

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 18 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass People of the parish
Sun 19 th	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass Kevin & Christopher Kemp R.I.P.	29th Sunday of Year C
Tues 21 st	10:00am Living and deceased gardeners of St John's	
Wed 22 nd		9.30am Rosary Coffee Morning 10:30am 10:00am In Rear Chapel Joan Mennel R.I.P.
Thu 23 rd		10:00am School Mass Years 3 & 4 Sr. Agnes R.I.P.
Fri 24 th	5:00 – 5:55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Holy Souls R.I.P. Please note Mass time change for the Winter months	
Sat 25 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass Pamela Siddle R.I.P.
Sun 26 th	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass Bernadette Bell R.I.P. Living & Deceased Gardeners of St John's	30th 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.

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_Xy63KLBEXoG2tlVAm9UYqKjMSFUM1hSR1VCOEpYMUC4SDVQWTg3VknNDTzg5OS4u



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.

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.

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.



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19th Oct. 2025 – 29th Sunday of the Year (C)



Pope Leo's prayer intention for October: For Mutual Co-existence and Respect.

"That believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity"

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. AMEN.

Sunday Reflection: "And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry out to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?"

I know I can be like the persistent widow. I will plead to be heard and understood. But at other times, just like the judge, I will do something because it suits me to get it out of the way. I recognise this fault and when I stumble, I try to be better. "To persist" means to continue in spite of difficulty or opposition. Just as the widow was persistent to see justice done, we are called to persist and amplify the voices of those whose cries are unheard. We can strive to be part of the love of God on this earth. Christ reminds us that justice does not come easy; prayer and persistence go hand in hand. He invites us not to give up. God assures us that we will not be unheard. This gospel reminded me of Pope Leo XIV's words during his Angelus in the Castel Gandolfo on 17 August. He reflected on the cost of acting in truth in pursuit of Christ's mission of love and justice: "Doing good does not always receive a positive response. On the contrary one can end up encountering harsh opposition, even insolence and oppression. Acting in truth has its cost." As Pope Leo says, the journey to see justice done will not be easy, but by embodying the persistent widow we can act to see Christ's justice and peace take root.

Let us pray: Lord God, we ask that you help us to be like the persistent widow, rather than the unjust judge. Help us to strive for justice, even when it isn't easy for us. May our hearts be filled with your love, and may it flow out through our actions. Help us to make this world fair for all.

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



Margaret Patricia (Sr. Agnes) Miller:

We are sad to announce the passing of Agnes last Sunday evening at 11:30pm in Astor Court Care Home and would ask you to please pray for the repose of her soul and to thank God for her life and contribution to our community. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Her body will be received into St. Paul's Church at 5:00pm on Tuesday 28th October when the Rosary will be recited. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated, commencing at 10:00am on Wednesday 29th October, in St. Paul's Church and followed by cremation at Cowpen Crematorium, Blyth. Donations left in her memory in lieu of flowers will be forwarded on to the Dementia UK charity. May she now be at peace in the loving arms of our Saviour, Jesus.

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.



All Souls Day Celebration and Grave Blessing: We warmly invite all parishioners to join us in prayer as we commemorate **All Souls Day on Monday, November 3**, at **St. John the Baptist Church, Annitsford at 10.00am. Holy Mass** will be celebrated in remembrance of all the faithful departed. Following Mass, we will proceed to the cemetery for the **Blessing of Graves**, praying for our loved ones who have gone before us in faith. Let us gather as a community to honour and pray for the souls of the departed, entrusting them to God's mercy and love. *"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."*

Our Annual Adult Christmas Party for both parishes is to be held on the evening of Friday 12 December at Arcot Hall at a cost of £28 for a three course meal. If you are interested in going, please put your name on the list (which Fr Manoj currently has) as soon as possible to secure your booking. Monies need to be paid a.s.a.p. to a member of the social group or to Fr Manoj.

Children's Christmas Party: for both parishes will be held on Saturday 6th December from 2–4pm in St. John's Hall at a cost of £5 per child. Please add your child's name to the lists in church if they wish to go. Please pay the £5 due to Fr. Manoj.

Missionaries of Hope among all Peoples' World Mission Sunday: 19 October 2025

Today is World Mission Sunday, when parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to be "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples" as everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God's Spirit. Please pray for Missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace and justice to those in need. To donate use the Missio envelope, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit mission.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

Pope's chosen theme "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples": His theme reminds individual Christians and the entire Church of our fundamental vocation to be, in the footsteps of Christ, messengers and builders of hope, shared by Pope Francis at the beginning of 2025.

We are all called to share the hope of the Gospel. Everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God's Spirit – we can become instruments of that hope. World Mission Sunday also reminds us that we are called by Jesus – in person – to bear witness to His words in our everyday lives. We are called to reach out to the lost, the oppressed and discouraged and to tenderly care for those who suffer. We are invited to live out our call to mission by proclaiming the coming of God's Kingdom, serving those in need, promoting peace with justice and inviting people to know God's goodness.

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

Little Sisters of the Poor – Christmas Fayre: The Little Sisters of the Poor will be holding their Christmas Fayre on Saturday 8th November from 12-3pm at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle There will be lots of stalls, raffle, home baking and refreshments. All welcome.

Adventurous Accompaniment

This short formation programme is designed to help people become better at walking with others, supporting them to see God at work. Over two sessions, participants will explore how to accompany others, whether informally while out talking with neighbours or over a sustained relationship with family and friends. The 'Adventure' of this formation is that God is the one leading the way. The two sessions will take place on Sunday 9th & 16th November 1pm – 4pm at St Vincent's Diocesan office, St Cuthbert's house, West Rd, Newcastle, NE15 7PY. There is an introductory cost of £10pp to attend. For further information or to book a place please visit: <https://bit.ly/DHNAdventurousAccompaniment> or email Emma at formation.mission@diocesehn.org.uk



All Saints Day Brunch by the Sea

Catholic Women in the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle are invited to a Blessed is She style Brunch, 11 am – 1pm on Saturday 1st November at St Cuthbert, Albion Rd West, North Shields, NE29 0JB. Please bring pastries, fruit or other to share. It will include time for reflection & prayer led by Sr Sheila McNamara. To RSVP or more info contact Mary (mmadziva@ymt.org) or Amy (formation.mission@diocesehn.org.uk)

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.



As November is the month to remember the Holy Souls, we plan to provide candles in remembrance of Family and friends, to help raise parish funds. The candles will be £10 each and can be labelled with people's names or with a family name. They will be lit on Saturday 1st November and continue to be lit during November and December's Masses and those Masses will be celebrated for the repose of the souls of those named. The candles should be ordered using the slips available at the back of church and either handed to Fr. Manoj or left in the basket. Monies are to be paid directly to Fr Manoj. Thank you in advance.

PLEASE ORDER BY Saturday 1st November, if possible, in time for the November Masses.

St. John the Baptist Parish News

St John's Graveyard burials: Due to the ever reducing availability, burials at St John's will be restricted to existing Parishioners unless space is available in an existing family plot. Unless ascertained at the time of the first burial into a new plot, burials will be single depth, however two burials will be possible with one coffin burial and one Cremation casket. **Specification in a will may not guarantee burial at St Johns**

Children's Liturgy Group - No Children's Liturgy on Sunday 19th October. They will resume on Sunday 26th October

Friday Night Mass Time

During the dark winter nights Mass time will change to **6pm** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass at **5pm**

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 AS YOU MAY RECEIVE A POLICE NOTICE**

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

St. John's Collections – Sunday, 12th October 2025

Weekly Collection: **£358.50**. CAFOD Family Fast Day: **£353.63** increased to **£394.38** by Gift Aided donations.

St. Paul's Parish News

Parish Finance meeting: the next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 22nd November in the parish house.**

Remember in your prayers: Please pray for Aidan, for Chris Garrett, Glynis Mayes along with any parishioner who is unwell. **Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Sr. Agnes who passed away on Sunday 12th October.**

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:

Number 53 – Fr Manoj



Finances

St. Paul's Collection for 4th October: £165.90
CAFOD: £166.85

Ministry Rota

	<u>18th October</u>	<u>25th October</u>
Bidding Prayers	Teresa K	Malcolm G
Welcomers	Margaret H & Linda T	Stella S & Marylyn T
Readers	Eddie L & Julie M (Wed Peter K)	Barbara B & Teresa K
Eucharistic Ministers	Jimmy L & Jacqui H	Christine E & Terry C
Coffee	Victoria L & Pamela McG	Joyce and Malcolm G
Counting	Team 1: Joe S, Averill R, Betty W	Team 2: Maria H, Kathleen D
Cleaning	Team 4: Julie & Bob M	Team 1: Stephanie N, Barbara W
Bulletin	Mariela	Peter