

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 6 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass David Thompson White R.I.P. & deceased members of White & Welsh families John Collins R.I.P.
Sun 7 th	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass Arthur Brannigan R.I.P. & Deceased members of the Brannigan family	22nd Sunday of Year C
Tues 9 th	NO SERVICE	
Wed 10 th		9.30am Rosary Coffee Morning 10:30am 10:00am Service of Word & Communion
Thu 11 th	NO SERVICE	
Fri 12 th	6:00 – 6:55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Service of Word & Communion	
Sat 13 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass Marguerite Mary Tivet R.I.P.
Sun 14 th	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass Kevin Fox R.I.P.	23rd Sunday of Year C Education Sunday

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.

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.

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.



Holy Island Pilgrimage: This year's Pilgrimage is finally nearly upon us – taking part on Saturday 13th September. Please do get in touch for any more information.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal – Introduction for Parish Volunteers.

Date: Wednesday, 17 September - Time: 7-8pm. Join us for a special session on Zoom to hear live from Teamrat Belai, Country Director – Ethiopia for CAFOD, SCIAF and Trócaire and Jo Kitterick, CAFOD's Director of Fundraising and Participation. Learn more about our work in Ethiopia and discover how you can play a vital role in supporting our Family Fast Day appeal in your parish this Harvest.



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Sunday 7th September 2025 – 23rd Sunday of Year C

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

Fr Stanly will celebrate Mass on the following dates: September 6th, 13th/14th. Fr. Steven Foster will celebrate Mass at St. John's on Sunday 7th September. Please contact Deacon Rob Wareing / Gerry Killen for any issues at St. John's and Deacon Tony Turner or Deacon Rob Wareing for any issues at St. Paul's.

Weekly reflection. In today's gospel, Jesus challenges his followers to understand what discipleship really means. He asks for a radical commitment to justice, truth and love. For Christians today, we are called to move beyond our comfort zones and truly live out our faith, especially in a world struggling with inequality, poverty and exclusion. Discipleship is not simple. It means standing against injustice, even when it's the unpopular stance. This is why we should all campaign on issues such as the global food system, the climate emergency, cancelling debt and human rights. Jesus reminds us that we cannot be half-hearted followers - we must be ready to live our lives with a commitment to compassion and justice. This might mean not keeping silent when we see exploitation, or choosing to support fair-trade or ethical products even if they cost more. It might mean including the person who is often left out, or advocating for changes in our school, work or community. These aren't easy choices - but they are the kinds of sacrifices Jesus is asking of us. Being a disciple means building a world that reflects God's justice, mercy and peace.

Prayer



Jesus, you call us to follow you not with words alone, but with our whole lives. Help us to stand for justice when it's hard and to walk beside those who are hurting. Teach us to love with courage and sacrifice. AMEN.



Great North Run 2025: Fr. Stanly is taking part in this year's Run on the 7th 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.uk/overseas-development) 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.

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."

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.

Parish Council: The next meeting will be held on 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 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.

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

St. John's Graveyard: A reminder that all NEW PLOT burials will almost certainly be a single depth coffin burial. A double burial will only be possible with one coffin and one ashes casket. It is important therefore that couples and families are aware of this restriction. Burials to an EXISTING PLOT may well be double depth, however, a test will be carried out to confirm this prior to the second burial. Please also note the following - IMPORTANT – It is a requirement of the church that NO CURBS be fitted to the grave with the Memorial Headstone, or at any time after the burial. There is a 300mm. maximum area from the Headstone (grave width) for flower holders etc. There may also be a requirement to have soil spoil temporarily over the plot when a burial is arranged to an adjacent plot.

IMPORTANT - Fr Harriott informed a few Parishioners that they could reserve a burial plot – Unfortunately we are unable to find any record of the permission. If you have been given permission and have any documentation, we would appreciate a copy as available plots are decreasing. **Please note, this was not a standard practice.**

St. John's Collection: Sun 31st August 25 - £320.50: **Second Collection next Sunday for Catholic Education.**

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.



Cramlington Foodbank

It's been another busy year at Cramlington Foodbank providing emergency food parcels to people who can't afford the essentials. The Trussell community provided 2.9 million emergency food parcels to people in crisis last year, with over 1 million of these going to children. Food banks provide emergency food and practical support to people who have been left without enough money to live on. Rising food & fuel prices, static incomes, high unemployment & changes to benefits are causing many families to struggle to put food on the table and with the harvest season fast approaching, we are reaching out across the community asking if you can join us and support with food donations for local people in crisis. We really appreciate your support and this Harvest we are looking for support with collecting tinned and dried food and our Harvest Appeal Shopping List of food stocks we are running low on (see Notice Board). We want to extend huge thanks to all our local partners for the generous donations we receive which allows us to continue the support to the many families who have become very dependent on the service we provide.

Stop Assisted Suicide - Action needed! The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords next 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/laspeers 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".



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 Centenary Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Ss Jacinta and Francisco Marto will be visiting St Marys Cathedral on the 13th of September as part of the pilgrimage of Hope and Centenary celebration of the First Five Saturday Devotion. Mass is celebrated by Right Reverend, Bishop Stephen Wright. The day starts at 10:45 with a procession and ends at 16:00. All are welcome.

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.*



Little Sisters of the Poor – Pie & Pea Supper

St Joseph's Home in Newcastle are having a Pie & Pea Supper on Wednesday 24th September at 7pm to include Bingo, Raffle and Entertainment. Tickets at £8 each, are available by ringing the Little Sisters on 0191 2731279. Please do try and support this very worthwhile social event.



Ceilidh: Friday September 12th at 7 pm in St Bede's Church Hall, Bedlington with open table. Entry charge of £5.00. ALL WELCOME!

Education Sunday: Next weekend is Education Sunday and the Diocesan Department for Education are asking parishioners to pray for our Diocesan Catholic schools, their pupils and staff. In addition, they are using the opportunity to make an appeal for governors at the end of Mass. They have invited headteachers, school or Catholic Education Trust staff and governors to make the short appeal. This will be given by Deacon Rob Wareing..

St. Paul's Parish News

Congratulations to Jonathan Elliott who celebrates his 40th birthday on Saturday 6th September 2025!



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 2025:
Number 16 S Hedley



Finances

St. Paul's Collection for 30th August £204.06
Second Collection next Sunday for Catholic Education.

Ministry Rota

	<u>6th September</u>	<u>13th September</u>
Bidding Prayers	David S	Teresa K
Welcomers	Margaret H & Linda T	Stella S & Marylyn T
Readers	Peter K & Jacqui H (Wed: Teresa K)	Julie M & Eddie L
Eucharistic Ministers	Christine E & Terry C	Terry C & Peter K
Coffee	Victoria L & Pamela McG	Joyce & Malcolm G
Counting	Team 5: Stephanie N, Maxine T & Sheila H	Team 1: Joe S, Averill R & Betty W
Cleaning	Team 2: Terry C	Team 3: Barbara B & Stella S
Bulletin	Peter K	Peter K