

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 19 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass Joan Mennell R.I.P.
Sun 20 th	9:00-9:25 Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass David Carr R.I.P.	16th Sunday of the Year
Mon 21 st		
Tue 22 nd	10:00 am Ted Craigie R.I.P.	
Wed 23 rd		10:00 am Mass People of St. Paul's parish Coffee Morning to follow Mass
Thu 24 th		10:30am Requiem Mass for Bob Lawson
Fri 25 th	6:00 – 6:55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Tony & Vera Cauchi R.I.P.	
Sat 26 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass In Thanksgiving (BB)
Sun 27 th	9:00-9:25 Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass Norman Adam Anderson R.I.P.	17th Sunday of the Year

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.

Pope's July prayer intention:
"For Formation In Discernment"

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.



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 Gerry or Peter Killen.

NEW BULLETIN

To try and reduce the number of copies printed and the cost involved in the production of our weekly Bulletin, copies are being sent via email to parishioners of both parishes and copies are also posted on both the 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 Gerry or Peter Killen.

Alive in HOPE: A Church for MISSION.

Bishop Stephen invites us to a **Jubilee Day** on Saturday 27th September, from 10 am to 3 pm, at Cardinal Hume Catholic School in Gateshead. Everyone is welcome! There'll be guest speakers from the Prisons' Chaplaincy and the Justice & Peace Refugee Project, and a choice of seminars/forums to reawaken and empower us for mission. This is an opportunity to connect with old friends and new, and to celebrate our diocesan family as we explore what a Church in Mission invites us to be and do! There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a prayer space in the chapel, and praise and worship led by Durham musicians 'Set A Fire'. Take a look around the marketplace where there'll be stands and gifts from some of our Catholic partners and groups. Registration and refreshments from 9.15am, but please bring a packed lunch. Ample parking is available and entry is FREE but please register at <https://bit.ly/DHNAlive25> where you'll also find more information about the seminars you'll be able to join during the day. For enquiries and parish/group bookings, email Amy at formation.mission@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 2433316. Search on Facebook, X and Bluesky using the hashtag #DHNAlive25 for the latest information and updates.



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Sunday 20th July 2025 – 16th Sunday of Year (C)



Parish Community Invitation – Jubilee Year 2025 Reflection Series

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, as we journey together towards the **Jubilee Year 2025**, we warmly invite all members of our parish community to join us for a **series of reflection evenings** focused on the Jubilee theme: "Pilgrims of Hope."

Reflection Date: **Thursday, 24th July '25** Time: 7:00 PM

Venue: St. Paul's Church – Back Chapel.

The Jubilee Year is a sacred time in the life of the Church, celebrated every 25 years, rooted in the Biblical tradition of renewal, reconciliation, and restoration. It is a time of **grace, Pilgrimage, prayer, and communion** with one another and with God. In preparation for this special Holy Year, our reflections will help us deepen our understanding of the Jubilee's spiritual significance and how we can live it out in our daily lives—as individuals, families, and a parish. **We encourage everyone to attend and make these moments of prayer and reflection**, a meaningful part of our journey together. Let us walk as **Pilgrims of Hope** in faith, united in love.



Choosing the right option.

The Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

If we are not to be scattered and disillusioned by the many claims on our attention in the twenty-first century world, we need to be wholehearted, and this was the approach of Mary in this week's gospel. The current debt crisis affecting the world's poorest countries is causing suffering to billions. In view of this, activists for justice and peace can struggle with making time for 'just' listening to God, and feelings of guilt or helplessness can intrude. "Getting clear on your gifts is the first step to creating a light-filled activism practice." Do we make the most of the gifts we have been given? What better way to do this than by listening to Jesus! Do we spend time listening to Jesus and asking Him for His help in discerning the right option to take in our lives or how best we can use our gifts for those in need of our help or assistance?

Lord, help us to listen to you and to let your light permeate our lives, so that we can act as you want us to, in sympathy with our innate gifts. Amen.

2025 Jubilee Celebration: As part of our parish Jubilee Celebration programme, Mass on **Sunday 10th August** at St. John's will be celebrated **at 10:00am**, not the usual time of 9:30am. The Mass will be to thank God for couples, from both parishes, who are celebrating a Marriage Anniversary this year and everyone is invited to attend the Mass. A Mass for the Health Carers who dedicate their time looking after loved ones, friends or on a work-related basis, along with a trip to St. Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle, and further parish events are to be planned for the remainder of the Jubilee Year.

PARKING AT ST JOHN'S: Comments have been made on the Southfield Facebook Page about parking at St John's, with reference to parking on the footpath and hindering Pedestrians, Prams and Wheelchair users. It is quite a while since this had been mentioned by the police. Please use the laybys, the grass verge on the opposite side of the road or on the church side grass verge. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON ANY FOOTPATHS;** you may receive a Police Notice.



Remember in your prayers: Anne Hall, Karen Mackie, Anna Shinwell, Arnie Masterson, Maureen Cowan's friend and Chris Garrett. **LATELY DEAD,** Pat (ricia) Ryder, Ellen Sheridan, David Carr, Barry Hall (husband of Sandra Hall), and Joyce Herberson. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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.

Cancer Research: The magnificent sum of £670 was collected in memory of David Carr at his funeral. A big THANK YOU from his wife Pat and their family.

Cleaning Rota: Group A - Sept, Nov. Group B – 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

Main Altar: we are very grateful to Colin Todd for repainting the Gold Text "Ecce Panis Angelorum, Factus Cibus Viatorum" (Behold the Bread of Angels, made the food of travellers). Colin has made a wonderful job of the repainting. He is to continue with the Lady Altar text.

St. John's Weekly Collections: Sunday 13th July 2025 - £378.34 Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) - £127.21

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 composers sufficient time to prepare the Bulletin.



WEBELIEVE Festival Catholic Life

Celebrate the Jubilee at WeBelieve, a festival of Catholic life gathering the church to share the hope that we have in Christ. The festival will take place from 25 – 28 July at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham. The festival will be four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Msgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more. Tickets are available at: www.webeliefestival.com, or contact the Diocesan Jubilee team at: jubilee2025@diocesehn.org.uk for promotional materials and details tomregister.

"Please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia on Thursday 24th July, the Vigil of the Feast of St James. See the poster on our Notice Boards. These days seem quite dark, with Parliament voting to partly decriminalise abortion and voting to legalise euthanasia. Please invite others to join us in praying and fasting for life; you can do so with this link – www.facebook.com/events/1419157822872567"

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



Cramlington Foodbank

The cost of living is impacting more and more families who struggle to make ends meet. Cramlington Foodbank is very interested in any donations of non-perishable items, toiletries, cleaning products, baby items, etc. Please continue to support this worthy cause, they are grateful for all your help. St. John's parish have received a letter of thanks for the 42.25kg of food provided so far in 2025 (see letter on Porch noticeboard).

Diocesan Vacancies- Parish Secretary: to see the current list of vacancies please visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies/> or contact human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk or 0191 243 3301.



Planned Giving: *The most convenient way to donate to the upkeep of both our parishes of St. John's and St. Paul's, is by setting up a Bank Standing Order when joining our schemes.*

The 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 GERRY KILLEN (at St. John's) or SHEILA HEDLEY (at St. Paul's) IF YOU NEED ANY ASSISTANCE TO JOIN THE PARISH SCHEMES.**

The 15th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage that will take place on Saturday 26th July 2025. As always there are several ways you can join in, either in prayer, or by joining us in walking a short section of the pilgrimage or even in walking the whole 27 miles! To be involved you can; **Sponsor Nathanael as he raises funds for Good Counsel's life-saving work;** <https://www.gofundme.com/f/helping-mothers-and-babies-with-the-gk-chesterton-pilgrimage> Send prayer intentions for us to pray for along the way, we will not make the intentions public; catholicgksociety@yahoo.co.uk and find other details of the walk and the Mass via the following link - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1675870979701803>"



Would you like to help someone understand and live the catholic faith?

We have three people who are beginning a journey to being received into the Catholic Church next Easter and are looking for parishioners to walk with the three in meetings of discernment, to share their faith journey and their experience of being Catholic. If you are interested please contact Fr Manoj or Deacon Rob. We would love to see both lifelong Catholics and converts of all ages taking on this amazing opportunity.

St. Paul's Parish News



Theresa Weatherall's Birthday

On Tuesday 22nd July our fellow parishioner Theresa Weatherall is celebrating her 90th birthday. Theresa would like to invite all the members of the Parish to join her in the back room for tea and cake at 1.30 pm. She has asked for no gifts. A donation box will be available, and any money raised will be sent to a charity of her choice



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bob Lawson who passed away on Wednesday 2nd July and keep his family in your thoughts and prayers. His Funeral will take place at St Paul's this coming Thursday 24th July at 10:30am followed by cremation at Whitley Bay Crem. Please do try and attend to show your support for his family.



Remember in your prayers: Please pray for Sr. Agnes as she has transferred to Room 32 In Astor Court, for Chris Garrett and Glynis Mayes along with Linda Turnbull and Teresa Reid who are recovering from surgery.

Bonus Ball:

12th July: No. 14 – M Fittes



Finances

St. Paul's Collection for 12th July £195.97
Special collection Stella Maris: £150.17

Ministry Rota

Bidding Prayers
Welcomers
Readers
Eucharistic Ministers
Coffee
Counting
Cleaning
Bulletin

19th July

Terry C
Russell & Stephanie N
Terry C & Margaret F
Peter K & Jacqui H
Victoria L & Pamela McG
Team 3: Bob & Julie M, Sheila
Team 3: Stella S & Barbara B
Peter

Wed: Julie M

26th July

Jacqui H
Margaret H & Linda T
Jacqui H & Peter K
Meg C & Joyce G
Joyce & Malcolm G
Team 4: Maureen B, Meg C & Kathy O'R
Team 4: Julie & Bob M
Peter