



This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

| | St. John the Baptist, Annitsford | St. Paul's, Cramlington |
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| Sat 12 th | | 6:00 pm Vigil Mass Binita R.I.P. |
| Sun 13 th | 9:30 am Mass Maud Maddison R.I.P. 5:00pm The Way of the Cross (Stations) | Palm Sunday |
| Mon 14 th | | |
| Tue 15 th | 9:30 am Rosary 10:00 am Mass John, Joseph & Thomas Bell and all the deceased members of the Bell Family | |
| Wed 16 th | | 10:00 am Coffee Morning PLEASE NOTE – No 10:00am Mass this week I am Chrism Mass at Cathedral - All welcome |
| Thur 17 th | Maundy Thursday | 7.00 pm Mass of the Last Supper Living and Deceased members of St Paul's Parish |
| Fri 18 th | 10.00 am The Way of the Cross 3.00 pm The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ | Good Friday |
| Sat 19 th | 8.30 pm Vigil Mass | 5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sun 20 th | 9:30am Mass Living and Deceased members of St. John's Parish | Easter Sunday |

Mass Intentions - We offer the facility to have Mass celebrated for your own Intention. There are quite a few Masses in each parish without any scheduled Intentions. If you would like a Mass celebrated for your personal Intention please use an envelope available at the back of church and hand it to Fr. Manoj.

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|  | <p style="text-align: center;">Reconciliation</p> <p>Facilities to attend Reconciliation will be available prior to every daily Mass. You can also request Reconciliation at your convenience with Fr. Manoj at a prior agreed time.</p> |  | <p style="text-align: center;">Our Holy Father</p> <p>We ask you all to continue to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, after his return from hospital that God's healing grace will surround him during his recovery time and that he may he soon return to his sacred and important duties with renewed strength and good health.</p> |
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Easter Services for 2025



Palm Sunday 13th April
6:00pm Vigil Mass St. Paul's on 12th April
9:30am Mass at St. John's on 13th April



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:
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8:30pm Vigil Mass St. John's on 19th April
9:30am Mass at St. John's on 20th April

NEW BULLETIN

In order to try and reduce the number of copies printed and the cost involved in the production of our weekly Bulletin, copies have previously been sent via email to parishioners of both parishes and copies are also posted on both Parish Websites and in St. Paul's WhatsApp Group. If you would like to help reduce our costs further and have a copy sent to you in future via email in lieu of getting one at church please give your email address to Peter or Gerry Killen.

Weekly Homily

Fr. Manoj's Homilies are normally posted on both Parish Websites to assist those who have difficulty in hearing or are unable to attend Mass in person. If you would like a copy via email please speak with Peter or Gerry Killen.

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|  <p>St. John the Baptist RC Church Annitsford Cramlington E23 7QR</p> | <p>and</p> |  <p>St. Paul's RC Church Dewley Cramlington NE23 6EF</p> |
| <p>Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle – St. Benet Biscop Partnership, Northumberland</p> | | |
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Sunday, 13th April 2025 – Palm Sunday


Mass of the Lords Supper: On Holy Thursday the Mass of the Lords Last Supper will be celebrated at St. Paul's Cramlington at 6.00pm. At the end of the Mass the Holy Eucharist will be placed at the Chapel of Repose in the Winter Chapel and the time of the watching will be until 10.00pm. You are most welcome to spend the time with the Lord and we will conclude it with the Night Prayer at 9.50pm

Day of Fasting and Abstinence: It is a gentle reminder that Good Friday is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence. It is desired that all above the age of 14 do abstain from Meat and other luxuries. Children, elderly as well as those under special medical care are exempt from the observance.

Earthquake Appeal.

There will be a Special Collection taken in both parishes this weekend with all proceeds going to CAFOD's DEC Appeal. Please be as generous as you can towards the Myanmar Earthquake Appeal to provide water, food, solar lights, mosquito nets and water purification tablets to those devastated by this disaster. CAFOD have been providing support to communities in Myanmar, including the region at the epicentre of the earthquake for many, many years. While the full scale of the earthquake's impact will take time to emerge, we know that this disaster has further strained resources and exacerbated existing hardships. Your generosity will extend far and wide and will help the Catholic Church in Myanmar bring comfort and relief to families who are in urgent need. Alternatively you can donate directly at <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/myanmar-earthquake-appeal>

From Bishop Stephen Wright - Dear Fathers, Dear Deacons, Dear Sisters and Brothers; This is to inform you that Pope Francis has appointed Bishop John Sherrington, presently Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, as the new Archbishop of Liverpool. We keep him in our prayers as he takes on this new ministry. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will be the Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Liverpool until Bishop John's Installation. We keep Archbishop Malcolm in our prayers at this time of change.



ASSIST US TO LIVE NOT TO DIE

Last Sunday we had voting cards available for you to send to your MP asking them to attend Parliament and vote against the next reading of the Bill. We also encourage as many people as possible to seek a meeting with their MP. If enough people do so, they may be open to voting against the third reading. A number of MPs have made it clear that constituents taking the time to go and visit their MP in person is the best way to make a significant difference with this Bill. We ask that people in every constituency around the country visit their MP as a matter of urgency. Kim Leadbeater has decided to delay the next stage (day one of Report Stage) of her assisted suicide Bill from 25 April to 16 May. Although we don't know for sure why she has made this decision, we do know that her team have been going around MPs' offices in Parliament trying to work out if they have the numbers to win a vote on the Bill. It's very possible they realised they don't currently have the support to win - and decided to buy themselves more time. PLEASE do take action where possible to try and ensure this Bill is defeated in Parliament by contacting your MP and asking them to vote against the Bill. After you decide to contact your MP to ask for a meeting, please take one more important step: encourage like-minded friends and family to do the same. Thank you


2025, The Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope

St. John's News Items

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 your name to him if you are willing to take part.

**Stations of the Cross: will be held every Sunday during Lent at 5:00pm.
Easter Vigil Service: Will be held at 8.30pm on Saturday 19th April here in St John's.**

Baptism: Adana-Ariella Ezeiru will be baptised here in St. John's next Sunday during the 9:30am Mass. Please keep her in your prayers along with her parents Tasmin Brown and Emmanuel Ezeiru that they may all be blessed with a strong faith and long life.

Box in Porch Floor: To receive your Lenten Alms to support the work of St Cuthbert's Care.

Children's Liturgy Easter Raffle: The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 13th April to allow winners to collect their prize.

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 - 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.

IMPORTANT - Fr Harriott informed a few Parishioners that they could reserve a burial plot - Unfortunately we are unable to find any record of the permission. If you have been given permission and have any documentation, we would appreciate a copy as available plots are decreasing. Please note, this was not a standard practice.

Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme - An application to the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme was made recently on behalf of St John the Baptist, Annitsford for recovery of VAT on various invoices paid across the last twelve months in respect of church repairs and maintenance. Fr. Manoj received notification that the application was successful and can confirm that the sum of £826.40 has been received and credited to the parish Deposit Account.



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

Lately dead: Anthony (Tony) Gerard MIDDLETON who died Tuesday 1st April 2025. Tony's funeral and burial will be held at St. John's on Tuesday 22nd April at 10am.



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.



- Please continue to support this worthy cause, they are grateful for all your help.

Planned Giving & Gift Aid: The Planned Giving 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 but wish to do so or wish to Gift Aid your contributions please speak to Gerry Killen 07963 515190.

Collection for Sunday 6th April - £417.00

Special CAFOD Collection today for Myanmar Earthquake Appeal

St. Paul's News Items



Easter Raffle: Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter Raffle. In the three weeks selling tickets we raised £148 for the church funds. Thank you also to those individuals who donated prizes. Please check the list at the back of church to see if you are one of the 14 winner.

Planned Giving: The most convenient way to donate to the upkeep of your parish is by setting up a Bank Standing Order when joining our scheme. The alternative option is to use weekly envelopes. For those who use these envelopes they are now ready to be collected from the Piety Stall for the 2025 / 26 Tax Year. **If you are not using the scheme, please do consider joining.** If you are a taxpayer and sign up to Gift Aid this would enable the parish to reclaim the tax you have already paid on your donations thus giving us an additional 25%, **AT NO COST TO YOU.**



Volunteers: In order to KEEP YOUR PARISH FUNCTIONING EFFECTIVELY we are desperately in need of more people to assist / take on board a variety of roles within the parish; namely Financial Co-ordinator, Cleaners, Live Streaming of Services, Music for Mass when David is unavailable, Bulletin Production, Volunteers Weekly Rota, Flower Arranging, Parish Website Upkeep, YouTube Channel Updating, Facebook Page monitoring / updating, Gardener (grass cutting), Welcomers etc. All required training and assistance will be available. Without your help the load will continue to mount unsustainably on Fr. Manoj and the limited number of our ever-aging (generally 75+) volunteers resulting in a serious deterioration in the running of YOUR parish. Please do give this some serious thought and if you can help in any way **PLEASE** do speak to either Fr. Manoj or Peter Killen (07948 403341).



Remember in your prayers: Please keep Sr. Agnes in your prayers and pray for Chris Garrett and Glynis Mayes that their health may continue to improve.

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| | 12th April 2025 | Ministry Rota | 17th April | 19th April 2025 |
| Bidding Prayers | Terry C | Jacqui H | David S | |
| Welcomers | Russell & Stephanie N | Linda T & Margaret H | Julie & Bob M | |
| Readers | Terry C & Margaret F | Jacqui H & Peter K | | |
| Passion Narrator | Deacon | | Old Testament | 1 Eddie L |
| | Jesus | | | 2 Julie M |
| | Crowd | | | 3 Malcolm G |
| | | | | 4 Gladys H |
| | | | | 5 Margaret F |
| | | | New Testament | Terry C |
| Coffee | Victoria L & Pamela McG | | Joyce & Malcolm G | |
| Counting | Team 4 Maureen B, Meg Kathy | | Team 5 Stephanie N & Sheila H | |
| Cleaning | Team 1 Barbara W & Kathy | | Team 2 Terry C | |
| Bulletin | Mariela | | Mariela | |



Finances
St. Paul's Collection, 5th April £217.80 Northern Brethren Fund £92.55
Special CAFOD Collection today for Myanmar Earthquake Appeal

Bonus Ball: No 18 R Norwood. 200 Club 1st No 41 S Swinburn, 2nd No 22 M Turton, 3rd No 5 G Wilkins

Joint News Items

Holy Place Collection - The retiring collection next weekend, Easter Sunday, is for the Catholic community of the Holy Land [Holy Places] - the religious sites in the Holy Land and the catholic Christian community that lives there. Please pray for the prevalence of peace and harmony in those troubled areas.

Northern Brethren Fund - 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.

Diocesan Job Vacancies - The Diocese is looking to appoint to the following vacancies

Head of Human Resources, based at the Diocesan Offices - full-time, permanent contract. Closing date: 27 April

Chief Executive Officer of the Youth Ministry Trust, based at the Emmaus Village, Consett - full-time, permanent contract. Closing date: 25 April

Parish Secretary, St Bede & Ss Peter and Paul, South Shields - 12 hours a week, permanent contract. Closing date: 21 April
Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.