

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services
All Saints, Year C – 2nd November 2025

	English Martyrs and Ss Peter & Paul's	St Joseph's	St Bede's	Feast Days this week
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
Mon 3rd	—	—	—	The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
Tue 4th	—	—	9:30am Vincenza Morgan RIP (LL)	Holy Souls
Wed 5th	9:30am Mary McMaster RIP (TW)	—	—	—
Thur 6th	—	9:30am Mary Marshall RIP (SVP) 2:00pm – 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	—
Fri 7th	5:00pm – 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Carol Storey RIP	—	—	St Willibrord Bishop
Sat 8th	6:00pm Vigil Mass Gordon Todd & Susan Dobson RIP (DT)	9:30am Intentions of Alan & Margaret (MM)	—	—
Sun 9th	12:30pm Mass for the Polish Community	10:30am Mary Marshall RIP (EC)	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Thursday 6th November
St Joseph's Legion Room
after Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday 7th November
EMSSPP Confessional
5:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 8th November
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


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St. Bede's

PARISH NEWSLETTER
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Clergy

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Millward
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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 All Saints

These eight blessings stand at the head of the Sermon on the Mount, pointing out eight ways in which we can welcome God into our lives. They are ways of living out God's blessing, possible only if the hand of God is upon us. That is why the first and the last beatitudes knit them all together with 'theirs is the kingdom of heaven'. Jesus came to proclaim the kingship of his Father, and these are ways of living that kingship.

For each of the beatitudes, do you know someone in the parish or elsewhere in your life who exemplifies that particular attitude? Or is there a saint whom you consider typifies each of these beatitudes for you? What is your own favourite beatitude?

Jesus illustrates the beatitudes in various incidents in the gospels: he enters Jerusalem on a donkey as the gentle king; he shows love in his welcome to sinners; he brings peace to those tortured by disease or contempt; he manifests purity of heart in his single-minded pre-occupation with his Father's will; finally, he accepts persecution for what he knew to be right.

All Christians may suddenly find themselves face to face with similar shattering challenges. Which of these 'beatitudes' do you most lack? Which would you most like to acquire?

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 McMaster, Trevor David 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 **12:00am –2:00pm**. Everyone is welcome to come along.



October Baptisms: Please pray for Jessica, Joseph, Jane, Joan, Louis David and Rowan Peter who received the Sacrament of Baptism in October. May they and their godparents grow in their Faith in the years ahead.

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.

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.

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/DHNAventurousAccompaniment> or email Emma at formation.mission@diocesehn.org.uk .

Day of Consolation at Minsteracres on Tuesday 11th November from 10am to 4pm.
A poignant retreat day for people who have experienced bereavement, grief loss or significant change. This day will offer an opportunity to share a safe space, to be heard, to share with others who have had similar experiences and to hopefully find courage, hope and consolation. Lunch and refreshments are included. Suggested Donation £40
To book visit: <https://minsteracres.org/product/day-of-consolation-with-chris-smith-november2025/>

Emmaus Bereavement Listening Service: If you are struggling after the death of a loved one, or suffering any significant loss, and would like to share your story with someone outside your family, then a member of the Emmaus Team may be able to help. We would be privileged to support you in your loss as Jesus did for the travellers on the road to Emmaus. The members of the Emmaus team are trained in bereavement listening skills and are experienced in supporting those who are suffering loss. If you think we could help, please ring the Emmaus Bereavement Support Team on 07732 980740. Please leave your name and number and a member of the team will get in touch with you.

Prayer and Liturgy News

Pope Leo XIV’s Monthly Intentions – For the Prevention of Suicide
Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

JOURNEY IN FAITH 2025/26: The next Journey in Faith session is in the Thornton Hall at St Joseph’s church on Saturday 1st November 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 All Saints, Year C

First reading **Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14**
I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, ‘Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.’ And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel. After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’ And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you know.’ And he said to me, ‘These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.’

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. ± cf. 6**
R: Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.
1.The Lord’s is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm.
2.Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things.

3.Blessings from the Lord shall he receive,
and right reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Second reading **1 John 3:1-3**
Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Gospel **Matthew 5:1-12a**
At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.’

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Thought for the Day

One of the things I learned when I was negotiating was that until I changed my self, I could not change others: **Nelson Mandela**