

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
29th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C – 19th October 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 18th	<u>6:00pm</u> <u>Vigil Mass</u> Special Intentions for Jenny & Denise B (PL)	<u>9:30am</u> Olive Hepworth RIP (PSH)	—	—
Sun 19th	—	<u>10:30am</u> Mary Marshall RIP (EC)	<u>9:00am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	29 th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 20th	—	—	—	—
Tue 21st	—	—	<u>9:30am</u> Barbara Cunningham RIP (PSH) <u>10:00am</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—
Wed 22nd	<u>9:30am</u> Michael Harrington RIP (GEM)	—	—	St John Paul II <i>Pope</i>
Thur 23rd	—	<u>11:15am</u> <u>Requiem Mass</u> Leo McCormack RIP <u>2:00pm</u> <u>Funeral Service</u> Alfred Agar RIP	—	St John of Capistrano <i>Priest</i>
Fri 24th	<u>5:00pm – 6:00pm</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <u>6:00pm</u> Sam O'Shea RIP (AC)	—	—	St Anthony Mary Claret <i>Priest</i>
Sat 25th	<u>5:00pm</u> <u>Holy Rosary</u> <u>6:00pm</u> <u>Multicultural</u> <u>Vigil Mass</u> Mavis Key RIP (MG)	<u>9:30am</u> Sheila Lannon RIP (SVP)	—	—
Sun 26th	<u>12:30pm</u> Mass for the Polish Community	<u>10:30am</u> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<u>9:00am</u> John & Daisy Evans RIP (CJ)	30 th Sunday Ordinary Time

Thursday 23rd October
St Joseph's Legion Room
after Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday 24th October
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 25th October
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.


St. Joseph's


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St. Bede's

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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19th 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
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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 29th Sunday Ordinary Time

We often think of prayer as mere asking, and this parable encourages us to pester God as the wronged widow pestered the Unjust Judge. But that is only one aspect of Luke's teaching on prayer. He also shows us what our attitude in prayer should be in the parable which immediately follows today's passage from the gospel: the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector. The tax-collector wins approval because he just stands there, admitting his sins.

Most instructive, however, is Luke's teaching on Jesus at prayer: he reminds us that Jesus is always quietly at prayer to his Father. He needs to slip away to spend the night in prayer. Especially he prays at the most important moments of his life: at his Baptism, when he chooses his team of disciples, before he teaches them to pray, at the approach of his Passion, finally forgiving and comforting others at his death. Paul tells us we should pray continually.

The prayer of asking must be built on a relationship of love and dependence, just as the request of child to parents is built on their loving relationship. It does not matter if the child is at times naughty; the deep relationship between parent and child is one of love. So too we do not need to be perfect to make our requests to our Father.

When and how do you find it best to pray?

(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 Leo McCormack, Alfred Agar, Kevin Costello and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Today is World Mission Sunday:

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope’s charity for world mission – we stand united as God’s global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to be ‘Missionaries of hope Among All Peoples’ as everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God’s spirit. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God’s compassion, peace and justice to those in need. 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.

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

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.

Book Sales in our churches have raised a total of £324.16 for Fr Vincent. Sincere thanks to all who have supported by way of giving books or by donating cash.

Advance notice: Sunday 26th October 2025 marks the beginning of a period of a second collection in parishes for the **Clergy Training Fund**. You can make a donation to the fund through the annual collection in parish, or find out how else you can donate via the donation page on the Diocesan website [here](#).

The Clergy Training Fund is used to support the formation of Diocesan seminarians, who receive no funding from the state. It also supports the training of Permanent Deacons and the ongoing formation of all Clergy, helping them to grow and adapt in their ministry. Your kindness, through this annual collection, legacies and bequests is vital and very much appreciated by those preparing for ministry. It is thanks to parishioners like you, past and present, that we can support the clergy of tomorrow and ensure the flourishing of our Church. Please pray for our priests and deacons and pray that God will touch the hearts of those who feel called to serve as priests and deacons in our diocese.

Stockton Hope Larder: St Andrew Church Hardwick: We are open **every Wednesday from 10:30am until 12:30pm** offering ten 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 two 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 23rd 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

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.

Little Sisters of the Poor – Christmas Fayre The Little Sisters of the Poor will be holding their Christmas Fayre on Saturday 8th November from 12-3pm at St Joseph’s Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle. There will be lots of stalls, raffle, home baking and refreshments. All welcome.

Prayer and Liturgy News

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.

You are warmly invited to a special Mass prepared by the English Martyrs and St. Cuthbert’s form groups from Our Lady and St. Bede RC School. The Mass will be held in school at 2:20pm on Tuesday 21st October 2025 Hall A, and will be celebrated by Fr. Mark Millward. Our pupils have thoughtfully prepared every part of the celebration, including the introduction, readings, reflections, and bidding prayers. Music will be led by our Praise and Worship group, creating a joyful and prayerful atmosphere. We would love to see you all for this special celebration.

MULTICULTURAL MASS Saturday 25th October. Rosary at 5:00pm followed by Mass at 6:00pm. There will be a shared table after Mass with food from around the world. All are welcome.

JOURNEY IN FAITH 2025/26: The Journey in Faith sessions in the Thornton Hall at St Joseph’s church on Saturday 25th 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 join us!

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 13th 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:

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>

Readings 29th Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading

Exodus 17:8-13

In those days: Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. So Moses said to Joshua, ‘Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.’ So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses’ hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121(120):1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. ± cf. 2

R: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1.I lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

2.He will keep your foot from stumbling. Your guard will never slumber. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers Israel’s guard.

3.The Lord your guard, the Lord your shade at your right hand. By day the sun shall not smite you, nor the moon in the night.

4.The Lord will guard you from evil; he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming, both now and for ever.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Beloved: Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, ‘In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, “Give me justice against my adversary.” For a while he refused, but afterwards he said to himself, “Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.” ’ And the Lord said, ‘Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?’

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Thought for the Day

If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.

African Proverb