



St. John the Baptist RC Church & St. Paul's RC Church
Annitsford & Dewley
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Parishes of the St. Benet Biscop Partnership, Northumberland



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12th January 2025

Baptism of the Lord - 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 11 th 6.00pm Paddy & Ellen Killen R.I.P.
Sun 12 th 9:30am Deceased members of Hunt Family R.I.P.	Baptism of the Lord
Tue 14 th 10:00am Deceased members of Quarzi Family R.I.P.	
	Wed 15 th 10:00am 9:30 Rosary; 10:30 Coffee Morning Nancy, John & Keith McCarthy R.I.P.
	Thu 16 th 10:00am
Fri 17 th 6:00pm Adoration & Mass at 7:00pm Robert Bone R.I.P.	
	Sat 18 th 6.00pm Sheila, Cicely & Bill R.I.P.
Sun 19 th 9:30am Thomas & Alice Heal R.I.P. Patrick & Eleanor Killen R.I.P.	Second Sunday of the Year (C)

Jubilee 2025



A Year of Hope: An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development. 2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more for a lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic Band Ooberfuse on Saturday 18th Jan, 10:30am - midday, online. All

welcome. Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee. This event will include Luke 4:16-21, ('The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...') a core passage for the Jubilee, which will be the Gospel for Sunday 26th January. Please see our Jubilee page [Jubilee Year 2025](#) for more resources and information around the Jubilee.

We hope, as combined parishes, to organise some events to participate more fully in the Jubilee and would encourage all parishioners, where possible, to join us in these events. More details will follow when the events have been planned. **One new event is reciting the Rosary on a Wednesday morning at 9:30am before celebrating Mass.**

Pilgrimage: Hearts in Search of God - Webinar

Why go on Pilgrimage? All are welcome to join for this online Year of Jubilee formation opportunity based on pilgrimage. We are delighted to welcome our guest speaker Dr Phil McCarthy, project lead for Hearts in Search of God: Pilgrim Ways, who will share his wisdom and experience based on the history, significance and spirituality of pilgrimage. The session will also explore and consider some of the options and practicalities for embarking on a local pilgrimage during the Year of Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope. More information can be found on the following link [Pilgrimage: Hearts in Search of God - Webinar - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle](#)

Date: Wednesday 15 January 2025 | Time: 7.00pm – 8.00pm | Online via Zoom. Please call 0191 243 3316 or contact adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk to book your place. Booking deadline is Monday 13 January 12 noon.

Mass Intentions

There are quite a few vacant dates for Mass Intentions. If you would like a Mass celebrated for your own personal Intention please use an available envelope at the back of church and hand it to Fr. Manoj.

Sharing the Rosary

You are very welcome to join us at Holy Name Parish Hall on Towers Avenue, Jesmond for a 4-week course exploring the Rosary, its history and its significance in Catholic prayer traditions. Each one-hour session will include opportunities to learn about the Mysteries of the Rosary, pray a shared Decade, and even make your own set of Rosary beads. The course will run on Saturdays 25 January, 1 February, 8 February and 22 February 2025. Refreshments will be available from 2:00 pm, with sessions finishing at 3:30 pm. We warmly invite participants from other parishes, families, and young people to join us in this Jubilee Holy Year on this journey of faith and community. Whether you're new to the Rosary or have prayed it for years, all are welcome. Rosary beads will be available for anyone who needs them, but feel free to bring your own—especially if they hold a special story you'd like to share. To join the course, please either email welcome@holynamejesmond.co.uk or telephone (0191) 2810940.

Red Mission Boxes



Will all Parishioners with a box please 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

Celebration of Marriage and Family Life

Bishop Stephen will preside at a Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 8th February 2025 at 12:00pm with the theme: "Faith, Hope and Love". The open invitation will focus on couples celebrating significant anniversaries in 2025 but also to engaged couples preparing for marriage, those who have been married since our last Mass in 2024 and all married couples. We include those widowed and bereaved during this time and all who were unable, perhaps, to visit wives and husbands in hospital and homes prior to their deaths. Anyone celebrating a special anniversary can request a certificate by completing a form with their details: <https://bit.ly/DHNMarriageMass> or ring 0191 243 3316. Such certificates will be presented to couples by Bishop Stephen within our Mass.

Partnership Confirmation 2025

This year our Partnership is planning to have the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for all eligible candidates from all our Parishes on 20th June at 7.00pm at St. Bede's Church Bedlington. Fr. Manoj would request you to give him / Deacon Tony the name of the candidates who wish to make their confirmation as early as possible. The preparation of the candidates would be done jointly at Bedlington for all the parishes. The schedules about the preparation will be made available to you at the earliest date after finalising.

St. John's Graveyard

A reminder that all future burials will almost certainly be a single depth coffin burial. A double burial will only be possible with one coffin and one ashes casket. It is important therefore that couples and families are aware of this restriction. Please also note the following - **IMPORTANT** – It is a requirement of the church that **NO CURBS** be fitted to the grave with the Memorial Headstone, or at any time after the burial. There is a 300mm. maximum area from the Headstone (grave width) for flower holders etc. There may also be a requirement to have soil spoil temporarily over the plot when a burial is arranged to an adjacent plot.

Planned Giving & Gift Aid

We have received the planned Giving Boxes for the 2025/26 financial year and will be preparing them for distribution in March. If you do not already do so but wish to, please speak to Gerry Killen 07963 515190. Likewise, if you are a Taxpayer and wish to Gift Aid your donation (we can claim an additional sum of 25% **at no cost to yourself** on tax you have already paid).

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.

Parish Hall



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.

PARISH EMAIL'S

To be included in the Parish email system, please contact Gerry Killen at vol0040@diocesehn.org.uk; likewise, if you no longer wish to receive St. John's parish email communication, please contact Gerry.



Remember in your prayers

Barry Hall, Pat(ricia) Ryder, Anne Hall and Karen Mackie, Chris Garrett and Maureen Cowan's friend. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Lorraine Valentine who passed away recently.

Finances



St. John's Weekly Collection for Sunday 5th January £241.00

White Flower Appeal Collection – This will be taken at Mass next Sunday, 19th January 2024.