



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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16th March 2025: 2nd 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'

St. John the Baptist	St. Paul's
	Sat 15 th 6:00pm Norah Brough & John Collins R.I.P. Peace & well-being of Sr. Agnes - (93rd B'day)
Sun 16 th 9:30am Pasquale Santoro R.I.P. 5:00pm The Way of the Cross (Stations)	Second Sunday of Lent (C)
Tue 18 th 10:00am Rosary 9:30am Living & Deceased members of St. John's Parish	
	Wed 19 th 10:00am Coffee Morning 7:00pm Good Health for Keith Hunter
	Thu 20 th 10:00am School Mass Year 4
Fri 21 st 6:00pm Blessed Sacrament Exposition 7:00pm Mass Bill & Sue Green & Bill Jnr R.I.P.	Fri 21 st 10:00am The Way of the Cross (Stations)
	Sat 22 nd 6:00pm John Collins R.I.P. Billy, Freda & Kevin Bell R.I.P.
Sun 23 rd 9:30am Terry Fox & Terry McBriarty R.I.P. 5:00pm The Way of the Cross (Stations)	Third Sunday of Lent (C)

EASTER VIGIL SERVICE – As Fr. Manoj will be serving the two parishes by himself this year, he will decide, 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 people request our Easter Vigil, then the Vigil will only be held at St Pauls with the Easter Sunday Mass only being celebrated at St John's. so Fr Manoj can decide, please indicate your preference on the list at the back of church.



Pope Francis Message for Lent 2025: Let us journey together in hope.

In his Message inspired by the Jubilee 2025 theme "Pilgrims of Hope" the Holy Father underlines that to journey "evokes the lengthy journey of the people of Israel to the Promised Land" and adds that "a first call to conversion thus comes from the realisation that all of us are pilgrims in this life". The Pope underlines that this journey is made together and explains that "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". In conclusion, he affirms it is necessary "to journey together in

hope, for we have been given a promise", in that "hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5). This is the third call to conversion, "a call to hope, to trust in God and his great promise of eternal life". The Pope encourages us so that hope "may be the focus of our Lenten journey towards the victory of Easter". For Lent, enriched by the grace of the Jubilee Year, the Pope offers several reflections on what it means to "journey together in hope" and discover the summons to conversion that God's mercy addresses to each one of us. For more information and to read the full message visit [Message of Pope Francis for Lent 2025 - Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development](https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/procurator/2025/03/20250310_message_pope_francois_en.html)



Our Holy Father

We ask you all to pray for the swift and complete recovery of our Holy Father. May God's healing grace surround him during this difficult 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 a prior agreed time with Fr. Manoj to suit your convenience.

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

There are a few 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.

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 19th 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 will be visiting the community from March 12th to 16th as a part of the official visit during the term of the General Council. We cordially welcome him to our parish communities. St. John's community will have an opportunity to have a chat with him this Sunday 16th, after the Holy Mass.

Parish Council: the next meeting of the Parish Council will now be held following the Sunday Mass on 23rd March.

Lenten Alms Collection Box: this is located in the Porch for your donations.

Maundy Thursday: Fr. Manoj is hoping for 6 parishioners from St. John's to take part in the Washing Of The Feet at St. Paul's church. Please give him your name if you are willing to take part.

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 how to nominate candidates 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.

Remember in your prayers: Barry Hall, Pat(ricia) Ryder, Tony Middleton, 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.

Planned Giving & Gift Aid: The boxes for 2025/26 are now available at the back of church. Please collect yours and if possible deliver someone else's if you know they are not coming to 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 or wish to Gift Aid your contributions please speak to Gerry Killen 07963



Finances: St. John's Collection, Sunday 2nd March - £289.40: Sunday 9th March - £416.40