

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 15 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass Mary Elizabeth Smith R.I.P.
Sun 16 th	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass Baptism of Thomas Chad Patterson Barry Hall: David & Paul Seghini R.I.P.	33rd Sunday of Year C
Tues 18 th	10:00am John Cryan R.I.P. & Special Intention (PD)	
Wed 19 th		Coffee Morning at 10:00am 12:00pm Rosemary Brownlow's Requiem
Thu 20 th		10:00am Whole School Mass Remembrance Candle Intentions
Fri 21 st	5:00 – 5:55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Private Intention (AW)	
Sat 22 nd		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass People of the Parish
Sun 23 rd	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass Karen Craigie R.I.P. & Special Intention (TB)	Our Lord Jesus Christ, The King (Youth 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.

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.

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

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Friday 31st July – Friday 7th August 2026: Celebrating our Centenary Year
Pastoral Theme: The Annunciation. "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you" (Lk. 1:28)

This is the year of the welcome, of listening and of the 'yes' that changed everything. The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place each year, departing on the last Friday of July for a full week's pilgrimage in Lourdes. Being the Centenary year since the first Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Joseph Thorman, we have had increased interest in people wanting to go to Lourdes in 2026. It would help our Tour Operator (Tangney Tours) greatly if you could fill in the pre-registration form on their website if you are contemplating travelling with them. This will assist in helping with travel arrangements and hotels. Please note, this is pre-registration, it does not mean you have booked your place. Please phone 01732 886 666 or follow the link

<https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-newcastle-2/>

YOUTH SECTION: The Youth Section is a vital part of our Pilgrimage; the assisted pilgrims and hotel pilgrims rely on your generosity in saying 'yes' to assist them throughout the week. The Youth Section is organised through the Youth Ministry Team (YMT). If you are aged 16 (on the day of travel) – 21. Please follow the link for more information.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aOPRISQZgU2IVeh2bj8rKcPoOoYAjsJLmfX_-ybbFAIURDMxTffpVNFbGV0NYV0NXWFNUU0NIUjdGRC4u

ASSISTED PILGRIMS: The pilgrimage offers a special section for Assisted Pilgrims who need Nursing Care or some other form of specialised care during the week in Lourdes. We have a team of doctors and nurses who provide for the

St Mary's Cathedral, Parish Secretary - Vacancy

Role: Parish Secretary

Salary: £10,537.80 per annum Hours: Part-time 15 hours per week Location: St Mary's Cathedral, Clayton St West, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4HH How to apply: Please visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/parish-secretary-16/>

Closing date: 12:00 pm 19 November 2025



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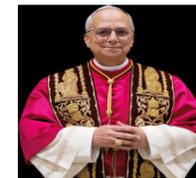
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16th November 2025 – 33rd Sunday of Year C



Pope Leo's prayer intention for November: For the prevention of suicide.

"Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community and be open to the beauty of life.

Prayer:

We ask the Lord for the grace that we might be able to offer to those in despair the help they need to dispel any thoughts of suicide and to see God's love for them through us.

Sunday Reflection: " Witness to and faith in Christ in a world of confusion

Our readings today appear to focus on the one hand the end of the world and on the other the second coming of Christ. We have words of warning of persecution, wars and destruction but words too of encouragement and hope for the future. We are two weeks before the start of Advent, that period we look forward to leading to the birth of Christ, the start of a new year, yet today we can tell we are coming to the end of this liturgical year when in our Gospel it's all about the end! Historically after Christ's death, resurrection and ascension the followers of Christ believed that Jesus would return after a brief time. Our second reading indicates that because of it, no work was necessary, the kingdom of God had arrived, so idleness was possible. When Jesus died his followers must have been distraught and thought that that was the end, what could they do now? We have just celebrated our day of remembrance, and we reflected on the sacrifices so many made to achieve peace. And yet we are constantly reminded of all the wars and destruction that are taking place in the world today – a truly disturbing thought; and the first part of the reading from Malachi doesn't help: 'The day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evil doers, will be stubble.' But on the other side he holds out a message of hope, 'But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.' And the psalm too is full of a message of hope and joy, song and music: 'Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp...trumpets and horn...let the rivers clap their hands...'

"Suffering brings acceptance; acceptance brings hope; hope brings love; love brings faith; faith brings certainty, certainty brings salvation."

What do we think Jesus means when he says the time will come when the temple will be destroyed, not a single stone left? There are perhaps three answers: one lies in last week's Gospel where Jesus is in the temple with those who are defiling it and we can recall Fr Manoj's reflection of Christ as the true temple: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." He was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body and in three days after his death he would rise. The second is Jesus' prophecy that the temple as a building would be destroyed as it was forty years later in 70AD. The third was Jesus talking about the end of the world when he will return in power and glory. While buildings and possessions will not last forever but our faith and love and goodness can never be destroyed as these are gifts of God. God has a plan, but we don't know what it is. What we do know is every one of us is uniquely important in that plan and without each of us individually his plan is not complete. Through all adversity our endurance will win our lives, that in the end times we will rise again in the love of God as Christ rose from the dead. It is not always easy to follow Christ's way of love, but he promised to give us the strength and courage that we need. Through all adversity our endurance will gain us everlasting happiness with God at the end of time.

John Lennon wrote, and the same words were used in the film set in India, 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel: 'Everything will be okay in the end, if it's not ok it's not the end. For our final reflection can we listen out for the words of the priest following the Our Father, '...by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.'

World Youth Sunday: Next weekend we will celebrate World Youth Sunday, when the Church gives thanks for the life and faith of our young people. The retiring collection will support the work of the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT), our Diocesan Youth Service. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of church - please consider taking one home this week and bringing it back for next Sunday's collection. Your generosity helps young people encounter Christ and grow in faith. Bishop Stephen has issued a letter to be associated with the celebration, and this can be viewed on the parish websites or via the following link:

<https://stpauls-rc.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Youth-Sunday-and-Feast-of-Christ-the-King-Letter-2025-1.pdf>

Partnership Meeting: A Service of Remembrance and Consolation is to be held in St. Bede's Church, Bedlington at 7pm on Wednesday 19th November to which everyone is warmly invited to attend. Please do try and join with others in our Partnership in remembering our loved ones who have gone before us, and to help in consoling each

Carbon Literacy Training – Northeast Churches Acting Together:

Three online sessions will examine the science of climate change, our own personal carbon footprints, and what we can be doing together as churches. The course can lead to Carbon Literacy Certification (cost £15) for those who choose this option, it will be free for those who do not wish to obtain certification. The course will run 7 – 9pm on Wednesdays November 19th and 26th and 14th January. To express an interest, please email minnie.fraser@diocesehn.org.uk



Candles are still available to purchase during November in memory of your loved ones. A total of £660 has been raised so far. Thanks to all who purchased a candle. **Mass Intentions for those named on the purchased candles have been published in the Parish Website Calendar with the relevant dates. There is a list on the Notice Boards and Intentions will be published weekly in the Bulletin. Next week's Intentions are as follows: Wed 19th Scheduled Intentions now moved to 11th Dec due to the Requiem Mass for Rosemary Brownlow. Thur 20th: Fittes and Bell families - Norma & Bill - Young and Collinson families - Espie, Wilson & Forster families - P.K Varghese & Mathew - Rosalie Patricia Graham, William Sullivan, Mary Sullivan, Frances Sullivan.**

St. Paul's Book of Remembrance has now been brought right up to date. Please have a look at the book.

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.

Rosemary Brownlow: It is with great sadness we advise you of the passing of Rosemary Brownlow, a previous Deputy Head at St. Benet Biscop High School, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated in St. Paul's on Wednesday 19th November at 12 noon followed by her committal at Cowpen Crematorium. Please do try and attend to support her family and to give thanks to God for her contribution to our communities.

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

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 and arrange to **pay the £5 due to Fr. Manoj ASAP.**

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 this weekend** to the social group or to Fr

Christmas Gifts: If you are struggling to think of a Present for someone, why not consider a CAFOD World Gift. Catalogues are available at the back of Church which contain a good variety of gifts for you to choose from.

Little sisters of the Poor – Christmas Concert: The Newcastle Male Chorus and Gibside Singers will be performing a Christmas Concert in the Chapel at St Joseph's Home (Little Sisters of the Poor), Newcastle on Saturday 6th December 2025 at 7.00pm. The concert is in aid of the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's Home. Tickets are £8 (interval drink included), available from St Joseph's Home ([0191 273 1279](tel:01912731279))

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.

Apostolic Penitentiary - Invitation to a Webinar "Pilgrims of Hope, in the Steps of Human Conscience"
The Apostolic Penitentiary will hold this webinar on Saturday 29 November from 8.00am to 12.00noon (UK Time), exploring human conscience and self-awareness in the light of Revelation. Attached is an invitation from Cardinal De Donatis, a flyer and an accompanying text for the presentation on conscience. Participation is free and open to all, especially those who provide spiritual guidance in their ministry. No prior registration is required, and participants can join via the Apostolic Penitentiary's YouTube channel.



Voices in Tune CIC presents Cramlington Community Choir - A Christmas Concert
Songs we like to sing - in St. Paul's Church on Sun. 14th Dec 2025 10:30am & 12:30pm.

Doors will open at 10:00 am and 12:00pm. Tickets are free: with a suggested donation of £5.00
Please see Marylyn Turton for your tickets or contact her on 07388 417073



RED MISSION BOXES: St. John's Parishioner Box Holders - please empty your box and leave the contents, with your name, in the basket on St Joseph's Altar.

St. Paul's parishioner Box Holders - please put your money in plastic bag with your name and leave it in the piety stall.

Volunteering Opportunity for Young People: Do you know a young child aged between 13 and 15.5yrs? Would they like to be involved in tackling illegal sales to young people? If yes, we'd love to hear from them. We are looking for young people to work alongside our Trading Standards teams and become **test purchasers** across Northumberland. For details of the role or to register please contact Sarah Long, Volunteer Network Coordinator at NCC on 07770 971885. **Parental/Guardian permission is required** for this adhoc role which is supported through our highly trained and DBS

St. John's Parish News

Baptisms: This Sunday Thomas Chad Patterson will be baptised during Mass and Imogrn Wood will be baptised at 11:00am.

St John's Graveyard burials: 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.

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

Remember in your prayers: Anne Hall, Karen Mackie, Anna Shinwell, Arnie Masterson, Peter Laggan, Maureen Cowan's friend and Chris Garrett. **Philip Gutteridge R.I.P.** Please keep Philip (who died on 8th November), his wife Susan and both their families in your prayers His funeral and Burial will be held in St. John's at 1pm on 28th

Our Lady's Statue - The Statue having been cleaned has be returned to the Lady Altar.

Thanks, from Cramlington Foodbank for 18 Kg of food delivered 6th November giving a total donation for 2025 of 81.5 Kg. A copy of the letter is displayed on the Notice Board.

Church Cleaning Rota - The church will be cleaned on the first Saturday of the month.
Group B Dec 25; 2026 - Feb, Apr, June, Aug Oct Dec Group A 2026 Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov

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

Parish Council Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Sunday 30th November after the 9:30am Mass. A copy of the previous meeting (28th September) minutes have been circulated electronically to parishioners and are also displayed on the Church Notice Board. Any items you may wish to discussed at the meeting should be submitted in writing to Fr. Manoj no later than 23rd November 2025.

Expenditure: The Ground Floor Presbytery has recently been updated and replaced at a cost of **£2,408**; in addition to this we estimate the costs of **£24,000+** to replace the Presbytery Roof, and **£25,000+** to replace to ageing Cess Pit as the initial stage of the 5 year Diocesan (Quinquennial Report), which specifies other works required to maintain the buildings.

St. John's Collection – Sunday, 9th Nov 2025: £337.72 Second Collection next week – Youth Sunday

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.



Parish Christmas Raffle: Tickets, priced at 50p, in books of 10, are now Sale. Please do try and support this event by buying the tickets. Any donation of bottles of Spirits or Wine will be gratefully appreciated to hopefully, help make

Lamb House East Cramlington is a refuge for vulnerable people of all ages. As Advent approaches, we would invite you once again to please, donate, no matter how small, to help make Christmas a little more cheerful for those less fortunate than ourselves. We will begin our collection on the first weekend of Advent, Saturday 29th November, and your donations will be delivered to Lamb House on Monday 22nd of December. Please place all donations on the table at the back of church. Our normal collection of items for the Food Bank will resume on the first Sunday after Christmas. Once again thank you for your kindness and generosity.



Piety Stall: There is a selection of Christmas Cards now available for sale in the Piety Stall.

200 Club: This is drawn every 4 weeks with a First Prize of £60 and Second / Third Prizes of £30 each. We have lots of spare numbers @ £1 / week.

Bonus Ball for 9th November: No 44 G Wilkins **We have one spare number, 2, available @ £1 / week**



Finance: We will now publish our monthly income for each month, to include the Weekly Collections & Monthly Planned Giving. **October figures S.O. £1323; Collection £792.14; TOTAL £2115.28**

Second Collection next week – Youth Sunday

Future Expenditure due very soon, - £9000 to replace the two faulty church radiators.

Ministry Rota

Bidding Prayers

Welcomers

Readers

Eucharistic Ministers

Coffee

Counting

Cleaning

Bulletin

15th November

David S

Julie & Bob M

Margaret F & Gladys H

Rob M & Stephanie N

Victoria L & Pamela McG

Team 5: Stephanie N, Maxine T &

Team 4: Julie & Bob M

Mariela

22nd November

Teresa K

Russell & Stephanie N

Eddie L & Julie M (Wed Patrick)

Jacqui H & Joyce G

Joyce and Malcolm G

Team 1: Joe S, Averill R & Betty W

Team 1: Stephanie N & Barbara W

Mariela