

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

| | St. John the Baptist, Annitsford | St. Paul's, Cramlington |
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| Sat 20 th | | 5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass People of St. Paul's Parish |
| Sun 21 st | 9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass Evelyn Dawson R.I.P. | 25th Sunday of Year C Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (Home Mission Sunday) & St. Matthew the Apostle |
| Tues 23 rd | 10:00am Pat Ryder R.I.P. | |
| Wed 24 th | | 9.30am Rosary Coffee Morning 10:30am 10:00am |
| Thu 25 th | | 10:00am School Mass Year 4 |
| Fri 26 th | 6:00 – 6:55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Corless & McHardy Family | |
| Sat 27 th | | 5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass John Collins R.I.P. |
| Sun 28 th | 9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass Private Intention | 26th Sunday of Year C |

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.

Requests: If you would like to have a Baptism, Marriage, Funeral etc. held in your own church please visit your own parish Website, see the top of the Bulletin's Front Page, download the relevant Form from the "SACRAMENTS" Tab, complete it and return it to Fr. Manoj as per the form's listed instructions. This will ensure that the services are scheduled at the correct parish and alleviate any confusion as to where they need to be held.



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.

Bulletin: To try and reduce the number of copies printed and the cost of our weekly Bulletin, copies are now sent via email to parishioners of both parishes. Copies are also posted on both the Parish Websites, and in St. Paul's WhatsApp Group. If you would like to have a copy sent to you via email in future, please give your email address to Gerry or Peter Killen.

Weekly Homily and Bulletin

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, along with the Bulletin to save printing costs, please speak with Gerry or Peter Killen.

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.

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) are undertaking a thematic inspection on survivor engagement and support. The aim of this survey is to better understand how the Catholic Church engages with Survivors by inviting everyone engaged with the Catholic Church, including Clergy, Religious (Consecrated Life), Parish Safeguarding Representatives, Employees, Volunteers and Parishioners to contribute their experiences.

The closing date for responses is 6th October 2025 and the survey takes around 15-20 minutes to complete and can be found via the following link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSOzRY2fT0OpJmB_Xv63KLBEXoG2tIVAm9UYqKjMSFUM1hSR1VCOEpYMUc4SDVQWTg3VknNDTzg5OS4u



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Sunday 21st Sept 2025 – Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (Home Mission Sunday)



Pope's prayer intention for September: 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."

Sunday 21st September 2025 – Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (Home Mission Sunday)

Message from Abbot Hugh Allan, Director of Mission at CBCEW:

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. "Evangelii Gaudium" is Latin for "Joy of the Gospel". It is a Sunday more commonly known as Home Mission Sunday, a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate the beauty of our faith, and our shared commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ.

Celebrating 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea, the theme for this year is "I believe..." as the heart of mission. More details about this can be found on the Bishops' Conference website - <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>. The second collection on this weekend is to support the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Through this directorate, we support our Church in a wide field of service and mission here in England and Wales.

Please hold this important work in your prayers and give as generously as you can

Churches Together in England invites you to support the call to prayer for peace in the Middle East on Sunday, 21st September 2025

A coalition of Christian agencies is coordinating an act Christian witness that speaks to a shared commitment to peace, reconciliation, and the dignity of all people. The call to churches across Britain to pray for peace on Sunday 21 September coincides with UN World Peace Day and the global call to prayer from the [World Council of Churches](https://www.wccn.org/).

St. Wilfrid's Blyth invite everyone to join in celebrating the new mass for Care for Creation at 7pm on Wednesday 24th September. This Mass is a call to deeper conversion, a spark for collective prayer, and a beacon of hope in the face of ecological collapse. It is being used widely by communities right across the world, especially during the ecumenical Season of Creation. Your presence would be most welcome.

St. Benet Biscop Partnership invite you to a Season of Creation Service of Prayer and Reflection to be held at St. Bede's Bedlington on Wednesday 1st October at 7:00pm followed by refreshments (cakes baked and served) by the young people of St. Benet Biscop School as they work towards their JPI I Award. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

***"Theres a revolution that needs to happen and it starts from inside each one of us.**

We need to wake up and fall in love with the Earth. Our personal, collective happiness and survival depends on it"*

Welcome Home, Fr. Manoj.

We are pleased to welcome Fr. Manoj back in Cramlington and hope that he has had a relaxing holiday visiting family and friends, returning refreshed and ready to continue his ministry in St. John's and St. Paul's. He returns in time to celebrate Mass on his dedicated feast day, the Feast of Saint Matthew the Apostle, which is normally celebrated on 21st September each year, However, as it falls on a Sunday this year the preference is given to the allocated 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, as noted in the Diocesan ORDO.

Fr. Stanly Great North Run

Fr. Stanly wishes to thank you all for the support you have given me towards the Great North Run. I have raised £835 to support CAFOD. Thanks to all.

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 and Pat(ricia) Ryder. Please keep them all, along with their families in your prayers.

Parish Council: The next meeting will be held next Sunday 28th September 2025 following the 9:30am Mass. Should any parishioner wish to submit anything for consideration or discussion please submit it in writing to Fr. Manoj no later than this Sunday 21st September 2025. Thank 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

Cleaning Rota: Group A - Nov. Group B - Oct, Dec. Cleaning on the 1st Saturday of every month.

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 sufficient time to prepare the Bulletin.

There are a number of courses to be run by the diocese as listed below. If you are interested in attending any of these courses please speak with Fr. Manoj who will advise of the dates / venues and arrange the bookings:

Liturgy - Crossing the Threshold - Formation for Welcomers looks at how we welcome those who come to us for Mass and the Sacraments. It will help us review how we keep in touch with newcomers and occasional visitors, as well as keep track of long-established parishioners. We look at how we engage as a community with those who come to Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals as guests and well-wishers.

Liturgy - New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Liturgical Day of Reflection for Existing Ministers of Holy Communion - 'Called to the Supper of the Lamb', led by Fr Mark Millward

'Meeting God in Faith & Friendship', an interfaith event celebrating dialogue, understanding, and unity among faith communities.

Music Matters - A Day for Musicians. a time to reflect on the liturgy and the role of music within it, how we sing the Mass, the role of music ministers, and how we prepare for our service.

Life in the Spirit Seminars are being run once again by the Diocesan CHARIS group and we welcome everyone to attend. The seminars are being held at Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Village Lane, Washington, NE38 7HS from 7.00-8.30pm beginning on Thursday 25 September. The Life in the Spirit Seminars come from Catholic Charismatic Renewal and are designed as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. They provide an opportunity for you to find out more about that life, and to be helped in taking the first steps of a new, dynamic relationship with the living Lord through talks and small group discussions. Many who have attended previous seminars have spoken of how it has given their faith a real boost and helped them experience God's love in tangible ways. All dates, seminar themes and speakers are as follows

- 25 September: God's Love** - Andy Drozdziak. **2 October: Salvation** - Fr Anthony Ohaekwusi
- 9 October: The New Life** - Christine Dixon. **16 October: Receiving God's Gifts** John Wheeler
- 23 October: Baptised in the Holy Spirit** - Fr Shaun O'Neill - **30 October: Growth** - Deacon Alison Rebello
- 6 November: Transformation** - Fr Shaun O'Neill

Helping Hands Needed for Care Home Garden

Do you enjoy being outdoors and lending a helping hand?

St Joseph's Home (Little Sisters of the Poor) are looking for volunteers to help tend their extensive garden. The garden is a special place for the residents, a space for peace, fresh air, and community.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with weeding, clearing undergrowth and general upkeep. No special skills or experience are needed, just a willing spirit, kind heart and a bit of time to share. Just bring yourself and we'll provide the tools. If you would like to be part of this rewarding work and share joy with the residents, please contact Sr Brigitte or Anne Whale (Tel: 0191 2731279) to get involved. Let's join together to make the garden flourish for the residents to enjoy!

Alive in HOPE: A Church for MISSION

Saturday 27th September, 10am - 3pm at Cardinal Hume Catholic School, Gateshead.

"To be a baptised Christian is to have a vocation to build the Kingdom of God. The focus must be mission." Bishop Stephen Wright

Bishop Stephen invites all across our diocesan family to celebrate **Jubilee Day**, a wonderful opportunity to connect with old friends and new, celebrate our community and reawaken and empower us for mission! *Guest speakers*, a choice of inspiring seminars, meet and speak with our Catholic partners. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer space in the chapel plus praise and worship led by local musical group **Set A Fire**



Guest Speakers: Hope & Mercy from Behind Bars: The Vital Role of Prison Chaplaincy

Prison Chaplains play a vital role in the lives of incarcerated individuals, offering spiritual support, guidance and a sense of hope in challenging circumstances. Their work is marked by profound joys and significant struggles. Join one of our prison chaplains as they delve into the unique experiences of prison chaplaincy, highlighting the impactful and often unseen work they do to bring hope, mercy and accompaniment to those behind bars.

Azad Hasan - Jubilee of Hope: A Journey of Mercy & Dignity for All:

Azad from Syria joined the Justice and Peace Refugee Project in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle in 2021. The project exemplifies compassion, leadership, and unwavering commitment to human dignity. Under Azad's guidance, the project supports between 400 and 500 asylum seekers each month, offering not only essential items like food, clothing, and household goods, but also a sense of community and hope. Join Azad to hear about his journey, the project and how it is having a positive impact for refugees living in our area.

To book a place or for more information please go to [Jubilee Day 2025 - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle](#)



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. **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.

New to the Parish: If you are new to the Parish please complete a New to the Parish form available at the back of the church or via both parish Websites. You will then receive important updates of Parish Activities etc.

St. Paul's Parish News

Remember in your prayers: Please pray for Aidan, Sr. Agnes in Room 32 at Astor Court, for Chris Garrett, Glynis Mayes along with any parishioner who is unwell.

Mass Intentions: If you have requested a private Mass intention for a specific date and it is not shown in the Bulletin, please speak with either Fr. Manoj or Peter Killen. If you wish to take up the Offertory Gifts on your scheduled Mass date, please speak with Teresa Reid in advance.

Bonus Ball: 30th August '25:
Number 10 - C Ford



Finances
St. Paul's Collection for 13th Sept £246.43
Catholic Education. £84.70

Ministry Rota

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| | <u>20th September</u> | <u>27th September</u> |
| Bidding Prayers | Malcolm G | Terry C |
| Welcomers | Meg C & Barbara W | Barbara B & Anne Marie L |
| Readers | Barbara B & Margaret F | Terry C & Teresa K |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Gladys H & Jimmy L | Rob M & Stephanie N |
| Coffee | Joyce & Malcolm G | Victoria L & Pamela McG |
| Counting | Team 2: Maria H & Kathy D | Team 3: Bob, Julie M & Sheila H |
| Cleaning | Team 4: Julie & Bob M | Team 1: Stephanie N & Barbara W |
| Bulletin | Peter K | Peter K |