


# This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass <b>Mary &amp; Paul Lavender R.I.P.</b>
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00-9:25 Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass <b>John Bennet Gray R.I.P.</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>		
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am <b>Requiem Mass for Jennie Hall R.I.P.</b>	
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>		10:00 am Mass Coffee Morning to follow Mass <b>Requiem Mass for Joseph Welton R.I.P.</b>
Thu 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b> <b>Holyday of Obligation</b> <b>Mass at 10:00am in St. Paul's</b>	10.00 am Mass <b>The Ascension of the Lord</b> <b>Holyday of Obligation</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 - 6:55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Mass <b>Joseph Welton R.I.P.</b>	
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> June	9:00-9:25 Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass <b>Ray Smith, James &amp; Dorothy Durnin R.I.P.</b>	<b>7<sup>th</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.**



**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## St. John the Baptist RC Church & St. Paul's RC Church

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## Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)

### Pope Leo XIV

Following our Holy Father taking up his official charge on 18<sup>th</sup> May 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 this weekend. St. Paul's Eucharistic Ministers kindly look at the new Rota which is on both Notice Boards and in the Bulletin for your turn to assist in distributing the Holy Communion. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.





**Prayer for Peace:** Let us all pray for peace across our world, that all who are suffering from the conflict of war or oppression may be given the chance to live together in peace and harmony with their neighbours; that all may be able to have access to the basic necessities of life to enable them to live free from oppression and fear. We pray that world leaders across this great world of ours created by God may be able to act to ensure that all of humanity may be given the opportunity to live without the fear of war or conflict and that all may be able to grow in the love of God, our heavenly Father, Amen.



**Please Note:** This coming Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> May, is the Feast of the Ascension of The Lord and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will only be celebrated in St. Paul's at 10:00am to which we invite all parishioners from both of our parishes to come together to celebrate this Feast in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, to give thanks to God for the love He has for all of humanity and to pray for a lasting peace in all areas of our war-torn world of today so that all peoples may be able to live in harmony with each other.

St. John the Baptist Parish News



**Remember in your prayers:** Barry Hall, Pat(ricia) Ryder, Anne Hall, Karen Mackie, Anna Shinwell, Chris Garrett Maureen Cowan’s friend, and Arny Masterson. Also, **LATELY DEAD**, Ethel Brannigan who died on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Joseph Welton, Monica Mill’s brother, who died Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>, Charles Gillon (Janet Memolas’s brother) and Jean Hall whose Requiem Mass and Burial will be held on 10:00am on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>. Please keep them all and their families in your prayers.

**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](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 always grateful for all your help.

**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 burial plots are decreasing.**  
**Please note, this was not a standard practice.**

**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 07779 425 610 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 18th May: £252.90**  
**“Little Sisters of the Poor” Special Collection**  
**Appeal closes this weekend.**

**Baptism:** Please keep in your prayers Caoimhe Heathcote who is to be baptised in St. John’s church on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 11:30am that the Holy Spirit may descend on her and her parents, Niamh and Gary Heathcote, with all her family may they may all grow in the love of God and be a shining light for His presence in their lives for many years to come. We ask this in Jesus’ name, Amen.

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](http://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 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:nsalkeld@ymt.org) or Tel. 01207 592244.

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](mailto:bulletin@stpauls-rc.co.uk) **by 7:00pm on a Wednesday evening** to give the composers time to prepare the Bulletin.

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](mailto:lee.marie@lsplondon.co.uk)

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](mailto:ccs.admin@durham.ac.uk).

St. Paul’s Parish News


**Death of Joseph Welton / Funeral:** The Requiem Mass for the late Joseph Welton will be held this coming Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> 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**  
**18<sup>th</sup> May: £180.05**

**The retiring collection taken last Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025 to support the “Little Sisters of the Poor” raised £104.28 to help their valuable service.**

**Bonus Ball**  
18th May: Number 26 G Wilkins

**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

<b>Bidding Prayers</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>31<sup>st</sup> May</b>
<b>Welcomers</b>	<b>David S</b>		<b>Teresa K</b>
<b>Readers</b>	<b>Meg C &amp; Barbara W</b>		<b>Julie &amp; Bob M</b>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Julie M &amp; Eddie L</b>	<b>Wed: Gladys H</b>	<b>Teresa K &amp; Barbara B</b>
<b>Coffee</b>	<b>Jimmy L &amp; Gladys H</b>		<b>Stephanie N &amp; Rob M</b>
<b>Counting</b>	<b>Victoria &amp; Pamela G</b>		<b>Victoria L &amp; Panela McG</b>
<b>Cleaning</b>	<b>Stephanie N &amp; Sheila H</b>	<b>Team I</b>	<b>Joe S, Averill R &amp; Betty</b>
<b>Bulletin</b>	<b>Stella S &amp; Barbara B</b>	<b>Team 4</b>	<b>Julie &amp; Bob M</b>
	<b>Mariela</b>		<b>Mariela</b>