



St. John the Baptist RC Church & St. Paul's RC Church
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8th December 2024
2nd 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'

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions.

St. John the Baptist	St. Paul's
	Sat 7 th 6.00pm Bob Rodgeron R.I.P.
Sun 8 th 9:30am Julia Thompson R.I.P.	
Tue 10 th 10:00am Ann & Karen Craigie R.I.P.	
Wed 11 th 1:30pm Requiem Mass for Maria Elizabeth Redden	Wed 11 th 10:00am Mass & Coffee Morning 10:30am Harold Turner R.I.P.
	Thu 12 th 10:00am School Mass In Church For the good health of Glynes Mayer
Fri 13 th 6:00pm Adoration & Mass at 7:00pm Brian Gratton R.I.P. Living & Deceased members of St. John's parish	
	Sat 14 th 6.00pm Ned Ryan R.I.P.
Sun 15 th 9:30am Patricia Love R.I.P.	Gaudate Sunday 3rd Sunday of Advent



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 second candle represents FAITH and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, the birthplace of King David. The second candle is also purple to symbolism preparation for the coming king.

Children's Christmas Party

We propose to hold a Christmas Party for the *children of both parishes* on Saturday 21st December from 2pm – 4pm in St. John's Parish Church Hall. Tickets will be £5 per child to include food, dancing, party games and present. For tickets please see Linda T, Terri R, Marylyn T or Fr. Manoj.



Christmas Concerts

Cramlington Community Choir Concerts on Sunday 15th December, one at 2:30pm and the second one at 4:30pm in St. Paul's Church: Please speak to Marylyn Turton who has the tickets for both of the concerts.

Christmas & New Year Services

Please see the Notice Boards for a list the services to be held at both parishes for Christmas and New Year.



Baptism

Please keep in your prayers - Alonso Leon Montesdeoca; Felicity & Florence Bucci who will be baptised at St John's on Sunday 8th December.



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



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 on 07963 515190 or via email vol0040@diocesehn.org.uk stating which key(s) they hold.



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. Please keep in your Prayers Jeremiah (Jerry) Sancaster R.I.P. who died peacefully on the 2nd December in the Freeman Hospital; please also keep all his family in your prayers.



Parish Hall

The Parish Hall has been re-laid and the Hall decorated this week. Will all Hall users treat the walls with care (Please DO NOT attached 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



Refreshments after Sunday Morning Mass

Coffee and Tea will be served in St John's Hall after the 9.30am Mass today, Sunday 8th December 2024. Teas and Coffees will normally be served every first Sunday of each 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

Please see the Notice Board for the Food Bank Appeal to help those in need in over the Christmas period. Vouchers for food parcels from the Food Bank to help those in need are available for parishioners. Please speak to Fr. Manoj if you or someone you know require one.



Advent Alms

Your Advent Alms Box donations this year will go to support St. Cuthbert's Care. Please try to be as generous as you can to help this very worthwhile charitable arm of our Diocese.



St. John's Church Cleaning Teams: Team B - 7th December



Parish Finances

St John's Weekly Collection – Sunday 1st December £326.55. Catholic Youth £76.20

Christmas & New Year Services.

St. John's: Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Carols @ 11:30pm: Christmas Night Mass @ 12:00am
Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Mass @ 9:30am

St. Paul's: Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Carols @ 6:00pm: Christmas Vigil Mass @ 6:30pm
Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Mass @ 10:45am
Wednesday 1st January – New Year's Day Mass @ 10:45am

Ss Peter & Paul's School Carol Service will be held in St. Paul's Church on Tuesday 17th December starting at 1:30pm