



**St. John the Baptist RC Church & St. Paul's RC Church**  
**Annitsford & Dewley**  
**Cramlington**  
**NE23 7QR & NE23 6EF**  
**Parishes of the St. Benet Biscop Partnership, Northumberland**



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**2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025**

**Feast of the Presentation 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 1 <sup>st</sup> 6:00pm <b>Bob Watson R.I.P.</b> <b>Mel &amp; Maureen Biwer's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthdays</b>
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> 9:30am <b>Patrick Smyth R.I.P.</b>	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b>
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am <b>Rosary 9:30am</b> <b>Deceased members of Cain Family R.I.P.</b>	
	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am <b>Rosary 9:30</b> Coffee Morning 10:30 <b>Margaret Forster; Living &amp; Deceased members of Forster Family</b>
	Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Adoration & Mass at 7:00pm <b>Tony and Vera Cauchi R.I.P.</b>	
	Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> 6:00pm <b>John Collins R.I.P.</b>
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am <b>Terry McBriarty R.I.P.</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of the Year (C)</b>

**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 **20<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 6pm** followed by further Sessions on 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June from 5pm – 7pm. The Mass of Confirmation celebrated by Bishop Stephen will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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

**Church Music:** We are hoping to instruct someone to operate the Organ and Music system when Gerry Killen and Angelo Memola are not available. Any parishioner willing to try and help, please make themselves know to Fr. Manoj or Gerry Killen (instructions are available).

**Cleaning Rota:** Group A - March, May, July, Sept, Nov. Group B – April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec. Cleaning on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month.

**Information Links:** To receive information and Newsletters published by the Diocese of H & N, and the Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, please visit the following websites and request to be added to their distribution lists <https://diocesehn.org.uk> & <https://www.cbcew.org.uk>

**St. John's Graveyard:** A reminder that all **NEW PLOT** 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. Burials to an **EXISTING PLOT** may well be double depth, however, a test will be carried out to confirm this prior to the second burial. 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](mailto: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](mailto:vol0040@diocesehn.org.uk);

### 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.

### 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 26<sup>th</sup> January - £300.70

Racial Justice Appeal - £81.50