



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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26th January 2025

Third Sunday of the Year - Cycle C – Sunday of the Word of God

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 26 th 6:00pm Thomas Woolaghan & Ron Barnston R.I.P.
Sun 26 th 9:30am Mary & John Todd R.I.P. & Pat & Terry Fox R.I.P.	Third Sunday of the Year (C)
Tue 28 th 10:00am	
	Wed 29 th 10:00am Rosary 9:30am Coffee Morning 10:30
	Thu 30 th 10:00am
Fri 31 st 6:00pm Adoration & Mass at 7:00pm	
	Sat 1 st 6:00pm Bob Watson R.I.P. Mel & Maureen Biwer's 80th Birthdays
Sun 2 nd 9:30am	Fourth Sunday of the Year (C)

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.

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 Gerry Killen. If you are a Taxpayer and wish to Gift Aid your donations we can claim an additional 25% at no cost to yourself on the tax you have already paid. *If you are a higher rate taxpayer, you can claim back, for yourself, 20% of your donations made to registered charities* when you fill in your Self Assessment tax return or by contacting HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and asking them to amend your tax code. We, like many others, continue to struggle financially *so this is an easy and cost-effective way to increase your parish funds.*

Partnership Confirmation 2025



This year our Partnership is planning 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 give him / Deacon Tony a completed Application Form available from them for each candidate who wishes to make their confirmation as early as possible. Alternatively, please scan the QR Code shown below to complete an On-Line Application. The preparation of the candidates will be done jointly at Bedlington for all the parishes with Session One commencing on **Friday 2nd May at 6pm** followed by further Sessions on 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th May, 6th and 13th June from 5pm – 7pm. The Mass of Confirmation celebrated by Bishop Stephen will take place on Friday 20th June at 7pm. Please see the leaflet on the Notice Board for further details of the programme.**



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.



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

LOUDfence

St Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle is hosting a **LOUDfence Workshop** on Saturday 1st February at 10am. **LOUDfence** is a catholic movement which shares practical ways to acknowledge harm caused by abuse in any setting, through arts and crafts. All objects made in the **LOUDfence** workshop will form part of the liturgy in the Diocesan **LOUDfence** on 1st May in Alnwick. Participants are asked to bring a packed lunch with them. Light refreshments will be provided. Please bring paper, light fabric, ribbon and small objects which remind you of comforting memories, particularly in childhood.



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 25th January, 1st February, 8th February and 22nd February 2025**. Refreshments will be available from 2 pm, with sessions finishing at 3:30 pm. We warmly invite participants from all 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@holynamesjesmond.co.uk or telephone (0191) 2810940.

St. John's Weekday Rosary – Please see "Choice of Day Sheet" at the back of Church.

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

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.

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 year after year. We will attempt to clear them on a regular basis. Apologies

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.



St. John's Collection, Sunday 19th January - £351.00 White Flower Appeal - £72.50
Racial Justice Appeal – Retiring Collection will be taken this weekend