



St. John the Baptist RC Church & St. Paul's RC Church
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9th February 2025

Fifth 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 8 th 6:00pm John Collins R.I.P.
Sun 9 th 9:30am Terry McBriarty R.I.P.	Fifth Sunday of the Year (C)
Tue 11 th 10:00am Rosary 9:30am	
	Wed 12 th 10:00am Rosary 9:30am Coffee 10:30am
	Thu 13 th 10:00am
Fri 14 th 6:00pm Adoration & Mass at 7:00pm Deceased members of the Brennan Family R.I.P.	
	Sat 15 th 6:00pm John Collins / Ellen Killen R.I.P.
Sun 16 th 9:30am Christopher Kemp R.I.P.	Sixth Sunday of the Year (C)

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.



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.



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/DHNAventurousAccompanimentYOJ or email: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

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 to sign up.

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/m1MQfReuZD>. The Tangney Tours website will give prices of travel and accommodation on <https://www.tangney-tours.com/.../diocese-hexham-newcastle/>

Please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country on Monday 10th February. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. Pray especially that Assisted Suicide won't be introduced. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting contact The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740. Please Invite others to join on the day, by Inviting them via Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/events/618329970650531/>. "And the people of Ninevah believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least...God saw their efforts to renounce their evil ways. And God relented about the disaster which He had threatened to bring on them, and He did not bring it." (Jonah 3:5,10)

Youth2000 Leeds Retreat: will be held at Leeds Trinity University, Brownberrie Lane, Leeds, LS18 5HD on Saturday 15th February from 9:00am - 10.30pm and Registration is essential, using the following Link <https://youth2000.churchsuite.com/events/td7cjfox>

CAFOD Holy Island Pilgrimage: in partnership with the Archbishop Romero Trust will take place on Saturday September 13th September. Add the date to your diary and go and join them as we journey to Lindisfarne as Pilgrims of Hope in this special Jubilee Year.

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>

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.

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

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

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.

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

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;

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.

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.

Remember in your prayers

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



St. John's Collection, Sunday 26th January - £362.80