

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 22 nd		5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass Pamela & James Siddle R.I.P. 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)
Tue 25 th	10:00am Mass Living & deceased parishioners	
Wed 26 th		10:00am Mass Coffee Morning 10:30am John Collins R.I.P.
Thu 27 th		10:00am Mass Rosamma Joseph R.I.P.
Fri 28 th	6:00 – 6:55pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Mass A recently deceased person	
Sat 29 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass
Sun 30 th	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass Terry Fox R.I.P.	22nd Sunday of the Year (A)



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.



Pope Leo XIV's message.

The wounds of war extend far beyond the battlefield'. In his Message for the 11th World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation which was held last Saturday, Pope Leo warns that

war has consequences that destroy far beyond the battlefield and says that we are to imitate the Lord's offering of peace to work toward peace in the world.

As we missed this last weekend, we have decided to set next Wednesday 26th August as our Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and ask as many parishioners as possible to join us at the usual 10am Mass and / or to set some time aside for personal prayer for the Care of Creation.

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 23rd 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

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 may have as to how you think they could be improved by the addition of any useful information.

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23rd August 2026 21st Sunday of the Year (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



21st Sunday of the Year (A) Built on a Rock of Faith

On the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, we hear about Strength, Trust, and Responsibility. God chooses people for His work and gives them what they need to carry it out. Each reading shows how God works through others to guide His people. Isaiah tells of Shebna losing his role and Eliakim being raised up instead. God chooses Eliakim and gives him real authority. He becomes like a peg, steady and trusted, holding up his family and his people. In the Gospel, Jesus gives Peter a new mission. Peter recognises Jesus as the Son of God. Jesus responds by giving him the keys of the kingdom and calling him the rock on which the Church will stand. This reading helps us reflect on faith and leadership.

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A calls us to think about who we trust and follow. God is always working, even when we don't fully understand. He gives strength and purpose to those who say yes to Him.

The gospel raises a vital question from Jesus: "But who do you say that I am?" What would be your response to that question if Jesus stood before you and asked you personally?

Can you say YES to God to carry out His work as He chooses you to do? In both of our parishes we are in real need of volunteers to carry out a variety of roles and tasks to keep the parishes running effectively. Please see the various Notices on the inside pages of this Bulletin and give some serious thought as to how you could help your parish.



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

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
England & Wales

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.
£759 pp single. Prices quoted subject to exchange rate at time of payment and confirmed number of pilgrims

St. John's Parish News

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.

Parking: Please will all drivers park with consideration for others on the church drive. (don't take up two spaces), 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 A: September & November. Group B: October & December

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 16th August Collection - £

IMPORTANT NOTICE: There appears to have been the scattering of Ashes onto an existing grave. A reminder that the scattering of Ashes over an existing grave is forbidden 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.

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. Please keep Derek, Kathleen and all their family in your prayers. **Requiescat in Pace, Derek**

St. Paul's Parish News



Remember in your prayers: Please pray for Jean Espie, Christine Elliott, Aidan, Chris Garrett, and Glynis Mayes who are unwell.

Ministry Rota

22nd August

Bidding Prayers
Welcomers

Readers

Coffee

Counters Team 5: Stephanie N & Margaret H

Cleaning Team 3: Stella S & Barbara B

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29th August

Bidding Prayers

Welcomers

Readers

Coffee

Counters Team 1: Joe S, Averill R & Betty W

Cleaning Team 4: Julie & Bob M

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

Bonus Ball: 15th August Number 7 D Cocks

No 57 will be spare from 12th Sep; if you would like to join t's £1 per week with a chance to win £40 pounds. See Sheila H.



Sponsorship: It's many years now since I did a fund-raising challenge, but myself, two of my daughters Catriona and Siobhan and my cousin Kath are doing the **MACMILLAN MIGHTY HIKE** on 5th September. It involves walking from Alnwick Castle to Bamburgh Castle via Alnmouth...a distance of 26 miles. I've been training very hard (this week's big training walk was 16.3 miles) and it would be great if anyone was able to support us in this very worthwhile cause. **We have set up a Just Giving page under the heading Norfolk and Chance**, but I'm also trying to get sponsors to sign up using the sponsor forms at the back of church for anyone who would prefer to give that way. If you don't want to sponsor, a few prayers for a good day wouldn't go wrong. **Thank you. Barbara Beaney.**



Joint Parish News



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.

Vacancy: Role: Finance Assistant; Contract: Permanent

Salary: £3,653 pro rata per annum;

Hours: Part-time 5 hours per week

Working Pattern: Able to be negotiated at interview.

Location: St Paul, Dewley, Cramlington, NE23 6EF and St John the Baptist, Annitsford, Cramlington, NE23 7QR

Closing Date: 12:00 pm, 28/08/2026

To apply please visit: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/finance-assistant/>

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**.

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->



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 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!

Pope Leo XIV reflects on holidays: My first thought concerns the poor and all those who cannot even enjoy a brief period of rest, as they are crushed under the weight of difficulties of every kind. It is not only economic problems that prevent people from living, at least for a few days, in serenity and peace of heart. Let us think of the sick, those who have lost faith in life, those overwhelmed by grief at the loss of their loved ones, the victims of war, hatred, terrorism and violence, those persecuted for their faith and for standing up for justice, of prisoners, those who have lost their jobs or their homes, and of migrants who are not welcomed with humanity. The holidays should be, for everyone, a time to take a break from daily tasks and worries, a time to enjoy genuine experiences of friendship and sharing, so that we may experience a foretaste of that brotherhood and communion which we can and will experience in the Kingdom of God. In particular, to Christians, families, parents and children alike, to both young people and the elderly, I hope the summer will be an opportunity for fruitful social and religious experiences, for deepening our mission within the Church and in society. I also hope that, during these summer months, the sick will not be without the support of their families, volunteers and those who may choose to spend part of their holidays in a fraternal act of solidarity. To families I say: do not leave your elderly relatives alone. And to volunteers, young and old alike: commit yourselves to bringing humanity and hope to those who suffer, and you will see the fruits of grace; how much love will fill your lives, how much joy, how much happiness. Let our holidays be consistent with a Christian way of life. God's love and grace reach us every day. Let us help one another, in every community, not to squander this precious heritage of humanity and peace, the only hope for giving a future to a world threatened by war. No earthly power will save the world, but only the divine power of love that Jesus, the Lord, has revealed to us and given us. **Let us believe in Him, hope in Him, and follow Him!"** **We pray that everyone who is going on holiday has a lovely time away and return home safely and refreshed.**

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)

Tues 15th September: Tues 22nd Sept: and Tuesday 29th Sept

In-Person Session (choose one)

Sat 3rd Oct, 10.30am–3.00pm at Holy Rosary Church, Sidlaw Road, Billingham, TS23 2EP. Sat 10th Oct, 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.**