

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 3 rd		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass June O'Keefe R.I.P.
Sun 4 th	9:30am Mass Frederick, Catherine and the deceased members of the Marshall family	3rd Sunday of Easter
Mon 5 th		
Tue 6 ^h	10:00 am Mass Poor and needy of the world	
Wed 7 th		10:00 am Mass Coffee Morning to follow Mass Sick person & Special Intention
Thu 8 th		10:00 am Mass School Mass Year 2 Sick Person
Fri 9 th	6:00 - 6:55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Mass Richard & Mary Tedesco R.I.P.	
Sat 10 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass Sick Person
Sun 11 th	9:30am Mass In Thanksgiving (A Todd)	4th 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.

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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Sunday, 4th May 2025 – Third Sunday of Easter

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

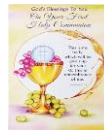
The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales released a statement following the death of Pope Francis, including a short biography. It makes for excellent reading to celebrate the life of Pope Francis and learn more about his teachings and the legacy of faith and love he leaves behind for the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

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

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: Celebrations of First Holy Communion will take place at St John the Baptist at 10:00am on Saturday 10th May and at St Paul's at 10:00am on Saturday 17th May. All parishioners are invited to join our children at both Masses in praying for them and welcoming them on the next step of their Sacramental and Spiritual Journey.

Live Simply Award: A Mass will be held at St. Wilfrid's to celebrate the Parish achieving the "Live Simply Award" on Tuesday 6th May at 7pm. We would be delighted if people from the Partnership and Council would like to join us for this celebration. There will be light refreshments after the Mass.

New Liturgical Leaders of Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion: An introductory course, over six sessions, which helps new Liturgical Leaders of Celebrations of the Word and Holy Communion to begin learning about this ministry. **Dates:** Begins 13 May 2025 **Location:** St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY. **Cost:** £30.00 per person. **Please speak with Fr. Manoj if you are interested in attending the course.**

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 26th April

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



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.

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



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

Easter Raffle Prizes: there are two unclaimed hamper prizes from the St. John the Baptist Easter Raffle, Ticket numbers blue 61 (first prize) and white 255 (second prize).Can the ticket holders please contact Barbara Wareing to claim their prize asap.

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.**

Parish Council: The next meeting of the parish Council will be held on Sunday 11th May following the 9.30a Mass. Any parishioner wishing to have an item to the agenda, please submit it to Fr. Manoj or Gerry Killen



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

St. John’s Weekly Collection for 27th April £350.85

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

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.

Minsteracres Retreat Centre: are holding an Open House Day on 5th May from 11am – 3pm. There will be exhibitions and tours of the house and grounds. Not forgetting the teas, coffee & home baking. All welcome.

Diocesan Job Vacancies: To find out about the latest available positions please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details 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.

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 their MP as a matter of urgency. Kim Leadbeater has decided to delay the next stage (day one or Report stage) of her assisted suicide Bill from 25th April to 16th 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 by encouraging like-minded friends and family to do the same. Thank you

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.

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
26th April: £208.00

Bonus Ball

19th April: Number 21 R Marshall

Parish Council Meeting: The next meeting of the PPC will be held at 2:00pm on Thursday 8th May. Please see Fr. Manoj if you have any items for discussion,

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

3rd May
Malcolm G
Peter K & Margaret H
Malcolm G & Peter K
Joyce & Malcolm G
Maria H & Kathy D
Julie & Bob M
Peter

Wed: Peter K

10th May
Jacquie H
Stella S & Marylyn T
Jacquie H & Peter K
Victoria L & Pamela McG
Bob, Julie M & Sheila
Stephanie N & Barbara W
Kathy

Team 3
Team 1