



**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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**23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025**

**Seventh 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 22 <sup>nd</sup> 6:00pm <b>Terry &amp; Bill Robson - Marriage Anniversary</b>
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> 9:30am <b>Christopher Maddison R.I.P.</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of the Year (C)</b>
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am <b>Rosary 9:30am</b> <b>Fr. James Vincent Marron R.I.P.</b>	
	Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am <b>Rosary 9:30am</b> <b>Special Intention for Phil Raine</b>
	Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am <b>Mass in the Winter Chapel</b> <b>Christine &amp; Harold Turner R.I.P.</b>
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Adoration & Mass at 7:00pm <b>Private Intention</b>	
	Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> March 6:00pm <b>Pamela &amp; James Siddle R.I.P.</b>
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> 9:30am <b>In Thanksgiving</b>	<b>Eighth Sunday of the Year (C)</b>

**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.

**A Year of Jubilee Formation Opportunity: Adventurous Accompaniment**

As we journey through this year of Jubilee, we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope. As Catholics our hope is in the Lord who is always at work in our lives. Our new formation programme Adventurous Accompaniment is designed to help us become better at walking with others, supporting them to see God at work. You will explore how to accompany others whether it is informally while out talking with your neighbour or over a sustained relationship with family and friends. The 'Adventure' of this formation is that God is the one leading the way. All are welcome to attend.

**Dates and Times are as follows:**

**Session 1: Saturday 15 March 2025, 10.00am – 1.00pm. Session 2: Saturday 12 April 2025, 10.00am – 1.00pm.**

**Venue: St Vincent's Diocesan Office, St Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 7PY.**

**Cost: £25.00 For more information and booking details please visit [bit.ly/DHNAAdventurousAccompanimentYOJ](https://bit.ly/DHNAAdventurousAccompanimentYOJ)**

**or email: [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk)**

**Lourdes Pilgrimage:** Would you like to register as a helper for the Hexham and Newcastle 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes? The pilgrimage will take place between Friday 25 July to Friday 1 August 2025. Adult and Youth section volunteer registration forms are now open and live until 31st March 2025. Please register via one of the following links. If you are an existing, appointed registered helper and volunteered on the Diocesan Pilgrimage in 2023 or 2024 please use this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/bdNSkV8HvK>. To register as an Adult volunteer for 2025, please use this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/PbtE9Jd6aS>. The Youth Section of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is for those aged 16-21 (on the date of travel) or in full-time education. Please use the following link to register: <https://forms.office.com/e/mIMQfReuZD>. The Tangney Tours website will give prices of travel and accommodation on <https://www.tangney-tours.com/.../diocese-hexham-newcastle/>

**Irish Night Fundraiser:** Will be held by the Little Sisters of the Poor, St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, NE4 7QA on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025 commencing at 7:00pm. EAT, DRINK & BE MERRY. Dance the night away to the Ceilidh Band, enjoy the Irish Dancers whilst feasting on Irish Stew, Soda Bread and a Desert. Tickets are £10 each, with a Licensed bar. Further information can be obtained via 0191 273 1279 / see Leaflet on our Notice Board.

**CAFOD Big Lent Walk** is less than a month away! We'd love you to join us as an individual, Parish group or alongside your local school. Search 'Big Lent Walk' on the CAFOD website or go to [walk.cafod.org.uk](http://walk.cafod.org.uk) to sign up.

**Webinar - Seeds Of Hope:** You are cordially invited to join Bishop Stephen and members of the Diocesan Environmental Group (DEG) in a webinar to find out more about the DEG and what we can all do to reduce our impact on the environment. Date: Saturday 8 March 2025. Time: 11:00am – 12:30pm  
Details, instructions and Zoom link available on the Diocesan website: <https://tinyurl.com/mr4cmj99>

**St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD:** The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 22<sup>nd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> June in London. Candidates must be aged have completed their first or second year at university and have a passion for social justice. Applications close on the 20<sup>th</sup> April. For any queries, please contact [KeziaH@svp.org.uk](mailto:KeziaH@svp.org.uk)

**Relaunch of the Diocesan Youth Council:** YMT and the Diocese are thrilled to announce the upcoming relaunch of the Diocesan Youth Council, a vital platform for the voices of young people in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. This initiative, paused during the COVID-19 pandemic, offers a space for young leaders to develop skills and engage in meaningful dialogue about the future of our Church.

The first meeting is scheduled for Sunday 18 May 2025, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle, from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm. We are actively seeking motivated students from Year 9 and above to join this transformative council. For more details on the council, how to nominate candidates, and to view the full announcement, visit: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/announcing-the-relaunch-of-the-diocesan-youth-council/>

**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).

**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>

**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.

**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.

**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);

**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.

**Job Vacancy:** The Diocese is looking to appoint to the following vacancy: HR Adviser, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle. 30 hrs a week. Closing date: 27 Feb. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies) or call 0191 243 3301.

**Remember in your prayers:** Barry Hall, Pat(ricia) Ryder, Anne Hall and Karen Mackie, Anna Shinwell, Chris Garrett & Maureen Cowan's friend.

**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 have a Planned Giving Box Set but wish a set, 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.

**Finances:** St. John's Collection, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February - £469.18