

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
30th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C – 26th 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 25th	5:00pm Holy Rosary 6:00pm Multicultural Vigil Mass Mavis Key RIP (MG)	9:30am Sheila Lannon RIP (SVP)	—	—
Sun 26th	12:30pm Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	9:00am John & Daisy Evans RIP (CJ)	30th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mon 27th	—	—	—	—
Tue 28th	—	—	9:30am Intention of Gill Webber (for full recovery) (TA) 10:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Ss Simon & Jude Apostles
Wed 29th	9:30am A Special Intention	11:15am Requiem Mass Kevin Costello RIP	—	—
Thur 30th	—	9:30am Intention of Alan J (90 th birthday) (P&C&A) 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	The Martyrs of Douai College
Fri 31st	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm The Holy Souls	—	—	—
Sat 1st	6:00pm Vigil Mass Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	9:30am Healing Mass Anniversaries of Martin & Betty Wing & Cecilia Hodgkiss RIP (S&RW)	—	—
Sun 2nd	—	10:30am Neil Anthony Sutheran RIP 4:00pm Holy Hour	9:00am Intention of Jim K (TA)	All Saints Day

Thursday 30th October
St Joseph's Legion Room
after Mass

Friday 31st October
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 1st November
St Joseph's Legion Room
after 9.30am Healing Mass
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

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

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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

Reflection 30th Sunday Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives the parable of two individuals who came to the temple to pray. One likely lived a righteous life due to his stature, yet blind to his flaws. The other, whose livelihood exploited his fellowmen's hardships, was quick to admit his faults. Both are Jews who worship the same God.

This weekend, our parish celebrates our diversity. But this diversity is not just the presence of various cultures and nationalities in our churches. We are a community of unique personalities, dreams, aspirations, habits, and priorities. We are all one-of-a-kind, but the world around us often magnifies our differences instead of our gifts. Sometimes, in our earnest desire to serve God, we may falter, judging others' differences rather than cherishing our unique contributions. We risk focusing on what others are doing differently, forgetting that we all worship the same Christ.

Our Lord calls us not to judge others, because that belongs to God alone. When we feel like pointing out someone's faults, or how someone does things differently, Christ shares a humble prayer, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Our diversity is a divine gift to us all. Together, we all form the Body of Christ, and this Body is unable to function well without the support of each member. Let us all grow in love for one another and celebrate the beautiful ways we are different.

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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 Kevin Costello, Mary McMaster and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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.

Thank you for celebrating World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your donations to the World Mission Sunday appeal. Your prayers and support will help missionaries work alongside communities worldwide, regardless of background or belief. Please continue to pray for all who share the love and hope of Christ with our sisters and brothers in need throughout the world. To support mission year-round, visit mission.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours).

Thank you: Second collections and donations received during the quarter ended September 2025 have been passed on to the following: £276.75 to Evangelii Gaudium; £90 to Holy Family India; £616.25 to Fr Vincent; £60 to RASPS; £45.90 to Mary's Meals & £50 to Catholic Education. Sincere thanks to all who donated.

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

Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly, supports the work of YMT and the Emmaus Village and also awards grants to fund opportunities for young people. Thank you to all who have supported the Draw which closes on Friday 14th November. Ticket stubs and payment should be returned to Significance, Emmaus Village, Pemberton Road, Allensford, Consett DH8 9BA. Cheques payable to Significance. Payment can also be made by bank transfer: Significance Sort Code: 52-30-44 Account Number: 46107363. Please put your name as reference. The Draw, which will be live streamed, takes place on Youth Sunday 23rd November at St Mary's Hexham. Please email significance316@gmail.com for further information or to buy tickets.

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.

Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear Teresa Saunders speak about Jona - the worst prophet? in the hall of Holy Name Church, Jesmond, Newcastle, NE2 3JX, on Tuesday 11 November, at 7.30pm. Teresa has a special interest in the Old Testament prophets and has spoken on several of them at Catholic People's Weeks. But how and why does she ask if Jonah may be the worst? Come and find out.

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.

Vacancies at St. Joseph's Academy:

Catering Assistant: Permanent, Part-Time. Salary £6,413.23 Annually (Actual) 11.25 hrs per week TTO + 2 days Closing Date 3rd Nov 2025

Cleaner: Permanent, Part-Time. Salary £6,680.45 Annually (Actual) 11.25 hrs per week TTO + 10 days Closing Date 3rd Nov 2025 See their website https://mynewterm.com/school/St-Joseph's-Catholic-Academy for further details.

“All Saints’ Day: Brunch by the Sea” – 1 November 2025

An invitation for women in the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle to come together to share brunch and a time of prayer and reflection led by Sr Sheila McNamara. 11am – 1pm on Saturday 1st November at St Cuthbert's, Albion Road West, North Shields, NE29 OJB. Please bring pastries, fruit or other to contribute to the bring and share brunch table. To RSVP or for more information please contact: Mary (mmadziva@ymt.org) or Amy (formation.mission@diocesehn.org.uk).

Tradition v Change? The Nicene Creed and the Development of Doctrine - Does faith change, or does it stay the same? In this 1700th anniversary year of the first Ecumenical Council of Nicaea [which formulated the Nicene Creed we proclaim at Mass] Professor Karen Kilby from Durham University will explore the Council, the Creed and the question of development of doctrine on Tuesday 4 November at 7pm in the Holy Name Hall, Jesmond NE2 3JX. All are welcome.

Adventurous Accompaniment: We are made to walk together - 9 & 16 November 2025

Our short formation programme Adventurous Accompaniment is designed to help us become better at walking with others, supporting them to see God at work. Over two sessions, you will explore how to accompany others, whether it is informally while out talking with your neighbour or over a sustained relationship with family and friends. The 'Adventure' of this formation is that God is the one leading the way. All are welcome to join the two sessions which will take place on Sunday 9 & 16 November, 1pm-4pm, at St Vincent's Diocesan Office, St Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY. There is an introductory cost of £10.00pp to attend. For further information or to book your place, please visit: https://bit.ly/DHNAdventurousAccompaniment or email Emma at formation.mission@diocesehn.org.uk .

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.

JOURNEY IN FAITH 2025/26: The next Journey in Faith session is in the Thornton Hall at St Joseph's church on Saturday 25th October at 2.00 pm. The topic is 'The Existence of God' 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:

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 30th Sunday Ordinary Time

First reading Sirach 35:15b-17, 20-22b The Lord is the judge, and with him is no partiality. He will not show partiality in the case of a poor man; and he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan or the widow when she pours out her story. He whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and he will not be consoled until it reaches the Lord; he will not desist until the Most High visits him and does justice for the righteous and executes judgement. And the Lord will not delay.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 34(33):2-3. 17-18. 19, 23. ±7a R: The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him. 1.I will bless the Lord at all times, praise of him is always in my mouth. In the Lord my soul shall make its boast; the humble shall hear and be glad. 2.The Lord turns his face against the wicked to cut off their remembrance from the earth. When the just one cries out, the Lord hears, and rescues him in all his distress. 3.The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. All who trust in him shall not be condemned.

Second reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing. At my first defence no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Luke 18:9-14 At that time: Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 'Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: "God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get." But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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I thought for the Day

The trees, the flowers, the plants grow in silence. Silence gives a new perspective St Mother Teresa