

# This Week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass <b>Terry Robson Thanksgiving Mass</b>
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass <b>Deceased members of Cormican &amp; Duffy Families, also Pat Ryder R.I.P.</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am <b>John Cryan R.I.P.</b>	
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>		10 .00am Mass / Coffee Morning <b>Remembrance Candle Intentions</b>
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup>		10:00am School Mass Year 6 <b>Remembrance Candle Intentions</b>
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 – 5:55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm <b>Philip Guttridge R.I.P. &amp; Bob Rodgerson R.I.P.</b>	
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass <b>Victims and families impacted by Hurricane Melissa</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</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

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 December 10: Laurie McPherson, Paul Battersby, Thomas Orrick, Lawrence Sullivan, Margaret Ashby, Karen Wooster, Pamela Siddle & Ella. Thu December 11<sup>th</sup> Pamela & James Siddle, Maggie Siddle, Mary & Bill Smith, Cheidozie Okoye, Chidalu Joan Okoye, Tony Durnin, Harvey Quinnin and Deceased members of Dwyer Family.



### 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.

### Stella Maris Carol Service & Seafarers' Appeal

Join us for the Stella Maris Carol Service at **St Aidan's Church, Ashington**, on **Wednesday, 17 December at 7:00 pm**, followed by refreshments in the hall.

St Aidan's is also running a **Christmas appeal for seafarers** at our local docks. During the reception, we will present **Steve Willows, Stella Maris Port Chaplain**, with approximately 70 care packs containing toiletries and a small gift. We are currently collecting items for these packs, which will be assembled with help from pupils at **St Aidan's RC Primary School** during our **Monday Escape session on 15 December. Donation deadline: Noon, Monday 9th December.** Please see the attached information sheet for details of suggested donations.

### A Weekly Reflection and Daily Readings for Advent 2025

Advent is a time of preparation and to reflect, and hold onto, the messages of hope, peace, joy and love which God promised to us in the birth of Christ Jesus. Members of our Diocesan Writing Team offer this Advent resource to help guide a daily space for reading of the Scripture, reflection and prayer. In it you will find a reflection based on the theme of each week of Advent and an easy-to-follow reference to the readings for each day. The reflections will be available to view and download on the homepage of the Diocesan website from Friday 28 November [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk).

**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.



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## 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – 2nd Sunday of Advent [A]

### “Maranatha come Lord Jesus”

Sacred Silence, Please

As you enter, we invite you to keep a spirit of quiet prayer. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed, and your silence helps everyone to pray more deeply. Thank you for your reverence.



Pope Leo's prayer intention for December

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



### Advent Wreath and Candles

Advent is a time of expectation and hope filled with rich traditions. “Advent” means “arrival” or “coming,” and it prompts us to pause each day in December and remember why Jesus came at Christmas. The advent wreath and candles provide beautiful symbolism for each week of advent as we wait for Christmas to arrive. A new candle is lit on each of the four Sundays before Christmas.

Each candle represents something different, although traditions vary. Often, the first, second, and fourth candles are purple; the third candle is rose-coloured. Occasionally, a fifth white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath and is lit on Christmas Day to celebrate Jesus' birth. *The second candle represents FAITH and is called “Bethlehem's Candle.”* Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, the birthplace of King David. The second candle is also purple to symbolism preparation for the coming king.

*What Faith is Jesus inviting you to rediscover during this Advent?*

**Weekly Reflection:** "In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"

John fulfils the words of the prophet Isaiah, who tells of a voice crying in the wilderness to prepare a way for the Lord. During this Advent season, we are also preparing the way of the Lord. We are called to repentance. It is an opportunity to think about the times when we have not got things quite right. The times when our actions have hurt others or had negative consequences - whether for the people closest to us, for our community or our world. We reflect today on the times when we have placed our needs over the rights of our sisters and brothers living in poverty. The times when we have prioritised convenience over protecting the environment. Repenting is not just about saying sorry. It is about changing our ways and trying to live differently. We are called to straighten paths, by looking at what is crooked and unjust in our world and playing our part in transforming these systems and situations for the good of all.

**Prayer:**

**God of mercy, guide us as we seek to straighten the paths of injustice and prepare a way for you. Lead us in your ways as together we bring about change for the good of all. Amen.**

We ask for your prayers for Mary Stott, mother of Fr. Peter Stott, who has passed away. Please remember her family in prayer and pray for the repose of the soul. May she rest in peace.

**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.

### Advent penitential service

**Wednesday 10th December at 7pm at ST BEDE'S CHURCH, CATHOLIC ROW, BEDLINGTON, NE22 6HS.**  
**A Service of Reconciliation for the Partnership Parishes with Several Priests available for Individual Confession**  
**A wonderful way to prepare for what lies ahead. Come along and join in this celebration of God's love for us.**

### Christmas Mass Schedule for 2025

**Christmas Vigil: Wednesday 24th December**

**St. Paul's Church, Cramlington: Carol Service: 6.00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass: 6.30 PM**

**St. John the Baptist Church, Annitsford: Carol Service: 11.30 PM Christmas Vigil Mass: 12.00 Midnight**

**Christmas Day: Thursday 25th December**

**St. John the Baptist Church, Annitsford: Christmas Day Mass: 10.00 AM**

**What is your Jubilee story?** have all walked together united as Pilgrims of Hope. We are collecting photographs, short stories and messages to form a **Jubilee Legacy Collection**. **"Let's close this Holy Year not with a full stop, but with a radiant exclamation of hope."** Please [email your contribution](#) by **15th December 2025**.

**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.

**Thank you from Significance:** The Trustees of Significance thank everyone in our parishes and schools who supported the Grand Draw and all those who donated prizes. 1,005 tickets were sold which realised £5,025. The funds raised will help Significance to continue to support YMT and the Emmaus Village; and to provide opportunities to help young people to recognise their own worth and unique gifts.

**Car Park adjacent to St Paul's Church:** Letters from the council about the appeal against the car park decision have been received and the Parish is working in the best way possible to meet all the stakeholders to initiate the required action. Your kind cooperation is welcomed when a plan of action has been arranged.



**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**



**Our Annual Adult Christmas Party** Could all parishioners who are going to the Christmas Party at Arcot Hall on Friday 12 December please arrive at 7 pm as the meal will be served at 7.30 pm. The function will end at closing time 11 pm. Thank you.

**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.

### ST. JOHN'S PARISH NEWS

**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 now at 5pm.

**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.

**Cramlington Foodbank:** 20.4 kg of supplies delivered to the foodbank this week giving a total of 101.9 Kg in 2025 for which they send their thanks. Last date for the Christmas collection of food from St John's, Sunday 21st December.

**Mobility Scooter** - Gerry Killen has received an almost new Mobility Scooter (approx. value £1700) available for a donation of £100+ Please see noticeboard for picture and speak to Gerry for further information

**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)

**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**

**Remember in your prayers:** Anne Hall, Karen Mackie, Anna Shinwell, Arnie Masterson, Peter Laggan, Maureen Cowan's friend, Margaret Caroline and Chris Garrett.

**Thanks** the following letters of thanks have been received a) CAFOD family Fast £353.63. Stella Maris (Sea Sunday) £127.21

**Collection** - Sunday 23rd November - Offertory Collection **£402.50**

### ST. PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

**Help needed please:** we are looking for parishioners to help decorate St Paul's church to celebrate the birth of Christ. We would also like donations of Poinsettias to help with this please. Tuesday 23rd December is the proposed day to do most of the work, but it is flexible if you can help at other times. Please contact Father Manoj, Averill Robson or Parish Council members or more information. Thank you

**Remember in your prayers:** Please pray for Christine Elliott who is going through a very difficult and traumatic time at present, for Sheila Hedley, involved in a car accident, for Aidan, Chris Garrett and Glynis Mayes along with any parishioner who is unwell.

**Chloe Niamh Beaney:** It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Chloe on 21st November 2025. She was a lovely girl / lady who touched the hearts of many with her courage and fortitude during her life and will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Rest in peace now, Chloe.

**Her funeral arrangements are as follows** – Funeral Service in St. Paul's RC Church, Cramlington at 10:00am next Friday 12th December followed by burial at Northumberland Woodland Burial, Bockenfield, Morpeth, NE65 9QJ. Please do try and attend to show your support during this sad and difficult time for all her family.

**My heartfelt thanks** to Father Manoj and my parish family members for all the cards, flowers and presents on my 94th birthday last week. I am truly blest to have you in my life. God bless you all and Happy Christmas.



**Parish Christmas Raffle:** Tickets, priced at 50p, in books of 10, are still on Sale this

**Weekend with the Draw now taking place next Wednesday 10th December.** Please do try and support this event by buying some of the remaining tickets. **The ticket stubs must be returned before Wednesday** to ensure they go into the Draw. Any further donation of bottles of Spirits or Wine will be gratefully appreciated, to hopefully, help make this a successful parish raffle.

**Lamb House East Cramlington is a refuge for any vulnerable people, irrespective of sex or age.** 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.

**Mama Mia:** Sheila Hedley has 2 tickets in the Stalls for the performance at the Theatre Royal on Wednesday 11th February priced at £60 each. Please contact her on 07541 104055 if interested.

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

**Bonus Bal/ We have one spare number, 2, available @ £1 / week. Result for 29th Nov. will be in next week's Bulletin.**



**Finance:** We will now publish our monthly income for each month, to include the Weekly Collections & Monthly Planned Giving. **November figures hopefully will be published in next Weeks Bulletin.**

**Future Expenditure due very soon, - £9000 to replace the two faulty church radiators, and £1400 towards the Presbytery roof repairs. Future Fund Raising Events will be published when arranged!**

### Ministry Rota

**Bidding Prayers**

**Welcomers**

**Readers**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**Coffee**

**Counting**

**Cleaning**

**Bulletin**

**6th December**

Jacqui H

Stella S & Marylyn T

Teresa C & Margaret F (Wed Peter K)

Meg & Joyce G

Joyce & Malcolm G

Team 3: Bob M, Julie M & Sheila H

Team 3: Stella S, Barbara B

Mariela

**13th December**

Jacqui H

Barbara B & Anne Marie L

Gladys H & Malcolm G (Wed Teresa K)

Terri R & Linda T

Victoria L & Pamela McG

Team 4: Maureen B, Meg C & Kathy O'R

Team 4: Julie & Bob M

Peter