

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

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
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>
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>		
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am Mass <b>A Sick Person (Keith)</b>	
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>		10:00 am Mass Coffee Morning to follow Mass
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup>		10:00 am Mass
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:00 - 6:55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Mass <b>Holy Souls R.I.P.</b>	
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass <b>June O'Keefe R.I.P.</b>
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am Mass <b>Frederick, Catherine and the deceased members of the Marshall family</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</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.**

### 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>.

### 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.

**A Prayer for the Election of a New Pope:** O God, who in your wondrous love watches over your Church, fill the cardinal-electors with your Holy Spirit to strengthen and inspire them as they choose a new Holy Father to lead us. May they choose a shepherd for your Church who will please you in his holiness and guide his flock with love and watchful care, especially for the sick, the poor and the vulnerable. We pray that your Holy Spirit will hover over the one who is chosen, to strengthen him to be a messenger of love, peace and unity in our world. We offer our prayer through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

### 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.

### 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.



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and

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## Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Divine Mercy Sunday



### 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.

### Pope Francis - Requiescat in Pace



As a diocesan family we pray for Pope Francis who was called to the Lord on the morning of the 21st April. In this Easter Octave where every day is celebrated as Easter Sunday, we celebrate the victory of the Resurrection over death. We pray Pope Francis now shares in that victory and enjoys eternal life. We give thanks for Pope Francis' ministry as a Jesuit priest, Bishop in Argentina and finally, as the successor of St. Peter. As Pope he always looked at situations through the eyes of the poor, following the example of his Patron, Saint Francis of Assisi. He was a joy to meet in person and an inspiration to so many, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. We commend Pope Francis to the Lord; eternal rest grant unto him O Lord. May he rest in peace.

Bishop Stephen

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales released a statement following the death of Pope Francis, including a short biography. It makes for excellent reading to celebrate the life of Pope Francis and learn more about his teachings and the legacy of faith and love he leaves behind for the church and all of us.

Please take the time to read it in <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-francis-requiescat-in-pace/>

St. John the Baptist Parish News



**Remember in your prayers:** Barry Hall, Pat(ricia) Ryder, Anne Hall and Karen Mackie, Jean Hall, Anna Shinwell, Chris Garrett & Maureen Cowan’s friend. Please pray for the repose of the soul of our Hoy Father, Pope Francis, whose Requiem Mass was held in Rome on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April  
Lately dead: Anthony (Tony) Gerard MIDDLETON who died 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 with his funeral and burial held at St. John’s on 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

**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)



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 not able unable to get to church with their money, please contact Monica Mills on 0191 2680222.



**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.



**Cramlington Foodbank:** Please continue to support this worthy cause, they are grateful for all your help. We received the following letter of thanks 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 – “Thank you so much for continuing to donate to Cramlington Foodbank. Your recent donation weighed in at a generous 17.25kg which has really helped to restock our shelves after a really busy start to the year. Without thoughtful donations like yours, it would be impossible for the volunteers here at the Foodbank to provide for the many local people who are in need of such help. We are truly grateful to have your ongoing support.

**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.**



**St. John’s Weekly Collection for 20<sup>th</sup> April £596.60**  
**Easter Offering £168.00**  
**Special Collection for the Holy Places £15.50**

Joint News Items

**Items for the Bulletin:** If you wish to have any items go into our weekly Bulletin can you please send them via email to [bulletin@stpauls-rc.co.uk](mailto:bulletin@stpauls-rc.co.uk) by 7:00pm on a Wednesday evening to give the compositors time to prepare the Bulletin for printing.

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.

**Diocesan Job Vacancies** – to find out about the latest available positions please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies) for full details or contact them on 0191 243 3301.

**Northern Brethren Fund:** closes this 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.

Joint News Items continued



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 t their MP as a matter of urgency. Kim Leadbeater has decided to delay (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

**Thank you:** My grateful thanks to everyone who has offered me their prayers, cards and wishes for Saturday, the occasion of the 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood. They mean a lot to me and help me feel at home here in Cramlington. **Fr. Manoj.**

St. Paul’s Parish News

**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.

**Finances**  
**St. Paul’s Collections**  
**19<sup>th</sup> April: £194.62**  
**Easter Collection: £191.00**  
**Holy Places Collection: £144.30**

**Bonus Ball**  
19<sup>th</sup> April: Number 33 S Fletcher

**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.**

Ministry Rota

26 <sup>th</sup> April 2025		3 <sup>rd</sup> May
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

Dewley Car Park Planning Application

**There is no further update on the proposed development for the 5 new dwellings within the car park we currently use adjacent to church. It is still at the consultation stage and has yet to be given any recommendation or be forwarded to the Planning Committee for a decision to accept or reject.**