

## This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 pm Easter Vigil Mass <b>People of the Parish</b>	6:00pm Easter Vigil Mass <b>Living and Deceased members of St. Paul's Parish</b>
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am Mass <b>Living and Deceased members of St. John's Parish</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>		
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00 am Mass <b>Requiem Mass &amp; Burial of Tony Middleton R.I.P.</b>	
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>		10:00 am Mass Coffee Morning to follow Mass <b>Janet Garvey &amp; Kevin Robson R.I.P.</b>
Thur 24 <sup>th</sup>		10:00 am Mass
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 - 6:55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Word & Communion	
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am Mass <b>John Donoghue R.I.P.</b>	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>

**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.**



### Reconciliation

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.



### Our Holy Father

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.

### Final Synod Document - Online book club; Wednesday evenings from 21st May

Pope Francis adopted the Rome Synod Assembly's recommendations into the Church's Magisterium on 26th October 2024. Explore the Final Synod Document over six weeks with an inspiring cast of experts including Archbishop Jason Gordon, Trinidad and Tobago. Join us live on Wednesdays from 7:30–8:30pm, 21st May to 25th June, or watch anytime on YouTube. Perfect for small groups or individual reflection. Find out more and register at <https://www.schoolforsynodality.org.uk/our-resources/final-document-book-club-2025>.

### NEW BULLETIN

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.

### 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.



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## Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Easter Sunday



**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

**Dear friends in Christ;**

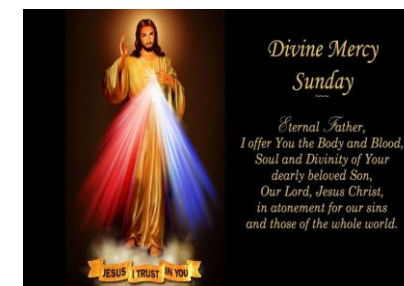
With great joy in my heart, I greet you this Easter with the ancient and glorious proclamation: He is truly risen!

As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, I pray that the light of Easter morning fills your hearts and homes with peace, hope, and the deep joy that only the Risen Savior can bring. This holy season reminds us that no darkness, no suffering, not even death itself, has the final word. Love has triumphed. Life has overcome. God is with us.

I thank each of you for walking the Lenten journey together as a parish family in our partnership through our Lenten Masses, Reconciliation, prayer, fasting, and acts of charity.

Now, we rejoice together in the fullness of God's mercy and the gift of new life. May the Risen Lord bless you and your loved ones abundantly. May He renew your strength, heal your wounds, and deepen your faith. And may our parish continue to be a place where the joy of the Gospel is lived and shared.

Wishing you and your families a blessed and joyful Easter! In the love of the Risen Christ, **Fr. Manoj**



### Divine Mercy Sunday

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonisation of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. The Lord expressed His will regarding this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her Diary entry 699: My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Divine Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

### Learn the steps of CPR via the British Heart Foundation

If you want access to free online training from the British Heart Foundation covering both CPR and the use of a Defibrillator which can be completed without the need for a donation please speak with Gerry Killen or Peter Killen who will supply you with the relevant links. If you require a certificate, one can be downloaded from a follow up email.

**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 or via both Websites. You will then receive import updates of Parish Activities etc. Thanks.

### St. John's News Items

**Baptism:** Adana-Ariella Ezeiru will be baptised here in St. John's on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 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.

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

**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](mailto: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



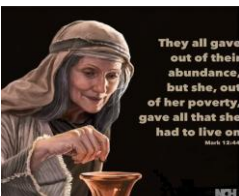
**Remember in your prayers:** Barry Hall, Pat(ricia) Ryder, Anne Hall and Karen Mackie, Jean Hall, Anna Shinwell, Chris Garrett & Maureen Cowan's friend.

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

**Cramlington Foodbank** – 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.

**Easter Raffle:** A big thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the Easter Egg Raffle. We really appreciate your support.

We raised an amazing £145. The winning tickets are: 1st Prize - Blue ticket – 61, 2nd Prize - White ticket – 255, 3rd Prize - Blue ticket - 5

Please collect your prize from St John's Church or ring Barbara on 07841412724 if this is a problem.

Happy Easter to you all from the Children's Liturgy.

St. John's Collection, 12<sup>th</sup> April £358.00

**Special CAFOD Collection for Myanmar Earthquake Appeal: £315.85**

### St. Paul's News Items

**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.** *If you are a higher rate taxpayer, you can claim back, for yourself, 20% of your donations made to registered charities* when you fill in your [Self Assessment tax return](#) or by [contacting HM Revenue and Customs \(HMRC\)](#) and asking them to amend your tax code. We, like many others, continue to struggle financially *so this is an easy and cost-effective way to increase your parish funds.* **PLEASE SPEAK WITH SHEILA HEDLEY IF YOU NEED ANY ASSISTANCE TO JOIN.**



**Remember in your prayers:** Please keep Sr. Agnes in your prayers and pray for Chris Garrett, Linda Turnbull and Glynis Mayes that their health may continue to improve. Also pray for the repose Sr. Aelred whose funeral will be at 9:30am on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April in St. Mary's, Sunderland.

### Ministry Rota

	<u>26<sup>th</sup> April 2025</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> May</u>
Bidding Prayers	Teresa K	Malcolm G
Welcomers	Russell & Stephanie N	Peter K & Margaret H
Readers	Teresa K & Patrick C	Malcolm G & Gladys H
Coffee	Victoria L & Pamela McG	Joyce & Malcolm G
Counting	Team 1 Joe S, Averill R & Betty	Team 2 Maria H & Kathy D
Cleaning	Team 3 Stella S & Barbara B	Team 4 Julie & Bob M
Bulletin	Peter	Peter

### Finances

St. Paul's Collection, 12<sup>th</sup> April £256.15

**Special CAFOD Collection for Myanmar Earthquake Appeal: £211.60**

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

### Joint News Items

**Holy Place Collection** - The retiring collection for 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.

### ASSIST US TO LIVE NOT TO DIE



We still have 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

**Northern Brethren Fund** - will remain open for all other donations until next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.