

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 2 nd		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass
Sun 3 rd	9:00-9:25 Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass Private Intention (T B)	18th Sunday of the Year
Mon 4 th		
Tue 5 th	10:00 am World Peace	Bain
Wed 6 th		10:00 am Mass Joyce Bain R. I. P. Coffee Morning to follow Mass
Thu 7 th		10:00am Members of St. Paul's parish
Fri 8 th	6:00 – 6:55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Living & Deceased members of St. John's parish	
Sat 9 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass
Sun 10 th	9:30-9:55 Reconciliation and Exposition 10:00am Mass Thanksgiving "Diamond Wedding" B, & A. S	19th 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 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.

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.

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.



Fr. Stanly's Thanksgiving Masses: Both parishes will celebrate Mass to thank God for the ministry he has given to us all during his stay in Newcastle where he studied and graduated for his degree. Mass at St. Paul's will be held this Saturday at the usual time of 6:00pm and will be followed with Tea, Coffee, Wine and food served in the Café Area. Mass at St. John's will be held this Sunday at the usual time of 9:30am and will be followed with Tea, Coffee, Wine and food served in the Hall. Please do try and attend to show your appreciation for his ministry. Fr. Stanly has kindly agreed to celebrate Mass on the following dates whilst Fr. Manoj is away on holiday: 23rd / 24th / 30th / 31st August & 6th September.



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

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Cramlington
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Sunday 3rd August 2025 – 18th Sunday of Year



2025 Jubilee Celebration: As part of our parish Jubilee Celebration programme, Mass **next 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.



In the prayer that follows, Pope Leo recalls that we stand in Jesus' presence, in need of His peace. "We live in times of fear and division," the Pope says. "Sometimes we act as if we were alone, building walls that separate us from one another, forgetting that we are brothers and sisters." He calls on Jesus to send the Holy Spirit "to rekindle within us the desire to understand one another, to listen, to live together with respect and compassion." The Holy Father goes on to ask the Lord for "the courage to seek paths of dialogue, to respond to conflict with gestures of fraternity, to open our hearts to others without fear of difference."

"Make us builders of bridges, able to overcome borders and ideologies, able to see others through the eyes of the heart, recognizing in every person an inviolable dignity," Pope Leo prays, before concluding, "Help us to create spaces where hope can flourish, where diversity is not a threat but a richness that makes us more human."

Promoting peaceful coexistence.

In the press release accompanying this month's prayer intention, Father Cristóbal Fones, S.J.—the **International Director of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network**, which publishes the Holy Father's prayer intention each month—explains that **"all of us can promote peaceful co'existence"**.

This, he said, entails, "the necessity of working on oneself first of all; to rid one's heart of pride, and the expectations and negative words that hurt and kill. As Pope Leo XIV teaches us, **"peace is built in the heart and from the heart."** Secondly, it is necessary to set aside prejudices and to acknowledge the fear of those who are 'different'. "We need to respectfully approach others to listen since they always something unique to contribute," Father Fones continues. **"Through dialogue, it is possible to seek what unites us** and open up ways to work together for the common good." Lastly, Father Fones reminds us that "Pope Leo XIV also points out that **government leaders need to work toward building harmonious and peaceful societies.** This can be done by: investing in the family; safeguarding the dignity of every person, especially the weakest and most defenseless; exercising justice; seeking to remedy inequalities; defending the truth, which is the basis on which authentic relationships can be built."

Finally, within the context of the **Holy Year 2025, The Pope Video** acquires special relevance since through it we know the prayer intentions the Pope holds in his heart. To properly receive the graces of the **Jubilee indulgence**, it is necessary to pray for the Pope's intentions.

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, 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 Rosie Elizabeth O'Donnell, daughter of Dawn Peters and Christopher O'Donnell, who is to be baptised into our parish family this Sunday 3rd August at 11:00am. Also remember to pray for Quill Michael Shipley, son of Nyah and Callum Shipley who is also to be baptised into our parish family this Sunday 3rd August at 12:30pm. We pray that both the children, their families and friends will be blessed with a strong faith and a long life.

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 to get to church with their money, please contact Monica Mills on 0191 2680222.

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



Congratulations:

A special "Congratulations" with all our love to Bob and Anne Simpson who will be celebrating their "Diamond Wedding Anniversary" next Thursday 7th August. We wish them many more happy years of married life together.

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.

St. John's Weekly Collections: Sunday 27th July 2025 - £430.35

JOINT NEWS ITEMS

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. 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).

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

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 sufficient time to prepare the Bulletin.



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.**

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) 2025-2026: The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. The 2025-2026 CCRS course programme is now available on the Diocesan Website <https://diocesehn.org.uk/education/professional-development-and-formation/#ccrs> If anyone would like further information, they can contact the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

Hexham & Newcastle Diocesan Vacancies- 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.

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.

Thank You: The following message was received from Bob Lawson's widow Catherine - We would like to thank you all for the love and support we have received over the last few months. Thank you all for the flowers, cards and lots and lots of hugs; it really helped. We would like to thank Fr. Manoj and Deacon Rob for the beautiful comforting Mass and wonderful sermon from the heart. Thank you, St Paul's. £300 will be donated to Palliative Care at Wansbeck and £300 to the Bobby Robson Foundation. Thank you again St Paul's. Love and God bless you all. Catherine and all the family. xx

From Cramlington Foodbank Thank you so much for continuing to donate to Cramlington Foodbank. Your recent donation weighed in at 22.25kg which has gone to immediate use for vulnerable people in need. Without thoughtful donations like yours, it would be impossible for the volunteers here at the Foodbank to provide for the many local people who are in need of such help. We are truly grateful to have your ongoing support. With our love, thanks and blessings. Lorraine.

Bonus Ball: 26th July: No. 18 – R Norwood

200 Club: 1st D Cocks; 2nd M Fittes; 3rd R Wareing



Finances

St. Paul's Collection for 26th July £188.55

Ministry Rota

Bidding Prayers	2nd August		9th August
Welcomers	David S		Teresa K
Readers	Stella S & Marylyn T		Barbara B & Anne Marie L
Eucharistic Ministers	Eddie L & Julie M	Wed: Gladys	Teresa K & Barbara B
Coffee	Terry C & Christine E		Gladys H & Jimmy L
Counting	Victoria L & Pamela McG		Joyce & Malcolm G
Cleaning	Team 5: Stephanie N & Sheila H		Team 1: Joe S, Averill R & Betty
Bulletin	Team 1: Stephanie N & Barbara B		Team 2: Terry C & Volunteer Peter
	Peter		Peter