

# This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

|                      | St. John the Baptist, Annitsford   | St. Paul's, Cramlington   |
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| Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> |  | 5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition<br>6:00pm Mass <b>Daisy Wilson R.I.P.</b>   |
| Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> | 9:00-9:25 Reconciliation and Exposition<br>9:30am Mass <b>Andrew David Memola R.I.P.</b>           | <b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>   |
| Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> |  |   |
| Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> | <b>NO SERVICE</b>  |   |
| Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> |  | 9.30 – 9.55am Rosary<br>10:00am <b>Service of Word &amp; Communion</b>                  |
| Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> |  | <b>NO SERVICE</b>   |
| Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 6:00 – 6:55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament<br>7:00pm <b>Service of Word &amp; Communion</b> |   |
| Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> |  | 5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition<br>6:00pm Mass <b>Rosamma Joseph R.I.P.</b> |
| Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> | 9:00-9:25 Reconciliation and Exposition<br>9:30am Mass <b>Barry Hall R.I.P.</b>                    | <b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year</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.**

Pope's August prayer intention:  
For Mutual Co-existence.

“That societies avoid internal conflicts due to ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons” and encouraging us to “seek paths of dialogue” and “Respond to conflict with gestures of fraternity.”



### 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.

### Fr. Manoj's Holiday



This weekend is the last weekend Fr. Manoj will celebrate Mass at either St. John's or St. Paul's before setting off on his annual holiday, back to India on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August. He will return home to Cramlington on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Fr Stanly has kindly agreed to celebrate Mass on the following dates whilst Fr. Manoj is away: August 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> and September 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Steven Foster will celebrate Mass at St. John's on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September as Fr. Stanly will be taking part in the Great North Run.



Please contact Deacon Rob Wareing or Gerry Killen for any issues at St. John's and Deacon Tony Turner or Deacon Rob Wareing for any issues at St. Paul's. The land line at St Paul's will be forwarded on to Rob's mobile phone whilst Fr. Manoj is away.



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## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025 - 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (C)

We wish Fr. Manoj a safe journey as he sets off on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August for his Annual Holiday back home to India. We pray that he may have an enjoyable, relaxing and peaceful break, meeting up with his family and friends, before his return to Cramlington on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Please keep him in your prayers whilst he is away.

**SATURDAY VIGIL AND SUNDAY MORNING MASSES WILL CONTINUE AS USUAL BUT THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES WHILST FR. MANOJ IS AWAY. SERVICES OF WORD & EUCHARIST HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR EACH WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY. PLEASE CHECK OUR FUTURE BULLETINS FOR ANY CHANGES THAT MAY BE NECESSARY.**

### “I came to cast fire on the earth and would that it were already kindled!”

In the gospel, Jesus declares, “I came to cast fire on the earth...Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” These jarring words challenge our image of the Jesus who is gentle and kind. Instead, we meet the radical Jesus who confronts injustice. The fire Jesus speaks of is like a forge fire, made to transform - this fire will expose oppression, reveal exploitation, and call for the courage to stand for truth. In a world that seems to prefer comfort over justice, Jesus' words remind us that following him may mean conflict even within our own communities. Social justice, that speaks for those who are oppressed, poor or marginalised, is not a neutral stance. It disturbs the ‘way of the world’ that many are used to. But we should be called to a holy unrest, born from compassion and the deep longing for a more just world. Oscar Romero said. “We know that every effort to improve society...is an effort that God blesses; that God wants; that God demands us.” To walk with Christ is to carry the cost of justice: to speak against racism, inequality, and exploitation, knowing it may unsettle others.



**Prayer: Lord of Justice and Mercy, give us courage to speak the truth in love, to challenge injustice even when it divides. May we be peacemakers not through silence, but in justice rooted in your radical love. AMEN.**

**Congratulations and Thank You:** to all the couples who attended last weekend's Sunday Mass at St. John's to celebrate their Wedding Anniversaries as part of our Jubilee Year celebrations. Here are a few of the photographs that were taken on the day.



**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 OF THE FOOTPATHS; you may receive a Police Notice.**



**Remember in your prayers:** Anne Hall, Karen Mackie, Anna Shinwell, Arnie Masterson, Peter Laggan, Maureen Cowan's friend and Chris Garrett. **LATELY DEAD,** Norman Adam Anderson & Ted Craigie, Pat(ricia) Ryder. Please keep them all, along with their families in your prayers.



**Baptisms:** Please keep in your prayers Tilly Grace Watson, daughter of Katie and Paul Watson, who is to be baptised into our parish family this Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August during our scheduled Mass at 9:30am. We pray that Tilly Grace and her families and friends will be blessed with a strong faith and a long life.

**Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers:** There is a list on the Porch Noticeboard giving the Rota for Ministers to assist the priest with the distribution of the Sacred Blood at Sunday Mass Communion. If you are unable to fulfil your allocated date, please make arrangements with another Minister to stand in for you.

**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)

**Cleaning Rota:** Group A - Sept, Nov. Group B – 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 unable to get to church with their money, please contact Monica Mills on 0191 2680222. Thank You

**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), and the re-painting of the text on Our Lady's Altar. Colin has made a wonderful job of the repainting.

**St. John's Weekly Collections:** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025 - £349.70 - Donation to Parish from Pat Ryder's Funeral - £360.

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

#### 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.

#### 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. Both St. John's and St. Paul's parishes have recently received a letter of thanks for their generous donations of food provided so far in 2025 (see letters on Porch noticeboards).

**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



**Great North Run 2025:** Fr. Stanly is taking part in this year's Run on the 7<sup>th</sup> September and is aiming to raise funds for CAFOD. Please do consider sponsoring him in his efforts. Should you wish to do so you can either sign one of the Sponsorship Forms which are available at the back of church or use the



following on-line Link. [The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development \(CAFOD\): Stanly Wilson](https://www.cafod.org/) In doing so you will be helping people like Maria: Maria lives on the outskirts of a small town in north-eastern Brazil. As a single mother, she has often struggled to make ends meet. Several years ago, along with 12 other women from her community, Maria turned a small patch of disused dumping ground into a profitable vegetable garden having received a financial donation from CAFOD. That is one of many ways in which CAFOD is helping those less fortunate people around the world to improve their lives by helping them set up small businesses or projects in their local community. Please do give some serious thought as to how YOU can assist CAFOD in their goals to make life a better place for others in need around the world.



**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.**

**Stop Assisted Suicide - Action needed!** The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September. Right To Life UK has launched an *EasyAction* tool to help you write to a few Peers with a tailored message to highlight key concerns with the Bill. **Please take action now and visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers) to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds!** "On Thursday, we will celebrate the feast of St Maximilian Kolbe, patron saint of the pro-life movement. We ask for his intercession as we, the church, seek to support all pregnant mothers through their pregnancies, and that we would become models of support and charity to all in society. Lord hear us".

**Hexham & Newcastle Diocesan Vacancies-** to see a full list of vacancies for Head of Safeguarding, HR Administrator, and Surveyor etc. please contact 0191 243 3301 or visit either [human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk) or <https://diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies/> You can also contact [human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk) or ring 0191 243 3301.

### St. Paul's Parish News



**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.



Josephine Hall and Ben Holmes were married at St Paul's Church in Alnwick on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 12 noon. We congratulate them and wish the happy couple all the very best, and that they will be blessed with a long and happy life together. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Bonus Ball:** 9<sup>th</sup> August: No. 23 – P Battersby



**Finances**  
St. Paul's Collection for 9th August £248.29

#### Ministry Rota

|                       | 16 <sup>th</sup> August      |                | 23 <sup>rd</sup> August         |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Bidding Prayers       | Malcolm G                    |                | Terry C                         |
| Welcomers             | Meg C & Barbara W            |                | Julie & Bob M                   |
| Readers               | Malcolm G & Gladys H         | (Wed: Patrick) | Terry C & Margaret F            |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Rob M & Stephanie N          |                | Peter K & Jacqui H              |
| Coffee                | Joyce & Malcolm G            |                | Victoria L & Pamela McG         |
| Counting              | Team 2: Maria H & Kathy D    |                | Team 3: Bob, Julie M & Sheila H |
| Cleaning              | Team 2: Stella S & Barbara B |                | Team 4: Bob & Julie M           |
| Bulletin              | Mariela                      |                | Mariela                         |