 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025

	English Martyrs and	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days
	Ss Peter & Paul's			this week
Sat 4th	6:00pm Vigil Mass Thomas & Clare Evans RIP (MG)	9:30am Healing Mass Sheila Lannon RIP (KLG)		
Sun 5th		10:30am Flora Love RIP (KH) 4:00pm Holy Hour	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 6th				St Bruno
Tue 7th			9:30am Holy Souls (PR) 10:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady of the Rosary
Wed 8th	9:30am Austin & Margaret Stephen RIP (FS)			
Thur 9th		9:30am Sue Travers RIP (LoM)  2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		St John Henry Newman <i>Pri</i> est
Fri 10th	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Special Intentions AF			St Paulinus of York <i>Bishop</i>
Sat 11th	6:00pm Vigil Mass Clare & Thomas Evans RIP (MF)	9:30am Intentions of Alan J (90 <sup>th</sup> birthday) (KJM)		
Sun 12th	12:30pm Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<u>9:00am</u> Sheilagh Wigham RIP (J&S)	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October
St Joseph's Legion Room
after Mass

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** 

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm Saturday 11th October EMSSPP Confessional 5:00pm – 5:45pm

Or by Appointment - call 01642 806469

<u>Bulletin Items</u>: 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. <u>Please remember to add your contact details in case we have a query.</u>

### PARISH OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM, STOCKTON







St. Joseph's

English Martyrs and Ss. Peter and Paul's

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C 5th October 2025

Clergy	Parish Priest: Fr Mark Millward  Assistant Priest: Fr Oliver Keyes  Deacon: Paul Hargreaves
Parish Office	Contact: 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	Parish YouTube: Stockton Parish Family Facebook page: @ParishFamilyStocktonRC Parish website: www.parishfamilystockton.org.uk
	Diocesan website: diocesehn.org.uk
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



## **COME TO WALSINGHAM IN 2026!**

Our 2026 Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place Friday June 12th to Sunday June 14th

The cost will be £225 for a standard room and £265 for an en-suite room

A deposit of £60 will secure your place

If you wish to register for a place, please complete and hand in an application form from the back of church.

If anyone is paying their deposit direct to the parish bank account, please add the reference 'Walsingham' to your payment

We will be running a savings club for anyone who would like to save gradually towards the cost For further details, please contact Mary on 07952 321396

### 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 Leo McCormack and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.



September Baptisms: Please pray for Benjamin Joseph Kennedy, Rosa, Mary-Lynn, Enyoojo Daniel, Iana, Zac Michael, Iris Addison, Rosie, Wren Lily, Nolan Paul & Jack Michael who received the Sacrament of Baptism in September. May they and their godparents grow in their Faith in the years ahead.

Friendship Group: The Friendship Group is meeting again on a regular basis on Tuesdays in the Thornton Hall at St. Joseph's11:30am -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

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.

#### SIGNIFICANCE GRAND DRAW

Fr Dermott Donnelly founded the charity 'Significance' to enable young people to become all that God has created them to be. Significance supports YMT and the ongoing development of the Emmaus Village and also provides grants for particular projects which provide opportunities to young people. To raise funds, Significance has launched a Grand Draw: First prize is 2 tickets for a 'Britain's Got Talent' live semi-final in 2026, first class LNER travel and overnight stay in a London hotel and there are other exciting prizes. Each ticket costs £5 and the aim is to raise £20,000 by selling 800 books x 5 tickets. The draw will take place on Youth Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025. Please support by buying a ticket or taking a book to sell. Raffle tickets can be sent to you by contacting significance316@gmail.com

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio - his charity for world mission through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unties Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit mission.org.uk to give a gift, set up a direct debit and gift aid your donation if possible.

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.

#### **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

#### The Diocese are running the following courses in October:

Liturgical Day of Reflection for Existing Ministers of Holy Communion - 'Called to the Supper of the Lamb', led by Fr Mark Millward Saturday 25 October, 10.00am - 3.00pm, St Augustine's Parish Hall, Larchfield Street, Darlington.

Cost: £15.00 per person (paid by the parish unless a donation received from the attendee). Book via the parish office.

#### 'Meeting God in Faith & Friendship', Wednesday 8 October, 7.00pm

To mark the 60th anniversary of Nostra Aetate, the Diocesan Interreligious Relations team warmly invites you to Meeting God in Faith and Friendship, an interfaith event celebrating dialogue, understanding, and unity among faith communities. This event takes place on Wednesday 8 October, 7.00pm at St Mary's Parish Hall, Bridge Street, Sunderland.

Music Matters - A Day for Musicians, Saturday 18 October, 10.30am - 4.00pm, St Michael, Houghton-le-Spring.

This day will be a time to reflect on the liturgy and the role of music within it, how we sing the Mass, the role of music ministers, and how we prepare for our service. It will be a great opportunity to reflect more deeply on our roles as ministers of music as well as a chance to meet other musicians from the Diocese and share ideas. There is no cost for this day, but please register, or for more information, please contact dcma@diocesehn.org.uk

Vacancy: English Martyrs School in Hartlepool have a vacancy for a Lay Chaplain. Please see their website ems.bhcet.org.uk for more information or use the link below. Closing date for the vacancy is 17th October 2025 at 12pm. https://mynewterm.com/jobs/140867/EDV-2025-EMCSASFC-20871

Vacancy: Headteacher St. Gregory's Academy, Ragpath Lane, Stockton-on-Tees, Durham, TS19 9AD. Permanent, Full-Time, Salary £73,105.00 - £84,698.00 Annually (Actual). Closing Date 9:00am, 17th Oct 2025. Please see their website for further details. https://bhcet.org.uk/mnt-vacancies

### Prayer and Liturgy News

JOURNEY IN FAITH 2025/26: The new Journey in Faith sessions will begin with a 'Taster' Session in the Thornton Hall at St Joseph's church on Saturday 18th October at 2.00 pm. If you are not a Catholic and you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith please come along. If you are already a Catholic and would like to deepen your faith as you journey with others, please

Holy Hour at St. Joseph's at 4:00pm on Sunday 5th October. All are welcome.

#### Jubilee Pilgrimage to St Joseph's Hartlepool Thursday 13th November

During this Holy Year of Jubilee our Diocese has nominated St Joseph's Hartlepool as a Jubilee Church, offering a place for people to come and pray. Our SVP, in conjunction with St Thomas of Canterbury Billingham SVP, is planning a Pilgrimage on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November on behalf of our two parishes. Transport and lunch will be provided. Provisional timings are to depart at 1030 returning around 1430. If you are interested in going and to help with planning the pilgrimage, sign-up sheets will be available at the back of church for the next few weeks. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the SVP.

#### 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

16 October: Receiving God's Gifts John Wheeler

30 October: Growth Deacon Alison Rebello

9 October: The New Life Christine Dixon 23 October: Baptised in the Holy Spirit Fr Shaun O'Neill

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/PYrP88YDNg

### Pope Leo XIV's Monthly Intentions - October: For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

#### Readings 27th Sunday Ordinary Time

#### First reading

#### Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save? Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. And the Lord answered me: 'Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end — it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. 'Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.'

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. ±7c, 8a

R: O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

1.Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

let us hail him with a song of praise.

2.0 come; let us bow and bend low. Let us kneel before the Lord who made us. ' Let us come into his presence, giving thanks; for he is our God, and we the people, the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.

3.O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your forebears put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work

#### Second reading 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Beloved: I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

#### Gospel Luke 17:5-10

At that time: The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' And the Lord said, 'If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Will any one of you who has a servant ploughing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, "Come at once and recline at table"? Will he not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterwards you will eat and drink"? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty."

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#### Thought for the Day

The vocation of every man and woman is to serve other people

Leo Tolstoy