

Times of Mass, Intentions and Services

Corpus Christi Year B – 2nd June 2024

	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 Private Intention (MH)	—	
Sun 2nd	—	10:30am Michael Hopkinson RIP (VR)	9:00am Shelagh Wigham RIP (JB)	Corpus Christi
Mon 3rd	—	—	—	St Charles Lwanga & Companions, <i>Martyrs</i>
Tue 4th	—	—	9:30am Lawrence Moore Snr & Lawrence Moore Jr RIP (GEM) 10:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—
Wed 5th	9:30am Intention of Tony Chapman (WL)	—	—	St Boniface <i>Bishop, Martyr</i>
Thur 6th	—	9:30am Audrey Watson RIP (AT) 1:00pm Requiem Mass Terence Wynn RIP	—	St Norbert <i>Bishop</i>
Fri 7th	8:15am Pilgrimage Mass Kevin O'Shea RIP (KO)	—	—	The Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat 8th	6:00pm Vigil Mass Debra Jenkins RIP (CJ)	—	—	The Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sun 9th	—	10:30am Living & Deceased of the Pallas Family	9:00am Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	10th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Thursday 6th June
St Joseph's Legion Room
after Mass

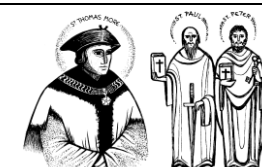
Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469

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

Sunday 2nd June 2024

Corpus Christi Sunday - Year B

Clergy

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Millward
Assistant Priest: Fr Oliver Keyes
Deacon: Paul Hargreaves

Parish Office

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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
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 Corpus Christi

The original Old Testament covenant was sealed by a death and by the sharing of the blood between God (signified by the altar) and his people as a sign of new life (see today's first reading).

Israel broke that covenant by persistently refusing to keep true to the way of life which the covenant enshrined. Now Jesus' new covenant engages us in a new alliance and gives us new life.

The story told in this reading is the warranty and guarantee that, each time we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, we are bound anew into his covenant. The story is told in almost exactly similar terms in each of the first three gospels and in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. It must have been learnt and repeated by heart. There is just enough difference to show that Mark and Matthew reflect the tradition of the Hebrew communities, while Paul and Luke reflect the tradition of the Greek-speaking communities. This narrative must have been repeated again and again from the very first years of Christianity.

Each time we repeat these words 'This is my body. This is my blood', we are entering again into Jesus' covenant. There should be a health warning. The Mass is a serious business: are you ready to commit yourself to the Kingdom, to engage in a new and personal alliance with Christ and to live your life in Him?

What obligations do we take on by receiving the Eucharist?

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 Terence Wynn and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH FINANCES

Parish Bank Account Details: Please make cheques payable to **DHN Stockton Our Lady of Walsingham**.

If you would like to make a direct Bank transfer or set up a standing order, please contact the parish office for the new account details. Thank you.

Offertory Envelopes: New offertory envelopes are now available for use from 7th April 2024.

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE OLD GREEN ENVELOPES ANY LONGER. Please contact the Parish office if you do not have any envelopes and would like some, if your address has changed, or if you no longer require a box. Many thanks.

May Baptisms: Please pray for Rome David, Benjamin, Farah, Rory Luke, Aubrey-Hope, Finley Stephen, Lenny, Beatrice and Adalia Norah who received the Sacrament of Baptism in May. May they and their godparents grow in their Faith in the years ahead.

New Lectionary: Each church will need four volumes of each lectionary and a Gospel Book. If anyone would like to buy a volume in memory of someone or in thanksgiving for something. Please have a word with Fr Mark or Gill. Each volume is £174; the full set is £695 and the Gospel Book is £275.

Walsingham Pilgrimage: we will be having Mass at 8:15am at EMSSPP and the bus will be leaving at 9:00am PROMPT. Please remember to bring your medication with you.

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, or ring John Evans on 01642 895739 who will arrange collection.

The Bread and Butter Thing: Every Thursday at 1pm at Redhill Family Hub, Roseworth. Get your weekly groceries at a fraction of the cost! See the fliers in church or visit www.stockton.gov.uk/TBBT for more information.

Roseworth Big Local Advice Service – in partnership with Citizens Advice, Roseworth Big Local has set up a new advice service to give free specialist and independent advice on benefits, grants, debts, finances, housing, energy costs, employment problems and much more. This can be arranged locally rather than travelling into town – call 01642 626135 to arrange an appointment. See leaflets in church for more information.

First Holy Communion Dresses: We have a small number of First Holy Communion dresses available for hire in return for a small donation. Please contact the parish office. (more dresses are needed please, if you are able to donate) Thank you

Stockton Hope Community Larder Hardwick: The larder is open every Wednesday from 11am to 1pm and is available for everyone. We also have a 'warm space' serving tea/coffee for free or just for a chat. Once a month we have an advisor from Citizens Advice Service - this is a free service and the next date is 12th June 2024. Everyone at the Stockton Hope Community Larder thanks you all for your wonderful generosity.

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 continuing on 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'.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) 2024-2025

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. The 2024-2025 CCRS course programme is now available on the Diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/education/professional-development-and-formation/#ccrs> If anyone would like further information, they can contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

Update from Fr Vincent Sadly Fr Vincent has not been able to secure a visa to visit us in Stockton this summer. He does hope he can make it in 2025. Please remember him in your prayers.

Roseworth Naturally Creative Arts and Craft Group: Friday mornings 10am-12:30pm at Kiora Hall, Roseworth. Please see the copy of the 2024 Programme on the noticeboard at the back of church.

Mass Intentions: if you would like a Mass to be said on a specific date, particularly at St Joseph's please give as much notice as possible to avoid disappointment.

Prayer and Liturgy News

Pope Francis Monthly Intentions June: For migrants fleeing their homes

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

Workshop on Synodality: On Saturday 8th June, Ushaw will be holding a day workshop on what the Synod on Synodality means for us. There will be sessions on the current stage of the worldwide Synod, including an opportunity to look at some of the outputs of last October's General Assembly in Rome. The workshop will also look at some practical examples of synodality in our local parishes and church groups. The workshop costs £10. The day starts with welcome and refreshments at 10.30am, and will finish by 4pm. Bring a packed lunch, or you will be able to buy lunch in Ushaw's café. You can book for the workshop on Ushaw's website at <https://ushaw.org/whats-on-at-ushaw/> For those who are new to synodality and would like to find out more about what the Synod is, and why it is important for our local church, there will be an optional introductory session starting at 9.30am.

SIGNIFICANCE FESTIVAL WEEKEND – JUNE 29, 2024:

YMT look forward to welcoming you to the Significance Festival Weekend this June, in particular for the main event on Saturday 29th June, from 10am onwards. There will be a fayre of stalls and activities, sessions for children and young people, guest speakers and live music, spread across the Emmaus Youth Village, which will be open for you to enjoy in the beautiful Derwent Valley!

We welcome everyone to gather for Mass for the Feast of St Peter and Paul at 3.15pm, with Bishop Stephen, followed by a BBQ and Ceilidh in the evening. Individuals, families, and parish groups are all welcome. For additional details and to book, please email Nicole at nsalkeld@ymt.org.

Single or shared accommodation and camping areas are available to book (all self-catered), for Friday and Saturday nights. Tickets for the Saturday evening BBQ are £10 each. Entry on Saturday for the speakers, fayre, Mass, and ceilidh is FREE (additional charges apply for accommodation, camping and the BBQ) - but we hope this day will be welcoming, fun and affordable for all the family and individuals of all ages!

Let Life Flourish Spiritual Bouquet SPUC has launched a prayer initiative in collaboration with Knights of St Columba. The spiritual bouquet is a rallying call to SPUC supporters, the wider pro-life community and all people of good will to pray with renewed faith and trust for the protection of life from conception until natural death.

Please pray for the following intentions each month:

June: For mothers and fathers of children lost to abortion

July: For the Church – that its witness to the sanctity of life will touch the hearts of all people

August: For women and families expecting a child at this time

September: For political leaders – that they will act to uphold the sanctity of life through just laws

October: For an end to abortion in the UK

November: For the work of SPUC and KSC in defending the sanctity of life

Readings 2nd June 2024 – Corpus Christi

First reading

Exodus 24:3-8

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. This he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 115(116):12-13,15-18

R: The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.

How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;

I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil

before all his people.

Second reading

Hebrews 9:11-15

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than the one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

Gospel

Mark 14:12-16,22-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

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Thought for the Day

Your greatest gift to others is a good example.

Dr. Geoffrey Still