



**St. John the Baptist RC Church & St. Paul's RC Church**  
**Annitsford & Dewley**  
**Cramlington & Cramlington**  
**NE23 7QR & NE23 6EF**  
**Parishes of the St. Benet Biscop Partnership, Northumberland**



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**22nd December 2024**  
**4th Sunday in Advent Cycle C**

**Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Saturday: 5:30pm - 5.50pm before Mass at St. Paul's**  
**Sunday Morning: 9:00am - 9.20am before Mass at St. John's**  
**Church is a place of prayer and reverence for the Blessed Sacrament reserved.**  
**Please keep due silence and atmosphere of the 'Presence of God'**

**Psalm Response: *God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.***

**This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions**

| St. John the Baptist  | St. Paul's   |
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|   | Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> 6.00pm <b>John Reid R.I.P.</b>  |
| Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> 9:30am <b>Fr. Richard B Harriott R.I.P.</b><br><b>Jim Davidson &amp; Frank Ward R.I.P.</b>   | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>   |
| Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am<br><b>Living &amp; Deceased members of St. John's</b><br><b>Christmas Eve: Carols @ 11:30pm</b><br><b>Christmas Eve: Mass at 12:00am</b><br><b>People of the Parish; Brenda &amp; David Knights R.I.P.</b> | Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> <b>Christmas Eve: Carols @ 6:00pm</b><br><b>Christmas Vigil Mass at 6:30pm</b><br><b>People of the Parish</b> |
| Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am Mass <b>People of the Parish; Peter &amp; Winnie McGee; Martin &amp; Agnes Leonard R.I.P.</b>   | Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> 10:45am Mass <b>People of the Parish</b>  |
|   | Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am Mass  |
| Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Adoration & Mass at 7:00pm  |  |
|   | Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> 6.00pm  |
| Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am<br><b>John Gray R.I.P. &amp; Maud Maddison R.I.P.</b>   | <b>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b>   |



**Advent Wreath and Candles**

Advent is a time of expectation and hope filled with rich traditions. "Advent" means "arrival" or "coming," and it prompts us to pause each day in December and remember why Jesus came at Christmas. The advent wreath and candles provide beautiful symbolism for each week of advent as we wait for Christmas to arrive. A new candle is lit on each of the four Sundays before Christmas. Each candle represents something different, although traditions vary. Often, the first, second, and fourth candles are purple; the third candle is rose-coloured. Occasionally, a fifth white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath and is lit on Christmas Day to celebrate Jesus' birth. **The fourth candle of Advent, or the Angel's Candle, represents LOVE and is coloured purple to represent the boundless love that God has for us.** During this final week of Advent we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son. We reflect on the good news of God's love brought to us by the angel Gabriel. This is the last week to prepare our hearts to welcome the birth of Jesus, our saviour, into our lives.

**New Year's Day Service.**

**St. Paul's: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January – New Year's Day Mass @ 10:00 am**

**Christmas Wishes**

I would like to wish all my parishioners in both parishes a Blessed Christmas with all the peace and joy of the season. Thanks for your continued love and support shown to me over the past year. Fr. Manoj.

## School Carol Service

A very big thank you to all of St. Peter & St. Paul's school children and staff for the lovely Carol Service which they performed excellently for us last Tuesday. Well done to you all!

## Jubilee 2025

Pope Francis announced that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, and the theme is "Pilgrims of Hope". It will be a year of pilgrimage, prayer, celebration and reconciliation to open on Christmas Eve. Our Diocese will open the Jubilee with celebrations at our 2 Jubilee Hub Churches on Sunday 29th December. Bishop Stephen will be celebrating Mass and opening the Holy Door at St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle at 11.30am and at St. Joseph's Hartlepool at 4.00pm. Everyone is welcome. There's more information about the Jubilee Year on the Diocesan website [www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025](http://www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025). Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of December invites Christians to pray that each of us may become pilgrims of hope as a result of the 2025 Jubilee and is as follows: **"Let us pray that this upcoming Jubilee may strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope."** He lamented the suffering afflicting our world, saying humanity has great need of hope. "Christian hope is a gift from God that fills our lives with joy," said the Pope, calling hope an anchor for our lives. "We have to hold onto the rope of hope – hold on tight," he urged. Pope Francis went on to invite Christians to allow God to fill our lives with hope, so that we may become gifts of hope for everyone around us. **"Let us help each other discover this encounter with Christ who gives us life, and let us set out on a journey as pilgrims of hope to celebrate that life,"** he said. "And entering into the upcoming Jubilee is the next stage within that life." As Church prepares for the Jubilee, Catholics are called to become pilgrims of hope, which forms the theme for the 2025 Holy Year. "Don't forget," said the Pope, "hope never disappoints." As he walked alone during the *Statio Orbis* in St. Peter's Square on March 27, 2020, Pope Francis drew on the Gospel metaphor of a boat tossed by the waves to recall the fragility of humanity in the midst of great trials. Now, as the world faces conflict and war in various countries, the Church has the task of strengthening her own hope and sharing it with the world. **"In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future will bring."** Pope Francis.

**Mass Intentions** – There are quite a few vacant dates for Mass Intentions, please use the envelopes available at the back of the church

## Church Christmas Decoration

The Crib and the Church Christmas decoration will be arranged on Monday by Frank Swindle and his volunteers.

## Keyholders for St. John's



We are updating the list of ALL keyholders at St John's. Will everyone who holds a key for any location at St John's please inform Gerry Killen, stating which key(s) they hold, on 07963 515190 or via email to [vol0040@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:vol0040@diocesehn.org.uk).

## Parish Hall



The Parish Hall has been re-laid, a new heater installed and recently decorated. Will all Hall users treat the walls with care (Please DO NOT attach anything to the walls). Many thanks to Michael Brannan for painting the Hall. The Hall is now available for use; please book via Gerry Killen on

07963 515190 or email [vol0040@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:vol0040@diocesehn.org.uk).

Teas and Coffees will normally be served every first Sunday of the month. An appeal for Parishioners to form a rota in providing Teas and Coffees, Volunteers please give their names to Kathleen or Kevin Dawson.

## Cramlington Food Bank



Thank you so much for continuing to donate to Cramlington Foodbank. Your recent donation weighed in at a generous 21.25 kg which brings your total donated weight for 2024 to a generous 173.3kg. In addition to all of this, your monetary donation of £20 has gone towards buying extra food items for families in our 'Countdown to Christmas' campaign. Your thoughtfulness is especially appreciated during these times of rising costs for everyone. Without thoughtful donations like yours, it would be impossible for the volunteers here at the foodbank to provide for the many local people who are in need of such help. We are truly grateful to have your ongoing support. With our love, thanks and blessings.

**PARISH EMAIL'S** – To be included in the Parish email system, or, if you no longer wish to receive parish email communication, please contact Gerry Killen at [vol0040@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:vol0040@diocesehn.org.uk)

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** - Whenever possible, if the person is in church, please hand the Christmas Card to them, please do not leave at the back of church as every year there remains quite a few uncollected cards



## Red Mission Boxes

Please can all Parishioners with a Red Mission Box empty it and place the money in a bag in the Basket on St. Joseph's Altar. Please add your name in the bag. Anyone unable to get to church with their money, please contact Monica Mills on 0191 2680222. Thank You



## Remember in your prayers

Barry Hall, Maureen Cowan's friend, Pat(ricia) Ryder, Anne Hall and Karen Mackie. Also pray for Chris Garrett, Holly's husband that his improvement may continue.



## Parish Finances

St John's Weekly Collection – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December £406.00