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30th March 2025: 4th 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 29th 6:00pm Binita Gunnion R.I.P. The Grant Family
Sun 30th 9:30am Deceased members of Dawson, Sullivan, Taylor and Wood families 5:00pm The Way of the Cross (Stations)	Fourth Sunday of Lent (C) Laetare Sunday / Mothering Sunday
Tue 1st 10:00am Rosary 9:30am	
	Wed 2nd 10:00am Rosary 9:30 Coffee Morning 10:30 Veronica Turner R.I.P.
	Thu 3rd 10:00am School Mass Year 2 in church
Fri 4th 6:00pm Blessed Sacrament Exposition 7:00pm Mass Richard & Mary Tadesco R.I.P.	Fri 4th 10:00am The Way of the Cross (Stations)
	Sat 5th 6:00pm
Sun 6th 9:30am Dec'd of the Laggan & Dorris Families, also Maureen Beadling, John Wood & Dec'd of the Wood Families R.I.P 5:00pm The Way of the Cross (Stations)	Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, today, as we gather to celebrate the sacred gift of motherhood, we pause to reflect on the profound role that our mothers play in our lives - both as nurturers and as our first teachers of faith. On this special day, we honour all mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, godmothers, and all women who lovingly guide and care for others in the spirit of Christ. In the Bible, we are reminded that motherhood is not just a biological role but a holy vocation. In the Book of Proverbs, it says, *"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her"* (Proverbs 31:28). Truly, mothers reflect God's own love, patience, and mercy. For those who are blessed to have their mothers with us today, let us give thanks for their sacrifices, their wisdom, and their love. Let us pray for the strength to cherish and honour them, as they have cherished and nurtured us. For those whose mothers have passed, we remember them in our prayers and ask the Lord to grant them eternal peace. May the love of Christ bring comfort and healing to all who grieve today. Finally, we extend a special prayer for all who long to be mothers, or who face challenges in their journey of motherhood. May God bless them with patience, hope, and peace as they trust in His divine plan for their lives. As we celebrate this day, let us also remember Mary, the mother of our Savior, who exemplified perfect faith and devotion. May her example inspire us all to be more loving, selfless, and kind in our relationships with others. May God bless all mothers with joy, peace, and strength, and may we always honour them for the precious role they play in our lives and in the Kingdom of God. With love and blessings, Fr. Manoj Joseph



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 yourself.

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.

Easter Services 2025 – These have now been finalised and will be as follows: **Palm Sunday 13th April** – Usual 9:30am Mass at St. John's: **Maundy / Holy Thursday 17th April** - 7:00pm Mass of the Last Supper at St. Paul's: **Good Friday 18th April** - 10:00am The Way of the Cross at St. John's - 3:00pm The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ at St. John's: **Easter Sunday 20th April** - 8:30pm Vigil Mass at St. John's on Sat 19th April – Usual 9:30am Mass at St. John's on 20th April.

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

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

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

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

Lenten Alms Box: located in the Porch Floor for your donations to support the work of St. Cuthbert's Care.

Children's Liturgy Easter Raffle: The tickets will be on sale after Sunday Mass on 30th March and 6th April. Tickets will be sold at £1 each strip and the raffle will be drawn on Sunday 13th April to allow winners to collect their prize.

Maundy Thursday 17th April – Mass of the Last Supper at 7:00pm in St. Paul's church. We are looking for 6 volunteers from each parish to take part in the Washing of Feet ceremony. Please give your name to Fr. Manoj if you are willing to take part. Thank you

St. Peter & St. Paul's School - CAFOD's Big Lenton Walk: On 3rd April St Peter and Paul's children will be taking part in their Big Lenton Walk with the following as part of it: Class Mass 10am Mass years 1 and 2 combined; 11.10-11.30 years 4 and 5 combined Stations of the Cross in St Paul's church; 11.35-11.55 years 3 and 6 combined Stations of the Cross in church. Parents and parishioners welcome.

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.

Remember in your prayers: Barry Hall, Pat(ricia) Ryder, Tony Middleton, Anne Hall and Karen Mackie, Jean Hall, 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.

Northern Brethren Fund: The Annual Collection is scheduled to be taken next weekend, 5th / 6th April 2025, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, and will remain open for all other donations until Sunday 27th April. The NBF paid fully for all full grants for our retired priests in addition to the Funding offered by the Diocese through the new Sick and Retired Priests Policy. They are very grateful to you all for the support given in 2024 with last year's Church Collection raising £28,750.16 and £2,340.00 raised in individual donations.

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.

Cramlington Foodbank: 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.



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 515190.

Finances: Collection, Sunday 16th March - £470.70: CAFOD Family Fast Day £353.30 – Sunday 23rd March £368.00