

**Times of Mass, Intentions and Services**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year B – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

	<u>English Martyrs and Ss Peter &amp; Paul's</u>	<u>St Joseph's</u>	<u>St Bede's</u>	<u>Feast Days this week</u>
Sat 15th	<b>6:00pm</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b> For the Sick (SAG)	—	<b>10:00am</b> St Bede's School First Holy Communion	—
Sun 16th	—	<b>10:30am</b> Margaret Trigg RIP	<b>9:00am</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>
Mon 17th	—	—	—	—
Tue 18th	—	—	<b>9:30am</b> <b>Whole School Mass</b> Intention of Pauline Rodrigues (BL) <b>10:00am</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>11:30am</b> <b>Funeral Service</b> Tracey Molloy RIP	—
Wed 19th	<b>9:30am</b> Holy Souls	—	—	St Romuald <i>Abbot</i>
Thur 20th	—	<b>9:30am</b> Charles & Veronica Burlinson RIP (CB)  <b>2:00pm – 4:00pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	—	St Alban <i>First Martyr of England</i>
Fri 21st	<b>5:00pm – 6:00pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>6:00pm</b> Holy Souls	—	—	St Aloysius Gonzaga <i>Religious</i>
Sat 22nd	<b>6:00pm</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b> Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	<b>9:30am</b> Dorothy Stainsby RIP (KLG)	—	<b>SS John Fisher &amp; Thomas More Martyrs</b>
Sun 23rd	<b>9:00am</b> Mass for the Polish Community	<b>10:30am</b> Jack & Alice Elrod RIP (SB)	<b>9:00am</b> Eileen Pratt RIP (BL)	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>

<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>		
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>St Joseph's Legion Room</b> <b>after Mass</b>	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b> <b>EMSSPP Confessional</b> <b>5:00pm – 5:45pm</b>	<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b> <b>EMSSPP Confessional</b> <b>5:00pm – 5:45pm</b>
<b>Or by Appointment – call 01642 806469</b>		

**Bulletin Items:** If you would like a notice included in the next bulletin, please email [parishnewsletterstockton@gmail.com](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B**

<b>Clergy</b>	<b>Parish Priest:</b> Fr Mark Millward <b>Assistant Priest:</b> Fr Oliver Keyes <b>Deacon:</b> Paul Hargreaves
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<b>Parish Contacts</b>	<b>St Vincent De Paul Society:</b> For anything SVP related please speak to one of our members or contact Alan on 07939 912354 or Mary on 07714 327665 or email <a href="mailto:PresidentC211509@svp.org.uk">PresidentC211509@svp.org.uk</a> <b>St. Joseph's Thornton Hall:</b> For any requests to book / hire the Hall please contact Philip and Cath Jackson direct on 01642 284770 Thank you <b>Safeguarding:</b> 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 <a href="mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk">safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk</a>

**Refection 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

Jesus was a countryman, from the rich agricultural plains of Galilee, where wheat and fruit trees abounded. It was natural for him to use such imagery to describe the Kingship of God which he was proclaiming.

Today's gospel reading offers us two of the many images in Mark's chapter of parables. What did Jesus want to teach by them? Images can carry many layers of meaning.

First, the seed growing secretly all the time: perhaps Jesus meant that God's purposes are accomplished in spite of our feeble and fumbling efforts; perhaps it was a warning that after long waiting the time for decision, the time of harvest had come with Jesus' own mission.

Second, the mustard-seed: was this a reply to the discouraged disciples – or perhaps Jesus' critical opponents – that his motley little group of undistinguished peasants, fishermen and tax-collectors would grow into God's own mighty tree?

Perhaps this is a first hint that Jesus' mission is for all nations, not just for Israel. All nations would come, nest and find a home in the branches of his mission, just as in the first reading they nest in the branches of the great cedar tree. At any rate, both images show that God is in charge, and has great plans which will be fulfilled despite our own inadequacies.

What does Jesus mean to teach by these parables?

More specifically, what does Jesus mean by comparing the Christian mission to a tree?

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

### PARISH FINANCES

**FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 2024:** The enclosed sheet gives a summary of the income and expenditure for our amalgamated parish, which has been submitted to the Diocese for the last financial year. A loss of £10,111 was made, however this is after some 'one off' repairs, which were required at EMSSPP and the redecoration of St. Joseph's. Hopefully these will not be repeated, however there is now work to do at St. Bede's which will be scheduled for the coming months. Sincere thanks to all who have contributed to the work of our parish and for all of your fundraising efforts. A copy of the summary will be posted on each church notice board.

**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:** 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.

**Advance Notice:** There will be a second collection for Peter's Pence on the weekend of **29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June**.

**New Lectionary:** Each church will need four volumes of each Lectionary and a Gospel Book. We have already had generous offers of donations to cover all requirements for St. Joseph's and EMSSPP but there are 3 Lectionaries at St. Bede's still available. 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.

**Book Sale:** There will be an ongoing book sale in the Thornton Hall at St Joseph's until the end of June. You are welcome to browse and find some summer reading. All proceeds to be divided between the new lectionaries and Fr Vincent's fund.

**Sincere Thanks:** Anne Wynn and family would like to thank everyone that attended Terry's Funeral Mass and also for the donations for the Lung Health Department of North Tees Hospital. The total collected was £365. God bless you all.

**Little Sisters of the Poor** are holding a Summer Fayre at St. Joseph's home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 1-4pm. Come along and join in the fun.

### SVP South Sudan Appeal:

The SVP is having its annual appeal to help the people of South Sudan and we will have a retiring collection in our three churches after mass next weekend (22nd/23rd June). You have always been very generous in supporting this appeal and we will be very grateful for any donations you are able to make this year. Thank you.

**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](http://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](mailto: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'.

**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**.

### Bishop's House Address

**From Monday 17th June** the new address for Bishop Stephen, Bishop's PA and the Diocesan Chancellor will be:

**Bishop's House, St Aidan's, Coach Lane, Benton, Newcastle, NE12 8AD** There is no change to the telephone number and email addresses.

### Holy Island Children's Camp

Holy Island Camp has a limited number of places available on weeks 3, 5 and 7 for children in school years 5-7. A week's holiday costs £150 for food, accommodation, activities and transport by coach from Tyneside. There are still some assisted and free places. The holiday is a traditional one with lots of fun, sports, craft activities and excitement. For further details please visit <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>

## 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.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June:** Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul. There will be a shared table and party after the Saturday Vigil Mass at EMSSPP.

All are welcome.

**Proud Catholics - What's on your mind?:** Do you identify as LGBTQ+ or are you questioning your sexual or gender identity? Would you like to attend a support group run by and for LGBTQ+ Catholics in the North East? We meet **on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at St Andrew's RC Church, Worswick St.** Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 18th June, at 7.30pm**. We will write down questions uppermost in our minds that we wish to share and discuss regarding faith and sexuality. These will be put in a bag and our host will draw them out so we can share our reflections on them. Zoom link available. Please get in touch if interested. *For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email [proud.catholics@yahoo.com](mailto:proud.catholics@yahoo.com), or visit our website <https://www.proud Catholics.co.uk/>*

**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](mailto: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!

**Refugee Week event at St Mary's Cathedral:** Our Home: "stretch your tents curtains wide" Isaiah 54: 2

An event to welcome and celebrate refugees, asylum seekers and migrants to our Diocese at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on Tuesday 18 June at 6.30pm.

This event will celebrate the richness of our Diocesan family by bringing together people of different nationalities who make their home here in the North East of England.

We will have the opportunity to listen to people's stories, celebrate their talents and recognise that we are better off when we welcome the strangers and make them our friends.

We will hear what the Diocese has to offer and also see the gifts and talents of our new neighbours.

During the event Bishop Stephen will receive, on behalf of the whole Diocese, a Lampedusa Cross donated by CAFOD. This will then be housed in the cathedral as a sign of our commitment and welcome to those who are enriching life in our Diocese.

Everyone is welcome to join in this celebration organised by the Vicariate for Caritas

**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 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

#### First reading

#### Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

#### Responsorial Psalm

#### Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16

*R: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.*

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night.

The just will flourish like the palm tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

#### Second reading

#### 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

#### Gospel

#### Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

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### Thought for the Day

Through the study of books one seeks God; by meditation one finds Him.

*St Pio*