


This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
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	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass Tony Middleton R.I.P.	5th Sunday of Easter
Mon 19 th		
Tue 20 th	10:00 am Mass The Poor and Needy in the World	Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse
Wed 21 st		10:00 am Mass Coffee Morning to follow Mass
Thu 22 nd		10.00 am Mass
Fri 23 rd	6:00 - 6:55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Mass Living and Deceased members of St. John's Parish	
Sat 24 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass Mary & Paul Lavender R.I.P.
Sun 25 th	9:00-9:25 Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass John Bennet Gray R.I.P.	6th 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.

Corpus Christi : Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Ushaw

On Sunday 22nd June, led by Bishop Stephen Wright and starting at 3pm in St Cuthbert's Chapel, processing through the gardens returning to the Chapel for Benediction. Teas and Coffees will be available after the service. Tickets not required but please sign up on the sheet available at the back of church to help Ushaw estimate numbers. Also indicate if you bringing a car for car parking requirements to be made.

Music Academy: Music helps people pray. We've seen that in our churches on a Sunday, often the people who have given their time and service to lead the music and the worship, haven't had the opportunity for formation and investment in this area. Also, we have seen that when music leaders give time and space for their journey of discipleship this has a prayerful and powerful effect on the times of worship and liturgy and the faith journeys of their music teams in their parishes. If you know someone who would be interested in participating in the OHP Academy, more information and a short video can be found at <https://diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/one-hope-project-music-academy/>. We would love for you to consider if this is something God is calling your parish to.



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Sunday, 18th May 2025 – Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)

Pope Leo XIV

As our Holy Father takes up his official charge we pray_ 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.



Communion Under Both Species: A few parishioners have requested the restoration of Holy Communion under both species, citing the practice now observed in several parishes following the COVID-19 pandemic. After due deliberation, it has been resolved that Holy Communion will be offered under both species, exclusively by means of *intinction*. Communicants are to receive the sacred host and proceed to the Eucharistic Ministers positioned at the sides, where the host will be dipped into the Precious Blood before being administered. At present, this is deemed the only feasible method for distributing Communion under both kinds. Please refrain from drinking directly from the chalice, as some Eucharistic Ministers have expressed concerns regarding health and hygiene and are therefore unable to purify the chalice afterwards. We will begin the practice commencing with the Vigil Mass at St. Paul's on 24th May 2025. Eucharistic Ministers kindly look at the Rota for your turn to assist on distributing the Holy Communion. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.



Postponed - Lecture at Holy Name: Due to Austin Ivereigh being required to stay at the Vatican this week for the formal inauguration of Pope Leo XIV next Sunday, 18 May, his lecture on Saturday 17 May at Holy Name, Jesmond, on the Legacy of Pope Francis has had to be postponed.

Expression of Gratitude: We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who contributed to the preparation of the children for their First Holy Communion. Special thanks are due to the volunteers, members of the parish council, and the various social groups, whose dedication and hard work were instrumental in the success of this occasion. We also acknowledge with gratitude the support and collaboration of the staff of Ss Peter and Paul Academy. Your collective efforts are deeply valued and sincerely appreciated. Fr. Manoj.

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/>

St. John the Baptist Parish News



Remember in your prayers: Barry Hall, Pat(ricia) Ryder, Anne Hall and Karen Mackie, Anna Shinwell, Chris Garrett, Maureen Cowan’s friend, Amy Masterson and Joseph Welton. Also, LATELY DEAD Monica Mill’s brother, who died Thurs 8th and Jean Hall whose Requiem Mass and Burial will be held on 10:00am on Tuesday 27th

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 always 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.

St. John’s Weekly Collection for 11th May: £370.78
A retiring collection will be taken this Sunday 18th May 2025 to support the “Little Sisters of the Poor”

Joint News Items

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.

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.

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.

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 composers 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.

Job Vacancy Little Sisters of the Poor Newcastle

An exciting opportunity is available at St Joseph’s Care Home (Little Sisters of the Poor, Newcastle) for an Assistant Cook. Hours available: 30 hours per week, includes evenings and weekends. Please note, sponsorship for this role is not available and applicants must have the right to work in the UK, which will be checked if successful. For more information, please contact Lee-Marie Thornley on 07856 256095 or email lee.marie@lsplondon.co.uk

St. Paul’s Parish News

Death of Joseph Welton / Funeral: The Requiem Mass for the late Joseph Welton will be held on Wednesday 28th May 2025 at 10.00am at St. Paul’s Church Cramlington and will be followed by the burial at Bedlington. Please do try and attend to pray for the repose of his soul and to show the parish’s support for his family.

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
11th May: £167.60

A retiring collection will be taken this Saturday 18th May 2025 to support the “Little Sisters of the Poor”. Please be as generous as you can to help their valuable service.

Bonus Ball

11th May: Number 18 R Norwood

Planned Giving: **The most convenient way to donate to the upkeep of your parish is by setting up a Standing Order when joining our scheme.**



alternative option is to use weekly envelopes. 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.

Parish Council: Minutes of the last PPC meeting are displayed on the Notice Board at the back of church.

Ministry Rota

Bidding Prayers

Welcomers

Readers

Eucharistic Ministers

Coffee

Counting

Cleaning

Bulletin

17th May

Terry C

Barbara B & Anne Marie L

Terry C & Eddie L

Wed: Teresa K

Joyce & Malcolm G

Maureen B, Meg C & Kathy O’R

Team 4 Terry C & Volunteer

Kathy

24th May

David S

Meg C & Barbara W

Julie M & Eddie L

Jimmy L & Gladys H

Victoria & Pamela G

Stephanie N & Sheila H

Team 5 Stella S & Barbara B

Mariela