


This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

| | St. John the Baptist, Annitsford | St. Paul's, Cramlington |
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| Sat 10 th | 10:00am First Holy Communion Mass for St. John's candidates. | 5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass Nancy Colohan R.I.P. & Sick person |
| Sun 11 th | 9:00-9:25am 9:30am Mass Reconciliation and Exposition In Thanksgiving (A Todd) | 4th Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations |
| Mon 12 th | | |
| Tue 13 th | 10:00 am Mass Joseph Welton R.I.P. | Our Lady of Fatima |
| Wed 14 th | | 10:00 am Mass Coffee Morning to follow Mass |
| Thu 15 th | | NO MASS |
| Fri 16 th | 6:00 - 6:55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Mass Living & deceased members of parish | |
| Sat 17 th | | 10:00am First Holy Communion Mass for St. Paul's candidates. 5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass Peter Holland R.I.P. |
| Sun 18 th | 9:00-9:25 9:30am Mass Reconciliation and Exposition Tony Middleton R.I.P. | 5th Sunday of Easter |

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.

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.

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.

The Report Stage of the assisted suicide Bill is on 16th May. It is vital that you contact your MP urgently about this issue.

Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASVote to email your MP - it takes just 30 seconds!
If you have the time, please also visit your MP - you can arrange a meeting now by visiting www.righttolife.org.uk/meetyourMP

"Let us pray for all those who care for people with disabilities, including family members and professionals, that the Lord would revive their spirits and that they would get the necessary respite care they require to relieve body and mind."



First Holy Communion: A Celebration of First Holy Communion took place at St John the Baptist church on Saturday 10th May and another will be held at St Paul's at 10:00am next Saturday 17th May. Parishioners are invited to join them at Mass, praying for children of both parishes and welcoming them on the next step of their Sacramental and Spiritual Journey.



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Sunday, 11th May 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Easter (C)

Our New Pope: O God, who in Your wondrous love watches over your Church, fill the new Holy Father, with love and watchful care, especially for the sick, the poor and the vulnerable to lead us all. We pray that your Holy Spirit will hover over and 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.

Pope Leo XIV

Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost has been elected as the 267th Pope to lead the Catholic Church. He is a 69-year-old American with dual Peruvian citizenship.

He was born in Chicago on 14 September 1955, the son of Louis Marius Prevost and Mildred Martínez. His father, was a school administrator, of French and Italian descent, and his mother, a librarian, was of Spanish descent and has two brothers. As a child, Prevost served as an altar boy at St. Mary of the Assumption Church on the far South Side of Chicago. He completed his secondary studies at the minor seminary of the Order of St. Augustine in 1973 and speaks English, Spanish, Italian, French, Portuguese, and can read Latin and German.

Augustinian (1977–2025). Deciding to become a priest, Prevost joined the Order of St. Augustine in September 1977. He took his first vows to the order in September 1978 and his solemn vows in August 1981 and was ordained a priest by Archbishop Jean Jadot for the Augustinians in Rome on June 19, 1982. He joined the Augustinian mission in Peru in 1985 and served as chancellor of the Territorial Prelature of Chulucanas from 1985 to 1986. He returned to Peru in 1988, spending the next ten years heading the Augustinian seminary in Trujillo. Prevost served as judge of the regional ecclesiastical court and a member of the College of Consultors of Trujillo. He also led a congregation on the outskirts of the city and in 1998, he was elected provincial of the Augustinian Province of Chicago and returned to the United States to assume that position on March 8, 1999. In 2001, he was elected to a six-year term as Prior General of the Augustinians. He was elected to a second six-year term in 2007. From 2013 to 2014, Prevost served as director of formation in the Convent of St. Augustine in Chicago, as well as first councillor and provincial vicar of the province of Our Mother of Good Counsel, which covers the midwestern United States.

Bishop of Chiclayo. On 3 November 2014, Pope Francis appointed Prevost as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Chiclayo and titular bishop of Sufr. He received his episcopal consecration on 12 December 2014 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Chiclayo. On 26 September 2015, he was named bishop of Chiclayo. On 13 July 2019, he was appointed a member of the Congregation for the Clergy in Rome, although he initially declared that only the humble ones are eligible. On 15 April 2020, he was named apostolic administrator of Callao in Peru. On November 21, 2020, Francis named him a member of the Congregation for Bishops. Within the Episcopal Conference of Peru, Prevost served on the permanent council for the 2018 to 2020 term. He was elected in 2019 as president of its Commission for Education and Culture. He was also a member of the leadership of Caritas Peru. Prevost had a private audience with Francis on March 1, 2021, fuelling speculation of a new assignment either in Chicago or Rome.

Dicastery for Bishops. On 30 January 2023, Francis appointed Prevost prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops with the title archbishop-bishop emeritus of Chiclayo. At the September 30 consistory, Francis appointed him cardinal-deacon of Chapel of Santa Monica deli Agostiniani in Rome. In 2023, Pope Francis appointed him as the Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, a key position within the Roman Curia. The office is responsible for evaluating and recommending candidates for the episcopate around the world. This role increased Prevost's visibility and influence within the Catholic Church, potentially raising his profile ahead of any future papal conclave.

On 6 February 2025, Francis promoted Prevost to cardinal-bishop, assigning him to the Suburbicarian Diocese of Albano in the Province of Rome.



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 and Joseph Welton, Monica Mill’s brother, who died last Thursday 8th. Pray for our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV as he commences his new ministry as leader of the Catholic church.

Cleaning Rota: Group A - 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



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.

Gardeners: Following the retirement of Phil Stout, we once again appeal for helpers, maybe an hour or so per week, or not every week if unable. Please speak to Frank Swindle Phone 077794 25610 or any gardening volunteer.

Parish Hall: New Blinds have been fitted in the Hall and the Kitchen. Would all Hall users please treat them with care. Thanks.

Parish Council Meeting: This will be held immediately following the 9:30am Mass this Sunday. 11th May.

Easter Raffle: Two prizes from the raffle have not yet been claimed. If not claimed this weekend they will be donated to the food bank.

St. John’s Weekly Collection for 4th May: £306.95

Joint News Items

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.

Laudato Si’ Mass: Bishop Stephen will celebrate Mass at 10.00am at St Mary’s Cathedral on Saturday 24th May to celebrate 10 years since the publication of Pope Francis’ encyclical – Laudato Si’. All are welcome to attend this Mass which marks the start of Laudato Si’ week. More information on the Diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/laudato-si-week-2025-mass/>

Significance Festival: Significance and the Youth Ministry Team invite all parishioners to join them at the Emmaus Village for the annual Significance Festival on Saturday 28th June beginning with Mass at 3.00pm celebrated by Bishop Stephen and followed by a Barbecue and Ceilidh in the evening. The Department for Formation and Mission is offering a half-day on ‘Witness: Sharing our Faith in Today’s World’, a Year of Jubilee Formation opportunity which will lead into the Festival. Entry is free with charges for accommodation on Friday and Saturday nights. BBQ tickets will cost £10. All proceeds and donations will support Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. Please support this vital work. To request a booking form and for further information email Nicole at nsalkeld@ymt.org or Tel. 01207 592244.

Little Sisters of the Poor Appeal: Dear Friends, I write to you today with a heartfelt and urgent appeal on behalf of St Joseph’s Home in Newcastle. Like many others, we are feeling the profound effects of the current economic climate, yet the needs of our residents remain constant and, in many cases, more pressing than ever. At the heart of our mission is the dignity, comfort and care of our elderly residents, many of whom are in the final stages of life. We urgently need to replace essential medical equipment that is critical to the support of end-of-life care equipment that ensures our residents are cared for with the gentleness and respect they deserve. In addition, we face structural and aesthetic needs: water penetration in the Chapel vestry, necessary redecorations throughout the Home including the Chapel, and the replacement of furnishings in the residents’ rooms. As you can appreciate, it is a formidable task. These improvements are not cosmetic - they are about creating a warm, safe and dignified space that feels like home. This is a pivotal moment, and we cannot do it alone. Your support, now more than ever, can help us meet these challenges head-on. Whether it is restoring comfort to a resident’s room or providing the medical support that brings peace in their final days, your generosity will have a direct and meaningful impact. If you are able to help, donations can be sent by cheque, payable to Little Sisters of the Poor, to: St Joseph’s Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Alternatively, secure online donations can be made by visiting our website at: www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/. No gift is too small. Every act of kindness has a meaningful effect on the lives of our residents and brings us one step closer to ensuring that our residents continue to receive the care, dignity and love they so deeply deserve. With gratitude for your continued compassion and prayers,

Joint News Items continued

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 **by 7:00pm on a Wednesday evening** to give the compositors time to prepare the Bulletin.

**Hope in a Time of Darkness’ – A Lecture by His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP
Monday 23rd June 2025; 7:45pm Galilee Chapel, Durham Cathedral**

Durham Cathedral Institute is delighted to be hosting this year's Bishop Dunn Memorial Lecture of the Centre for Catholic Studies at Durham University, hearing from speaker **Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe** and respondent **Prof Anna Rowlands**. **Cardinal Radcliffe** is a distinguished Catholic priest, theologian, and church leader. Between 1992 and 2001, he served as Master of the Order of Preachers (also known as the Dominican Order). Radcliffe received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from the University of Oxford in 2003; in 2023, he was appointed preacher to the Catholic Church’s Synod on Synodality and was made Cardinal by Pope Francis in December 2024.

Anna Rowlands (respondent) is St Hilda Professor of Catholic Social Thought and Practice at Durham University. She is a political theologian whose research interests include the ethics of migration and the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching. In 2023, Rowlands took up a two-year secondment at the Vatican, where she contributed to the global synodal process.

For more information and to book tickets, please visit <https://durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173659458>. If you have any queries please send them to ccs.admin@durham.ac.uk.

Diocesan Job Vacancies:

To find out about the latest available positions and for full details please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies or contact them on 0191 243 3301.

Newman Association: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 13 May, in the church hall of Holy Name, Jesmond at 7.30pm: There will be a talk by **Joe Fitzpatrick** on **Bernard Lonergan**, one of the most important Catholic philosophers and theologians of the 20th century.

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.

St. Paul’s Parish News

Parish Finance Committee: The next meeting of the Committee will now be held at 2:00pm on Wednesday 14th May.

Remember in your prayers



Please keep Sr. Agnes & Bob Lawson in your prayers and pray for Chris Garrett, Linda Turnbull and Glynis Mayes that their health may continue to improve.



**Finances
St. Paul’s Collection
3rd May: £225.38**

Bonus Ball

3rd May: Number 9 R Marshall

200 Club

1st Number 37 – C Elliott
2nd Number 36 – R Wareing
3rd Number 47 T Reid

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.**

Ministry Rota

**Bidding Prayers
Welcomers
Readers
Coffee
Counting
Cleaning
Bulletin**

10th May
**Jacquie H
Marylyn T
Jacquie H & Gladys H
Victoria L & Pamela McG
Bob, Julie M & Sheila
Stephanie N & Barbara W
Kathy**

Wed: Terry C

17th May
**Terry C
Barbara B & Anne Marie L
Terry C & Eddie L
Joyce & Malcolm G
Maureen B, Meg C & Kathy O’R
Terry C & Volunteer
Kathy**