

# This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass <b>People of St. Paul's parish</b>
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass <b>Christopher Maddison R.I.P.</b> <b>Thanksgiving Mass For 60 years Marriage</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year C</b>
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am <b>In Thanksgiving</b>	
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>		9.30am Rosary Coffee Morning 10:30am 10:00am <b>In Winter Chapel</b>
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup>		10:00am <b>School Mass Year 5</b>
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 – 6:55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm <b>Living &amp; Dec'd gardeners of St. John's</b>	
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass <b>Baptism during Mass.</b> <b>David &amp; Paul Seghini R.I.P. &amp; Kevin Fox R.I.P.</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of 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. Manoj.**

**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.

**2025/2026 MARRIAGE PREPARATION DAYS - IN PERSON FACE TO FACE: 'RELATIONSHIPS'**  
Please see the Leaflet on the Notice Board for more information and if you would like to take part please speak with Fr. Manoj.



### 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\\_Xy63KLBEXoG2tIVAm9UYqKjMSFUM1hSR1VCOEpYMUc4SDVQWTg3VknNDTzg5OS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB_Xy63KLBEXoG2tIVAm9UYqKjMSFUM1hSR1VCOEpYMUc4SDVQWTg3VknNDTzg5OS4u)



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## 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (C)



Pope's prayer intention for October: For Collaboration among religions.

"Lord Jesus, You who in diversity are one and look lovingly at every person, help us to recognise ourselves as brothers and sisters, called to live, pray, work, and dream together in a world full of beauty, also wounded by deep divisions where sometimes religions, instead of uniting us, become a cause of confrontation. Give us your Spirit to purify our hearts, so that we may recognise what unites us, and from there learn again how to listen and collaborate without destroying." Amen

**Sunday Reflection: "Increase our faith."** There may be times when our hopes for a world of justice and fairness for all seem even further away. There are conflicts which have no end. The cry of the earth is not heard. Many of our sisters and brothers still lack water, food and other essentials of life. Migrants and refugees seeking a better life are not welcomed. Loud voices preach hate not love. This might cause us to feel doubt and despair, questioning if things will ever change. As we strive for what is good, do we ever feel like giving up? Taken from his homily on this Gospel, St Oscar Romero's words can give us strength: **"Where injustice, violence, and brute force seem to hold sway, the just person can feel helpless. Nevertheless, we have the vigorous force of God, which is faith. If we who are tiny before the forces of the world have faith in God, then we are more powerful than all the armies of the world."**

Waré in Ethiopia faced many difficulties getting water for her family during times of drought. But she did not give up. She carried on walking despite being pregnant, feeling weak and worrying her children would lose their mother. May our faith sustain our hope of a better world, as we respond to the call to bring about God's Kingdom on earth.

**Prayer: Lord Jesus, in a world which can seem ever farther from being your Kingdom on earth, let us not feel disheartened or helpless, but strengthened by our faith, to respond to your call through word and deed. 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 & Grave Blessings:** We warmly invite all parishioners of both parishes to join us in prayer as we commemorate **All Souls Day** on **Monday, November 3**, in **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."**

### CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest

**Please donate to the CAFOD Family Fast Day parish collection this 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 return your CAFOD envelope this weekend with your contribution or use a spare envelope from the back of church. Alternatively you can donate on-line at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. Thank you.

**Celebrating and Giving Thanks for our Health Care Workers:** As part of our Jubilee Year celebration our **Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

## St. John the Baptist Parish News

**Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary- 7<sup>th</sup> October:** This feast celebrates the intercessory power of our Blessed Lady on behalf of God's people. It was instituted by Pope Saint Pius V in thanksgiving for the decisive naval victory of a Christian fleet over the Turks at Lepanto on October 7, 1571, a favour widely attributed to intense recitation of the Rosary. This crucial battle saved Europe from invasion by the forces of Islam, and the victory over the Ottomans is commemorated by the invocation "Mary, help of Christians," inserted in the Litany of Loreto. Years later the Turks were again defeated at Belgrade on the Feast of Our Lady of the Snows, in 1716. Another victory that year near the feast of the Assumption prompted pope Clement XI to mandate the Feast of the Rosary for celebration by the universal Church. Leo XIII added to the Litany of Loreto the invocation "Queen of the most Holy Rosary, pray for us,

**Praying the Rosary:** The Rosary invites us to pray about the great mysteries of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We honour the Virgin Mary as a deeply reflective person. In the second chapter of his gospel, Luke says of her that she "treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart." Again, in response to what Jesus said to her in the temple, Luke says that Mary "treasured all these things in her heart." Luke presents her as a contemplative person, reflecting on all that was happening in the life of her Son. To that extent, she embodies the attitude of mind and heart that we are invited to bring to praying the Rosary. In that prayer, we treasure and ponder upon the key moments in the journey of Jesus in this world and from this world to the Father. Mary not only pondered on what God was doing in the words and deeds of her Son, but she gave herself over to what God was doing, as shown by her response to the visit of Gabriel in today's gospel, "Let what you have said be done to me" or "Let it be to me according to your word." As we ponder on all God is doing in the words and deeds of Jesus, we too will hear the call to give ourselves over more fully to God's purpose for our lives.

**Tynedale Hospice At Home:** A Charity Concert in aid of the *Tynsdale Hospice at Home* will be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Baby Loss Awareness Week, 9 - 15 October 2025:** Archbishop John Sherrington (lead bishop for life issues) and Bishop Bosco MacDonald (lead bishop for marriage and family life) invite parishes to commemorate this week and support parents who lost their babies. If you have any suggestions how our parishes could commemorate this, please speak with Fr. Manoj asap

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### 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!

**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 compositors sufficient time to prepare the Bulletin.



**Prayerful Wishes for Christina on her First Holy Communion:** The parish family of St. John the Baptist Church, Annitsford, joyfully extends heartfelt prayers and blessings to Christina and her family as she receives Our Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Communion for the first time this Sunday. Accompanied with care and guidance by Kathleen Dawson, and supported by the love of our parish community, Christina has been preparing for this sacred milestone with faith and devotion. May the Lord's grace abundantly bless her and her family, and may this day remain a cherished and radiant memory in her life.



**Baptism of George McCord:** We are delighted to share the joyful news that George McCord will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, during the celebration of Mass at St. John the Baptist Church, Annitsford. With prayerful hearts, we welcome George into our parish family and the life of Christ's Church. May the Lord pour out His abundant blessings upon George, his parents, and godparents, guiding them in faith and love. May this sacred day mark the beginning of a lifelong journey with Christ, filled with grace, joy, and peace.

**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.

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

**2026 Catholic Calendars:** Please see sheet at the back of church to reserve your copy, cost £4. Orders have to be placed 6<sup>th</sup> October, if unable to add your name to the list, please phone Gerry Killen 07963 515190.

**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

**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

**St. John's Collections:** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025 - £308.40 **Second Collection today for CAFOD**

## St. Paul's Parish News

**We welcome,** both St John's and St Paul's, to our annual Christmas party 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, please put your name on the list (which Fr Manoj currently has) as soon as possible to secure your booking. Money also to be paid asap. to either the social group or Fr Manoj.

**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:** 30<sup>th</sup> August '25: No 59 - L Turnbull  
**200 Club:** 1st No 13 TSutton - 2nd No 46 J Martin  
3rd No3 J Collins



**Finances**  
St. Paul's Collection for 27<sup>th</sup> Sept £259.74  
**Second Collection today for CAFOD**

### Ministry Rota

	4 <sup>th</sup> October	11 <sup>th</sup> October
Bidding Prayers	Jacqui H	David S
Welcomers	Julie & Bob M	Russell & Stephanie N
Readers	Malcolm G & Gladys H (Wed: Terry C)	Jacqui H & Peter K
Eucharistic Ministers	Linda T & Teresa K	Meg C & Joyce G
Coffee	Victoria L & Pamela McG	Joyce & Malcolm G
Counting	Team 4: Maureen B, Meg C & Kathy O'R	Team 5: Stephanie N, Maxine T, Sheila H
Cleaning	Team 2: Terry C	Team 3: Stella S & Barbara B
Bulletin	Mariela	Mariela