

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
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
Tues 30 th	10:00am Living & deceased gardeners of St. John's	
Wed 1 st		9.30am Rosary Coffee Morning 10:30am 10:00am In Rear Chapel For successful operation & speedy recovery
Thu 2 nd		10:00am School Mass Year 6
Fri 3 rd	6:00 – 6:55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Holy Souls	CAFOD Family Fast Day
Sat 4 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass
Sun 5 th	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass Christopher Maddison R.I.P. Thanksgiving Mass For 60 years Marriage	27th 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.

First Holy Communion Children 2026

A Family Mass will take place on Sunday 28 September in St John's on the theme of Gathering to welcome our 13 children who will make their First Holy Communion in St John's and St Paul's Churches in 2026. Let us pray for them and their families as the children journey towards receiving Holy Communion for the first time. God bless them all."



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

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.

Recommend watching: "Grace for the World" A recent concert from St Peter's Square in Rome available on the Disney TV Channel. This was the first ever concert from St Peter's Square.

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=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB_Xv63KLBEXoG2tIVAm9UYqKjMSFUM1hSR1VCOEpYMUc4SDVQWTg3VvKNDTzg5OS4u



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28th Sept. 2025 – 26th Sunday of the Year (C)



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 Reflection: "Child, remember that you in your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish."

Pope Francis frequently warned against a culture of indifference, where awareness of suffering does not lead to compassion or action. He said: "indifference is the tragedy of being well-informed but not feeling the reality of others."

In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, Jesus shows us the danger of indifference to the suffering of others; of failing to recognise the experience of our neighbours. News coverage of our sisters and brothers affected by serious conflicts in the Holy Land, in Sudan and in Ukraine; the worsening effects of climate change; and poverty caused by injustice and economic uncertainty is distressing. It is often so disturbing that it is tempting to switch off, to look away, to focus on our own daily concerns. Following Pope Francis' example, Pope Leo last month called us "not to give in to indifference" and to draw close to those affected by war "through prayer and concrete acts of charity."

As we prepare to mark Family Fast Day in the week ahead, may we recognise the call in this Sunday's Gospel to live our lives with empathy, generosity and a commitment to justice. May we allow ourselves to be moved by encounter with the stories of our neighbours who walks for hours to fetch water during a long-running drought in southern Ethiopia. And may we be witnesses of Christ's love and compassion in our world today.

Prayer intention from Pope Francis:

We ask the Lord for the grace of not falling into indifference, the grace that all information we have about human suffering might penetrate our hearts and move us to do something for others.

This reflection comes from CAFOD. You can sign up to receive a weekly reflection on the Sunday Gospel directly to your email inbox at cafod.org.uk/weekly-reflections

Celebrating and Giving Thanks for our Health Care Workers: As part of our Jubilee Year celebration our Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday 26th October 2025 will be in thanksgiving for all our Health Care Workers in all works of life, to include those who work in Hospitals, Care Homes and caring for the Housebound whether it be family members or as part of their occupation. All are welcome to come and support this special celebration Mass.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest

Please donate to the CAFOD Family Fast Day parish collection next weekend to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they try to find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity will offer "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water, along with many other projects assisting the poorest people across the globe. PLEASE do take the CAFOD envelope home with you, fast if possible next Friday and bring your contribution back with you to church next weekend or donate on-line at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Thank you in anticipation.

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 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!"*



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.

Visit of the Papal Nuncio

On Tuesday 30th September we welcome the Papal Nuncio, His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía to our Diocese. On that day at 1.00pm he will celebrate Mass at St Mary's Cathedral. Everyone is welcome to this celebration of Mass. As Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Buendía is Pope Leo's Ambassador to our country and so a sign of our communion with the Church of Rome. As well as celebrating Mass he will visit several of our Diocesan institutions as he stays with us.

Significance Grand Draw

Fr Dermott Donnelly founded the charity 'Significance' to enable young people to become all that God has created them to be. Significance supports YMT and the ongoing development of the Emmaus Village and also provides grants for particular projects which provide opportunities to young people.

To raise funds, Significance has launched a Grand Draw: First prize is 2 tickets for a 'Britain's Got Talent' live semi-final in 2026, first class LNER travel and overnight stay in a London hotel and there are other exciting prizes. Each ticket costs £5 and the aim is to raise £20,000 by selling 800 books x 5 tickets. The draw will take place on Youth Sunday 23rd November 2025. Please support by buying a ticket or taking a book to sell. Raffle tickets can be sent to you by contacting significance316@gmail.com

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. 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

2 October: Salvation - Fr Anthony Ohaekwusi **9 October: The New Life** - Christine Dixon. I
6 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!

Tynedale Hospice At Home: A Charity Concert in aid of the *Tynsdale Hospice at Home* will be held on Saturday 18th October commencing at 6:00pm in Doxford Methodist Church featuring the **Backworth Male Voice Choir**. Tickets are free with a suggested donation of £5.00. To reserve your tickets please text or ring John on 07799 944626 (BMVC) or Anne on 01670 713292. See Poster on the Notice Boards.

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.

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.

St. John the Baptist Parish News

Parish Council: The next meeting will be held this Sunday 28th September 2025 following the 9:30am Mass.

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



Remember in your prayers: Anne Hall, Karen Mackie, Anna Shinwell, Arnie Masterson, Peter Laggan, Maureen Cowan's friend and Chris Garrett.

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.**

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

St. John's Collections: Sunday 14th September 2025 - £308.30: Catholic Education - £111.01
 Sunday 21st Sept 2025 - £368.60: Catholic Education - (cumulative £128.01): Home Mission Sunday - £64.50:

St. Paul's Parish News

Wednesday morning Masses will now be celebrated in the Rear Chapel from this Wednesday, 1st Oct.

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 22 - T Weatherall**



Finances
 St. Paul's Collection for 20th Sept £197.90
Evangelii Gaudium £63.00

Ministry Rota

	<u>27th September</u>	<u>4th October</u>
Bidding Prayers	Terry C	Jacqui H
Welcomers	Barbara B & Anne Marie L	Julie & Bob M
Readers	Terry C & Teresa K (Wed: Patrick C)	Malcolm G & Gladys H
Eucharistic Ministers	Rob M & Stephanie N	Linda T & Teresa K
Coffee	Victoria L & Pamela McG	Joyce & Malcolm G
Counting	Team 3: Bob, Julie M & Sheila H	Team 4: Maureen B, Meg C & Kathy O'R
Cleaning	Team 1: Stephanie N & Barbara W	Team 2: Terry C
Bulletin	Peter K	Mariela