

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 15 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass Vigil Mass for the Assumption of BVM Solemnity/ Mass for the people of the parish
Sun 16 th	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass Andrew David Memola R.I.P.	The Assumption of the BVM (A)
Tue 18 th	10:00am Mass Pat Atkinson, thanks for 95 years	St. Clare of Assisi
Wed 19 th		10:00am Mass Coffee Morning 10:30am
Thu 20 th		10:00am Mass Stan Welford RIP
Fri 21 st	6:00 – 6:55pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Mass The Poor and Needy in the World	
Sat 22 nd		5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass Pamela Siddle & James Siddle RIP / Joan shaw RIP
Sun 23 rd	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass Frances McParlin R.I.P	21st Sunday of the Year (A)

Mass Intentions - We offer the facility to have Mass celebrated for your own Intention. **There are quite a few dates available at St. Paul's with St. John's booked up to Xth August.** Please use the envelopes at the back of the church to request a specific date; please give your telephone for confirmation of the date or to make an alternative arrangement if the date is already booked.

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.

New to the Parish: If you are new to either parish please complete a "New to the parish" form available at the back of both churches, or via both parish Websites. You will then be able to receive important updates of parish activities etc. and an email copy of the weekly Bulletin.

Items for the Bulletin: If you wish to have items go into our weekly Bulletin, please send them **by 7:00pm Wednesday evening** via email to the addresses shown below for each individual parish. Thanks in advance



Reconciliation Service

Facilities to attend Reconciliation is available prior to every daily Mass. You can also request Reconciliation at your convenience with Fr. Manoj at a prior agreed time.

Venezuela Earthquake Appeal: As part of the UK Disasters Emergency Committee, CAFOD has launched the [Venezuela Earthquake Appeal](#) to raise vital funds for communities affected by the devastating earthquakes in Venezuela. They are already working with trusted Church partners in Venezuela who are the first responders and are working closely alongside communities and Church leaders. They have allocated £100,000 from CAFOD funds to help provide emergency water, food and hygiene kits to people affected. You can help our neighbours affected by the 24 June earthquakes with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives. PLEASE Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030. Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers.

Details are shown below for anyone who would need to contact Fr. Manoj, for both our parish Websites and Facebook Pages which contain a lot of useful information for all our parishioners. Please do take some time to view these and let Fr. Manoj have your comments and any suggestions you have as to how you think they could be improved by the addition of any useful information.

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16th August 2026



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (A)

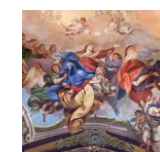
Sacred Silence Please.

*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 XIV's message for August For evangelization in cities –

Let us pray for creative ways to proclaim the Gospel in urban areas, building community despite anonymity and loneliness



Assumption of the B. V. M.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was being celebrated on 15 August in the 5th century. It bore the sense of Our Lady's "Birth into heaven", the feast began to be celebrated in Rome in the middle of the 7th century. Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Dogma of Mary's assumption body and soul into heaven on 1st November 1950. In the Apostles' Creed, we profess our faith in the "Resurrection of the body" and in "life everlasting". This is the ultimate goal and meaning of our life's journey. This promise of faith is already accomplished in Mary, who is the "sign of sure hope and comfort". It is a privilege granted to Mary, and closely connected to her being the Mother of Jesus. Since death and the corruption of the human body are consequences of sin, it was not right that the Virgin Mary – who is free from sin – should be affected by this natural law. Hence the mystery of her "Assumption into heaven". The fact that Mary has already been assumed into heaven is a reason to celebrate, to rejoice, to hope in the "already and the not yet". With her, and like her, we too, will one day be there too. Mary's destiny is the destiny of all those who are united to the Lord Jesus in faith and love. It is interesting to note that the liturgy helps us, not so much to reflect, as to pray. The Gospel suggests that Mary's mystery be read in the light of her prayer, the Magnificat, through the lens of gratuitous love that extends from generation to generation, and the predilection of the least and the poor. Its choicest fruit is Mary, a mirror in which the entire people of God can see its own features reflected. The feast is an eloquent sign of how not only the "soul" but also the "body" is included in that "God found it very good", so much so that "our flesh" would be assumed into heaven. We should commit ourselves to life here on earth with our gaze fixed on the goal of Heaven and be driven to commit to rejoice in God's mercy, be attentive to all our brothers and sisters we meet, beginning with the weakest and most vulnerable.



Five First Saturday Devotions:

The fourth of the five Saturdays was held on Saturday 1st August, led by Fr. Stephen Watson. They will conclude with the final one being held on Saturday 5th September 2026.

The Schedule is as follows:

10:00am Adoration/Reconciliation,
11:00am Holy Mass, 11:45am Rosary,
12:15pm Meditation (15mins).

We encourage as many parishioners as possible to attend the last session along with anyone else who wishes to come along to do so. You can also visit our new Our Lady of Fatima Side Chapel.

World Apostolate of Fatima
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FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

10 - 17 SEPTEMBER 2027

Package Includes

- **ACCOMMODATION:** Domus Pacis Hotel (Fatima)
- **MEALS:** Half Board (Breakfast and Evening Meal with wine & water.
- **VISIT** to Sr Lucia's memorial and Coimbra / Santa Cruz Church.
- **ITINERARY INCLUDES:** Daily Mass, Nightly Rosary & Candlelight Processions, Way of the Cross and a visit to Aljustrel the homes of the three seers and St Anthony's church.
- **OPTIONAL DAY TRIP TO LISBON:** (additional cost). Refer to trip details trip for more information.
- **TRANSPORT:** Coach transport for all transfers and excursions in Portugal.
- **FLIGHTS EXCLUDED:** Pilgrims are responsible for booking their own flights from London (Heathrow, Gatwick, Stanstead) Manchester, Bristol or Newcastle. Booking assistance is available for a £25 fee.

More Information

07834780288 - Contact Patrick Cunningham tel or text to express your interest or seek further details

npresident@waf-ew.org.uk

Book Your Place Now

£568 pp sharing. Excluding Flights/booking fee and optional day. Prices quoted subject to exchange rate at time of payment and confirmed number of pilgrims

£759 pp single.

St John’s Children’s Liturgy: There will be no Children’s Liturgy over the Summer holiday. We will start again on Sunday 6th September 2026 at 9.30am Mass. Have a great holiday and we look forward to seeing you back there”



Sick List - remember in your prayers:

Anne Hall, Karen Mackie, Anna Shinwell, & Chris Garrett.

Lately dead: Kathleen Wood.



Planned Giving - Gift Aid 2026/27:

Anyone who does not support the parish in this way, but may wish to do so, please speak to Gerry Killen.

Presbytery Roof: Works are now completed at a cost of £27,512.00. The skip and scaffolding have now been removed. **PLEASE PARK WITH CONSIDERATION LEAVING SPACE FOR AS MANY CARS AS POSSIBLE.**



Appeal for Helpers: We are currently two gardeners missing from our dedicated team. Anyone who is able and could spare a couple of hours (not necessarily every week), please give your contact details to Frank Swindle 07779 425610 (or Gerry Killen). A good way to keep fit while caring for the church grounds.

We are also looking for Temporary Helpers to assist with preparing and caring for the Altar flowers. If you are willing to help please speak with Kathleen Harrison, tele: 07541 345110.



Church Cleaning Rota: We are looking for parishioners to volunteer to join the Cleaning Groups. If you can help, please give your name to

Barbara Wareing. The church will be cleaned on the first Saturday of each month. Group B: August, October & December. Group A: July, September & November.

DRAINAGE - We are in receipt of a quotation of £24,906.24 to replace the existing Cesspit with a modern sewage treatment plant. Discussions are ongoing with the Contractor/Diocese/Local Authority. We have been advised that the process of Approval and Installation could take a few months as the Diocese require a second quotation before authorising the work.

Sunday 9th August Collection - £298.50

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The scattering of Ashes over an existing grave **is not permitted** in St John's Graveyard; **they MUST be buried in a plot.** The CORRECT procedure is to firstly, apply for permission to bury the ashes, then provide a copy of the Cremation Certificate as the Death **MUST** be recorded in the Parish Death Register and then, await written permission before arranging with the Parish approved Gravedigger to prepare the plot.

LET US PRAY: As our world continues to suffer from a variety of natural or manmade disasters, wildfires, earthquakes and floods we pray that all countries across the globe may look seriously at efforts to try and change the environment causing these issues to happen. We need to pray that we can all make subtle changes to our lifestyle so hopefully our world can recover from the constant slide to global warming.



Remember in your prayers: Please pray for Christine Elliott, Aidan, Chris Garrett, Glynis Mayes who are unwell, also Alec Evans who is in hospital.

Ministry Rota
15th August
David S
Stella S & Marylyn T
Jeff & Christine S (Wed Julie M)
Coffee Malcolm & Joyce G
Counters Team 4: Maureen B, Meg C & Kathy O”R
Cleaning Team 2: Teresa C
Bulletin Mariela

Bidding Prayers
Welcomers Barbara B & Volunteer
Readers Barbara B & Malcolm G (Wed Eddie L)
Coffee Victoria L
Counters Team 5: Stephanie N & Margaret H
Cleaning Team 3: Stella S & Barbara B
Bulletin Peter



Parish Pastoral Council – Volunteers Needed: We currently have **at least two vacancies** on the St Paul's Parish

Pastoral Council and warmly invite parishioners to consider serving in this important ministry. If you would like to put your name forward, simply submit your name and arrange for someone to nominate you **before the end of August.** The Parish Pastoral Council usually meets **four to six times a year** to discuss matters relating to the spiritual life of the parish, social and fundraising activities, finance, and maintenance. Council members also help to carry forward agreed actions between meetings for the benefit of our parish community. If there are more nominations than available positions, some current members may step down to make way for new members. However, it is unlikely that a ballot will be required on this occasion. Please prayerfully consider whether you are being called to serve in this way. Your time, ideas, and commitment can make a valuable contribution to the life of our parish.

Volunteers: We are also in need of people to volunteer for a variety of Ministry roles Are you able to help in any of the Ministries shown in the Rota list shown above? If you can help please speak to Peter Killen at church or on 07948 403341.

Bonus Ball: 7th August no 43 / S Loan

 **Parishioner Appreciation** small note thanking volunteers, Eucharistic ministers, catechists, cleaners, musicians, readers, altar servers, flower arrangers, and those who quietly support parish life. We remember the sick of our parish

Kindly remember in your prayer jean Espie, Christine Elliott and all other parishioners who needs our prayers



Bible Appeal – SS Peter and Paul Academy." A sample copy of the Bible has been made available at the back of the church for you to view. Thank you for your kindness,

your prayers, and your continued support of our school. Your generosity will help place the Word of God into the hands and hearts of our children for many years to come.

Pray for Peace and Those in Need: The Church continues to call us to pray for peace throughout the world, especially for those affected by war, violence, persecution, and natural disasters. Let us remember in our prayers all who have lost loved ones, those who have been forced to leave their homes, and those who work tirelessly to bring relief and reconciliation. May we also be generous in supporting those in need through prayer, charity, and acts of kindness.

Living Our Sunday Faith Throughout the Week: The Sunday Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life, but our faith is meant to shape every day of the week. As we gather around the Lord's table, let us renew our commitment to live the Gospel in our homes, workplaces, schools, and communities. Through daily prayer, reading the Scriptures, receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation when needed, and serving our neighbours with love, we become authentic witnesses of Christ in the world.

Archbishop Sherrington welcomes Prime Minister’s support for palliative care

Archbishop John Sherrington, Archbishop of Liverpool and Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Bishops’ Conference, has welcomed Prime Minister Andy Burnham’s call for palliative care services to be properly funded. The Prime Minister has stated that palliative care and social care funding need to be “fixed” so that vulnerable people can have “peace of mind” about the care that they receive towards the end of their life. Archbishop John Sherrington said: “It is highly significant that the Prime Minister has confirmed his position about the need for proper palliative and social care ahead of the Second Reading of the fundamentally flawed *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill* in September. People who are dying are vulnerable and need compassionate care and spiritual accompaniment until their last breath.”

Please contact your MP to oppose assisted suicide
The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on **Friday, 11 September 2026.**

Lately Dead - Derek Harrison R.I.P.

Derek, for many years although not a catholic was a great supporter of the parish, he looked after the parish finances for quite some time.
Kathleen his wife, is the lady who provides and maintains the church flowers.
Derek’s funeral will be held at Blyth Crematorium on Tuesday 18th August at 10.45am
Please keep Derek, Kathleen and all their family in your prayers.
Requiescat in Pace Derek



If you are a trained Doctor or Nurse, we would be very grateful if you would be willing to offer your services as a volunteer, when attending Mass, to assist assist should a medical situation occur in church. If you feel you are able to assist us in volunteering for this very important role in either of our parishes, please give your name and contact details to Fr. Manoj. ASAP. Thank you!

Weekly Bulletin: In an attempt to save on parish expenditure, and to be more environmentally friendly, we are asking parishioners, where possible, to access the Bulletin via either of our parish Websites, get an email copy (name and email address to Gerry or Peter Killen please) or via St. Paul's WhatsApp Group Chat which can be accessed after your name and mobile number has been given to Peter Killen..

Youth Justice Volunteer: Are you passionate about helping young people make positive changes and giving back to your community? Northumberland Youth Justice Service is looking for dedicated volunteers to join our **Youth Justice Panels** and help support young people to understand the impact of their actions, make amends, and build a brighter future. Help young people make positive changes, reduce reoffending, and build brighter futures in Northumberland. We're looking for compassionate, reliable volunteers aged 18+ who can listen, communicate effectively, support young people, and maintain confidentiality. You will gain valuable restorative justice experience, receive training and ongoing support, develop new skills, and be part of a team helping to improve community safety across Northumberland. To find out more information or to apply please visit - <https://thriving-together-northumberland.goassemble.com/opportunities/116573-ncc-youth-justice-volunteer-2026-05-28>

New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: The Diocese is offering a **Liturgical Formation Course** for those who wish to become **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.** Existing ministers are also welcome to attend as a refresher. The course combines **three online evening sessions with one in-person formation day.** To be commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, participants must attend **all three online sessions** and **one** of the in-person sessions.

Online Sessions (7.00pm–8.30pm)
Tuesday 15th September: Tuesday 22nd Sept: Tuesday 29th Sept
In-Person Session (choose one)
Saturday 3rd October, 10.30am–3.00pm at Holy Rosary Church, Sidlaw Road, Billingham, TS23 2EP **Saturday 10th October,** 10.30am–3.00pm at St Hilda's Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY.

If you feel called to serve our parish in this important ministry, or would like to find out more, please speak to Fr. Manoj.

We pray that everyone who is going on holiday has a lovely time away and return home safely and refreshed.

This Week We Pray For:
Families experiencing difficulties, the sick and elderly of our parish, those who feel lonely, and those who have drifted away from the practice of their faith.