



**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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**5<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Epiphany 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 4 <sup>th</sup> 6.00pm <b>Pamela &amp; Jimmy Siddle R.I.P.</b>
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am <b>Lorraine Valentine R.I.P.</b>	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am <b>Deceased members of Kennedy family R.I.P.</b>	
	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am <b>Good health of Stawick P</b>
	Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Adoration & Mass at 7:00pm	
	Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> 6.00pm <b>Paddy &amp; Ellen Killen R.I.P.</b>
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am <b>Deceased members of Hunt family R.I.P.</b>	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b>

**Mass Intentions**

**There are a number of Masses in both parishes without any scheduled Intentions. If you would like a Mass celebrated for your personal Intention please use an available envelope and hand it to Fr. Manoj.**

**New Year Wishes**

I would like to wish all my parishioners in both parishes a Happy New Year and pray that you may all be blessed with peace and happiness in the 2025. Thanks for your continued love and support shown to me over the past year. Fr. Manoj.

**2025 Calendars**

**We still have a number of Calendars produced in house for Sr. Agnes containing her unique contemplations for each day of the year available for sale at £2.50 in St. Paul's Piety Stall. Please have a look at them with a view to buying one. Any profit made will go to St. Paul's parish funds.**

**Macmillan Cancer Support**

Greene King's 'Tub2Pub', a recycling campaign to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support and recycle plastics, will be back in 2025! Tub2Pub 2024 saw them collect over 150,000 tubs raising £12,600 for Macmillan Cancer Support. With your help, they can beat that record in 2025. From 1 Jan - 16 Feb 2025, its pubs, restaurants, and hotels will accept your clean and empty Confectionery tubs, Biscuit tubs and Cracker tubs. We are all guilty of indulging in chocolate, sweets and crackers over the festive period, and in the UK we are buying tens of millions of these plastic tubs every year! Make sure your tubs don't go to waste and bring your clean, empty plastic confectionery and cracker tubs to any Greene King managed site to be recycled. Simply leave your tubs with a Greene King staff member at the bar or welcome station within one of their locations. All tubs will be collected and taken to a plastic reprocessing centre where they're shredded, before being sold onto plastic manufacturers to use in place of virgin plastics. All money raised from the sale of Tub2Pub plastics will be given directly to Macmillan Cancer Support. Visit [www.tub2pub.co.uk/tub2pub](http://www.tub2pub.co.uk/tub2pub) for more information.

**If you would like a copy of our Bulletin via email please email Peter on [peter@killenfamily.co.uk](mailto:peter@killenfamily.co.uk)**

## 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. The unlocking of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve by [Pope Francis](#) — the event that started off the [2025 Jubilee](#) — heralded the start of a historic event taking place every 25 years and that will end with the closing of the door on January 6, 2026. The opening of the Holy Door, means that during the next 12 months Catholic pilgrims from around the world will be able to

pass through the door that is walled at all other times to get a "plenary indulgence," which means forgiveness for their sins. Other Holy Doors in Rome's three major basilicas and in Catholic churches around the world are also being opened. There's more information about the Jubilee Year on the Diocesan website [www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025](http://www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025). Pope Francis 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. He 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. 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.

### New to the Parish

If you are new to the Parish please speak with Fr. Manoj who will give you a form to fill in, or complete the one on our Website. You will then receive import updates of Parish Activities etc. Thank You

### Northern Catholic Calendars

Are on sale in the Piety Stall, cost £3.50 per copy.

### Cramlington Foodbank

Donations to the Food Bank will recommence this weekend. Please place your offerings in the marked baskets which are adjacent to the Café area. Your further donation of food items will be hugely beneficial to help restock their shelves for the new year to assist those in need. Vouchers for Food Parcels for the Foodbank are available from Fr. Manoj or Peter Killen should you feel the need for one.

### Planned Giving & Gift Aid

Planned Giving Boxes for the 2025/26 financial year will be ready in March. If you do not already use these but wish to do so, please speak to Sheila Hedley. Likewise, if you are a Taxpayer and wish to Gift Aid your donations we can claim an additional sum of 25% **at no cost to yourself** on the tax you have already paid. As we, along with many others, continue to struggle financially this is an easy and cost-effective way of increasing our parish funds.



### Remember in your prayers

Please keep Sr. Agnes Miller in your prayers. Please also pray for Martin Ashby who is to undergo surgery and for Chris Garrett and Glynis Mayes that their health may continue to improve.

### St. Paul's Rota

		<u>4<sup>th</sup> January</u>	<u>11<sup>th</sup> January 2025</u>
Bidding Prayers		Jacqui H	David S
Welcomers		Meg C & Barbara W	Julie & Bob M
Readers		Jacqui H & Peter K	Eddie L & Julie M
Coffee		Victoria L & Pamela McG	Joyce & Malcolm G
Counting	Team 5	Stephanie N & Sheila H	Team 1 Joe S, Averill R & Betty W
Cleaning	Team 3	Stella S & Barbara B	Team 4 Julie & Bob M
Bulletin		Kathy	Kathy

### Bonus Ball

Result for 28<sup>th</sup> December – No 55 G Wilkins

### Finances



St Paul's Weekly Collection for 28<sup>th</sup> December £179.22 Letter of thanks from Mission Appeal  
 St Paul's Weekly Collection for Christmas £624.41 for your donation of £112.60.

**There was a problem with the Christmas count so can anyone who pays by Standing Order and used their envelope for their Christmas Offering please let Sheila Hedley know their Envelope Number and the amount donated to enable the Gift Aid monies to be reclaimed. Thank you.**

**White Flower Appeal Collection – Will be taken on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024**