

St. John the Baptist RC Church & St. Paul's RC Church

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19th January 2025 Second Sunday of the Year - 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 18 th 6.00pm
		Sheila Loan, Cicely & Bill Pullman R.I.P.
Sun 19th 9:30am	Thomas & Alice Heal R.I.P.	
	Patrick & Eleanor Killen R.I.P.	
Tue 21 st	NO MASS	Tue 21st 10:00am Mass Feast of St. Agnes
		Good health of Sr. Agnes
		Wed 22 nd 10:00am Service of Word & Communion
		9:30am Rosary; 10:30am Coffee Morning
		Thu 23 rd 10:00am
Fri 24th 6:00pm Adoration & Mass at 7:00pm		
A safe recovery from a Major Operation		
		Sat 26 th 6:00pm
		Thomas Woolaghan & Ron Barnston R.I.P.
Sun 26 th 9:30am	Mary & John Todd R.I.P.	Third Sunday of the Year (C)
	& Pat & Terry Fox R.I.P.	

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE FOR TUESDAY'S MASS THIS WEEK

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.

Diocesan Holocaust Memorial Evening 2025

Will be held on Wednesday 22nd January at 7pm in St. Mary's Catholic School, Newcastle, NE7 7PE with Guest Speakers Mr. David Gold & Mr. Smajo Beso OBE. This will remember the 80th Anniversary of the Liberationof Auschwitch-Birkenau and 30th Anniversary of Bosnian Genocide. Booking is essential via Telephone 0191 243 3316 or email interreligious.relations@diocesehn.org.uk

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, I 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.

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.



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

Our Partnership is planning to have 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 names of candidates who wish to make their confirmation asap. 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.

Northern Catholic Calendars: Are on sale at the back of the church cost £3.50 per copy or £4.00 for Ring-bound.

New to the Parish: If you are new to the Parish and have not completed a new to the Parish form. Please complete a form available at the back of the church. You will then receive import updates of Parish Activities etc. Thanks.

Cluster Flies: We have an influx of Cluster flies on the rear window, The Local Authority Pest Control Dept have advised that they are not a Health Hazard, they are just an unsightly nuisance. They come inside during cold weather and remain there until the weather warms. Unfortunately, the Local Authority indicate they are almost impossible to eradicate and will return yearn after year. We will attempt to clear them on a regular basis.

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).

Cramlington Foodbank: Thank you so much for continuing to donate to Cramlington Foodbank. Please continue to support this much in demand charity with your generous support. They are truly grateful to have your ongoing support. They send their love, thanks and blessings.

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

Remember in your prayers

Barry Hall, Pat(ricia) Ryder, Anne Hall and Karen Mackie, Chris Garrett and Maureen Cowan's friend.



inances: St. John's Weekly Collection for Sunday 12th January - £444.75

White Flower Appeal – Retiring Collection will be taken this weekend