

# This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass <b>Pamela Siddle R.I.P.</b>
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass <b>Bernadette Bell R.I.P.</b> <b>Living &amp; Deceased Gardeners of St John's Isla Rae Clennell - Baptism at 11:00am</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year C</b>
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am <b>Holy Souls</b>	
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>		10:00am <b>Sr. Agnes' Requiem Mass</b>
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup>		10:00am <b>Special Intention (SW)</b>
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	5:00 – 5:55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm <b>Stan &amp; Agnes Robinson R.I.P.</b>	
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass <b>John Waterworth R.I.P.</b>
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass <b>Fr. Richard Harriott R.I.P. &amp; Private Intention (A.T.)</b>	<b>All Saints Day Year C</b>

**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.**

**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\\_Xv63KLBEXoG2tIVAm9UYqKjMSFUM1hSR1VCOEpYMUc4SDVQWTg3VvNDTzg5OS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB_Xv63KLBEXoG2tIVAm9UYqKjMSFUM1hSR1VCOEpYMUc4SDVQWTg3VvNDTzg5OS4u)



**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](mailto: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.

**Celebrating and Giving Thanks for our Health Care Workers:** As part of our Jubilee Year celebration our **Sunday Vigil Mass this Saturday 25th 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.



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## 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2025 – 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (C)



**Margaret Patricia (Sr. Agnes) Miller:**  
We were sad to announce the passing of Agnes on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 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 this Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October and the Rosary will be recited. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated, commencing at 10:00am next Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October, in St. Paul's Church and followed by her committal 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.



**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: "For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."**  
In this parable, Jesus contrasts the proud Pharisee with the humble tax collector, reminding us that righteousness is not measured by self-assurance or outward displays of virtue, but by honesty of our hearts before God. In a world that appears to reward conceit, success and self-promotion, the quiet humility of the tax collector stands as a radical act of faith that reminds us that we are all equal before the Lord. Catholic social teaching invites us to live with humility and solidarity, seeing others not as lesser or greater than ourselves, but as brothers and sisters of the same family. Like those who quietly dedicate their lives to serving others - teachers who nurture struggling students, carers who tend the elderly with dignity, or volunteers who support the homeless without recognition - we are moved to listen and not judge, to serve rather than seek recognition and to walk with those who suffer injustice or exclusion. These modern examples remind us that humility is lived in small acts of love and compassion rather than grand gestures. With guidance and faith, we may all begin living humbly.  
**Let us pray:**  
**Dear Lord, Help us to walk humbly with you. Teach us to serve others without pride and to see your image in every person we meet. May this humility draw us closer to one another, helping us to build a world rooted in justice, compassion and peace. Amen.**  
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](http://cafod.org.uk/weekly-reflections)



**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<sup>rd</sup>**, 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 the social group or to Fr Manoj.

**Children's Christmas Party:** for both parishes will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



As November is the month to remember the Holy Souls, we plan to provide candles in St. Paul's 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Candles will still be available for anyone wishing to purchase one.**

**Those who have paid for their candles please collect the candle with your name and that of your loved ones next Saturday evening from the Piety Stall. They will then be lit at the back of church prior to the Offertory Procession and brought up by yourselves, placed around the Baptismal Font adjacent to the Memorial Book where they will remain during the months of November and December. Mass Intentions for those named on the candles will be published weekly in the Bulletin.**

St. John's will have a Tree Of Remembrance on which can be hung the names of loved ones who have passed away and Masses will be celebrated for them during the month of November.

**Little Sisters of the Poor – Christmas Fayre:** The Little Sisters of the Poor will be holding their Christmas Fayre on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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. **Please see the Leaflet on the Notice Boards.**

**58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act:** "There have now been over **ten and a half million abortions** in Great Britain since the Abortion Act was passed 58 years ago, on 27th October 1967. On this terrible anniversary please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October please go to Mass, say an extra Rosary and give up some food for the day. Share this with your friends on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/events/2088827391922348/> "

**Tradition v Change?** The Nicene Creed and the Development of Doctrine - Does faith change, or does it stay the same? In this 1700th anniversary year of the first Ecumenical Council of Nicaea [which formulated the Nicene Creed we proclaim at Mass] Professor Karen Kilby from Durham University will explore the Council, the Creed and the question of development of doctrine on Tuesday 4 November at 7pm in the Holy Name Hall, Jesmond NE2 3JX. All are 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/DHNAventurousAccompaniment> or email Emma at [formation.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto: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 - 1 pm 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](mailto:mmadziva@ymt.org)) or Amy ([formation.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto: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.

## 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**  
**IMPORTANT - During the winter months, St John's Gardeners will be carrying out works to level the graveyard in front of the church. Initially it will involve spreading bark then soil and grass seed on top next year.**

**Children's Liturgy Group:** This will resume this Sunday 26th October

**Friday Mass Times:** During the dark winter nights Mass time will be changed to **6pm** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass at **5pm.**

**Thanks, from Cramlington Foodbank for 22 Kg of food delivered 26<sup>th</sup> Sept giving a total donation for 2025 of 63.5 Kg**

**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](mailto: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, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025: £307.05**

## St. Paul's Parish News

**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 12<sup>th</sup> October and whose Requiem Mass is at 10:00am this coming Wednesday here in St. Paul's**

**Theresa Weatherall:** this weekend will be the final Mass here in St. Paul's for Theresa before she begins a new chapter in her life leaving Cramlington to live nearer her son. We wish her farewell and grateful thanks for her many contributions to our parish family over many years. Please join her for a cuppa and cake after Mass tonight.

**Minutes of the Parish Council** held in the month of October is given at the back of the church for your reference. Next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 13 November at 2.00 PM

**200 Club: 1<sup>st</sup> Number 13 - T Sutton; 2<sup>nd</sup> Number 37 - C Elliott; 3<sup>rd</sup> Number 27 - J Loan**

**Bonus Ball:**  
**Number 18 – T Robson**



**Finances**  
St. Paul's Collection for 4<sup>th</sup> October: £200.60

### Ministry Rota

	<b>25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> November</b>
<b>Bidding Prayers</b>	Malcolm G	Teresa Carr
<b>Welcomers</b>	Stella S & Marylyn T	Barbara B & Anne Marie L
<b>Readers</b>	Theresa W & Teresa K	Teresa Carr & Margaret F
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Christine E & Peter K	Gladys H & Jimmy L
<b>Coffee</b>	Joyce and Malcolm G	Victoria L & Pamela McG
<b>Counting</b>	Team 2: Maria H, Kathleen D	Team 3: Bob, Julie M & Sheila H
<b>Cleaning</b>	Team 1: Stephanie N, Barbara W	Team 2: Teresa C
<b>Bulletin</b>	Peter	Peter