



St. John the Baptist RC Church & St. Paul's RC Church
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Parishes of the St. Benet Biscop Partnership, Northumberland



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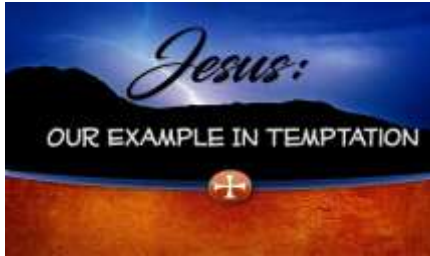
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9th March 2025

First Sunday of Lent - 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 8th 6:00pm In Thanksgiving
Sun 9th 9:30am Rose & Ronald Cain R.I.P. 5:00pm The Way of the Cross (Stations)	First Sunday of Lent (C)
Tue 11th 10:00am Rosary 9:30am	
	Wed 12th 10:00am Rosary 9:30 Coffee Morning 10:30
	Thu 13th 10:00am Mass in the Winter Chapel
Fri 14th 6:00pm Blessed Sacrament Exposition 7:00pm Mass The poor and needy of the world.	Fri 14th 10:00am The Way of the Cross (Stations)
	Sat 15th 6:00pm John Collins R.I.P. Peace & well-being of Sr. Agnes - (93rd B'day)
Sun 16th 9:30am Pasquale Santoro R.I.P. 5:00pm The Way of the Cross (Stations)	Second Sunday of Lent (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.

PLANNED GIVING & GIFT AID – The Planned Giving boxes for 2025-26 are now available at the back of the church. Please collect yours, and if possible, deliver someone else's if you know they will not be attending Mass. For those who contribute by Standing Order, there is a small box of Special Collection envelopes only. If you do not contribute by Planned Giving envelopes but wish to do so, likewise if you wish to Gift Aid your contributions, please speak to Gerry Killen 07963 515190.

EASTER VIGIL SERVICE – As Fr. Manoj will be serving the two parishes by himself this year, he is deciding, subject to numbers to have an Easter Vigil at St Paul's at approx. 6.15pm and if enough St John's parishioners indicate, an Easter Vigil at St John's at approx. 8.15pm. If insufficient numbers request St John's Easter Vigil, then the Vigil will only be held at St Paul's with the Easter Sunday Mass only being celebrated at St John's. To enable Fr Manoj to decide, please indicate your preference on the list at the back of church.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – CAFOD Family Fast Day will be held on Friday 14th March 2025. Envelopes are available at the back of the church to make your donation. Please take an envelope and return your donation on Sunday 16th March 2025.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – During Lent, they will be held every Sunday at 5pm at St. John's.



Our Holy Father

We ask you all to continue to pray for the swift and complete recovery of our Holy Father. May God's healing grace surround him during this time and may he soon return to his sacred and important duties with renewed strength and good health.



Reconciliation

Facilities to attend Reconciliation will be available prior to every daily Mass. You can also request Reconciliation at your convenience with a prior agreed time.

Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2025 - to journey evokes the lengthy journey of the people of Israel to the Promised Land. A first call to conversion comes from the realisation we are all pilgrims in this life. Christians are called to walk at the side of others, and never as lone travellers. It is necessary to walk together, to be synodal because this is the vocation of the Church. It is necessary to journey together *in hope*, for we have been given a promise, in that *"hope does not disappoint"* (Rom 5:5).

St. Benet Biscop Partnership Schedule for the Lenten Masses and Reconciliation Services:

Wednesday 12 March 2025 : St. Robert of Newminster Morpeth ; 7.00 PM

Wednesday 19 March 2025 : St. Paul's Church Cramlington ; 7.00 PM

Wednesday 26 March 2025 : Church of Our Lady and St. Wilfred Blyth : 7.00 PM

Wednesday 02 April 2025 : St. Aidan Ashington : 7.00 PM

Wednesday 09 April 2025 : Reconciliation Service & Mass : St. Bede's Church : 7.00 PM

Visit of the General Consultor of the Pallottine Fathers & Brothers: Fr. Rahul Philip, the General Consultor of the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers would be visiting the community from March 12 to 16 as a part of the official visit during the term of the General Council. St. Paul's community will have an opportunity to have a chat with him on Saturday after the Holy Mass and for St. John's there will be a short meeting of the Parish Council followed by the Sunday Mass. We cordially welcome him to our parish communities.

Irish Night Fundraiser: Will be held by the Little Sisters of the Poor, St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, NE4 7QA on Saturday 29th 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.

St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD: The SVP 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 22nd - 27th 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 20th April. For any queries, please contact 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/>

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 - May, July, Sept, Nov. Group B - April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec. Cleaning on the 1st 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;

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.

Diocesan Job Vacancies - Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details or contact them on 0191 243 3301.

Cramlington Food Bank: The recent donations of food items and cash were delivered to Cramlington Food Bank on Wednesday last week. They send their grateful thanks, love, thanks and blessings.

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

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

Cluster Flies - 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.

Finances: St. John's Collection, Sunday 2nd March - £289.40