

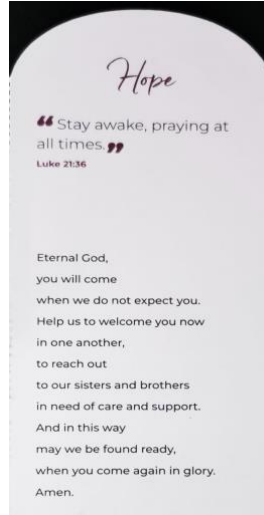


St. Paul's RC Church, Cramlington  
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Parish Priest – Fr. Manoj Joseph



### Parish Mission Statement

To be a welcoming community that encounter Jesus in our Sacraments and spiritual activities and reflects Jesus' experience to the periphery of our community through the works of charity and transparent Christian living.



## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent Cycle A

The first candle of Advent symbolises hope and is called the "Prophet's Candle." The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival.

The purple colour symbolises royalty, repentance and fasting.

#### Mass Times, Intentions and Feasts

Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, Cycle A
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS - Requiem Mass at St. John's @ 10am</b>	
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup>	10am	
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6pm	St. Francis Xavier
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, Cycle A

#### Exposition / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday evening: 6:00 – 7:00pm At St John's  
Saturday evening: 5:30 - 5:50pm before Mass  
Sunday morning: 10.15- 10.35am before Mass  
A time of SILENCE in church for quiet prayer.

As the Blessed Sacrament is already exposed when people come into the church can you please respect the situation and keep the decorum of the church by meeting and carrying out any discussions in the Piety Stall until the Blessed Sacrament is reposed.

#### Mass Intentions

There is an option for parishioners to have Mass celebrated for their own personal intention. If you would like to use this facility, please give the relevant information to Fr. Manoj with your preferred date and an alternative date. Envelopes are available at the back of church and can be added to the Offertory Collection.

#### First Holy Communion Programme 2023

Will parents of any Year 4 children and above who are not at St. Peter & St. Paul's school please speak with Fr. Manoj at our weekend Masses if they wish their children to make their First Holy Communion in 2023. The programme of events will be available at the first meeting for parents on 7<sup>th</sup> December from 17:15-17:45 followed by their Mass of Commitment at St. Paul's.

#### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November Vigil Mass

#### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November Mass

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 2: 1 - 5

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 121**  
**I rejoiced when I heard them say;**  
**"Let us go to God's house."**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 13: 11 - 14

Gospel: Matthew 24: 37 - 44

#### Tree of Remembrance

Our Tree of Remembrance in the Side Chapel will be removed after Mass on Wednesday with the conclusion of November, the month of praying for the Holy Souls.

Thank you to all who placed tags and requested a Mass to be celebrated for their loved ones.

#### Our Advent Preparations

This weekend is the First Sunday of Advent, Cycle A. We, as a parish community, wish to begin this Holy Season of Advent with an Advent Wreath Celebration, prior to this Sunday's Vigil Mass. 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.

#### Advent Alms

Part of our preparation could be almsgiving via the left-hand Wall Box as you leave church. All donations received will go to St. Cuthbert's Care who are committed to helping improve lives of some of the most vulnerable of our society.

There is also a box for donations to purchase our Christmas flowers. Please remember your Poinsettias for 17<sup>th</sup> December.

### Thank You

The parish community would like to express their grateful thanks to John and Teresa Reid for all their hard work in organising and running our Parish Raffle this year which was a great success.

### PPC Elections

This weekend is the election for the 8 available positions. As we have 9 nominations please fill in a copy of the Ballot this weekend, choose your 8 preferred candidates, and place in the box.

### Home Visits for the Sick and Homebound

If you know anyone who would like to have a home visit from the priest to bring Holy Communion or for the sacrament of Reconciliation, or from a Eucharistic Minister to bring Holy Communion, please let Fr. Manoj know. Envelopes are now available at the back of church for people to request a visit and these could be placed in with the Offertory Collection.

### Lamb House

#### Let us take the Joy of Christ's Birth to the less fortunate Brothers and Sisters

Lamb House is our local refuge for Mothers, children and the other adults of all ages. During the four weeks of Advent donations to the food bank will be channelled as gifts to the residents of Lamb House. Please place your donations in the Café Area by Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December after which they will be taken down to Lamb House. After Christmas your donations to the food bank will return to its normal purpose. Thank you for your generosity.

### St. Peter & St. Paul's School Carol Services

These will be held in church on the following dates to which you are all invited: 16<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm - Years 3 to 5: 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm - Years 4

### Coffee Mornings

Coffee and tea will be served in the back room every Wednesday morning following Mass, which will be celebrated in church at the new time of 10:00am. Please do come and join us.

### Piety Stall

We now have a good selection of Christmas Cards, gifts etc in the Piety Stall. Please take time to peruse for your requirements.

### CAFOD World Gifts: Give a gift of hope this Christmas

In Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a catalogue in church. World Gifts such as "super soup kitchens", "trees for life", or "water for a family" will help transform lives in a world filled with challenges.

### Advent Reflection

For the past couple of years, the Vicariate for Faith and Mission has produced booklets of Advent reflections contributed by our clergy, religious and lay faithful and they offer an opportunity to pause and reflect. This initiative keeps on being well supported by our diocesan groups and parishes and has been a great success. The first and second week of Advent reflections can now be downloaded from the following link [bit.ly/DHNAAdvent2022](http://bit.ly/DHNAAdvent2022) whilst the second part of the Advent reflections will be available shortly.

### Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following permanent vacancies: Cleaner, St Peter, Low fell, Gateshead – 8 hours per week, Closing date for applications: 1 December Parish Secretary, St Charles, Gosforth – 12 hours per week, Closing date for applications: 30 November. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) or contact us 0191 243 3301.

### 2023 Marriage Preparation Days

Sat 11 March: St Joseph, Blydon, NE21 5AE.

Sat 25 March: St Mary, Bishop Auckland, DL14 6PQ

Sat 27 May: St Robert of Newminster, Morpeth, NE61 1QF

Sat 23 Sept: St Robert of Newminster, Morpeth, NE61 1QF

To register on a course, engaged couples must book via:

[www.marriagecare.org.uk/find-a-course](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk/find-a-course), or phone the booking service on 0800 389 3801.

### Christmas Raffle

Drawn after Mass last Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> and a list of winning Tickets is available at the back of church. 800 books printed less 10 unsold brought in £790. Printing costs of £75 and 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £100 resulting in a profit for church funds of £615. Thank you to all who bought and sold tickets and for the prizes donated. As usual you are all great!!

### Finances

Weekly Collection 19<sup>th</sup>/ 20<sup>th</sup> November - £209.57

Catholic Youth - £44.10

### Bonus Ball

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> November: No. 59 Congratulations to D Dunn.

### 200 Club

Drawn on 19<sup>th</sup> November: 1<sup>st</sup> No 51 A Lake wins £60.

2<sup>nd</sup> No 66 Tony George wins £30. 3<sup>rd</sup> No 40 John R wins £30.

**Spare numbers are available at £1 per week.**

### Rota List

#### There is a new list on the Notice Boards covering 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Please have a look and note the dates you are scheduled to minister and let Peter know if there are any dates you are unavailable so the list can be amended.

Bidding Prayers	Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Jacquie H
Welcomers	Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Stella S & Marylyn T
	Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Peter & Meg
Readers.	Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Teresa K & John R
	Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Peter & Jacqui H
Coffee	Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Victoria & Pamela
Bulletin		Kathy
Weekly Cleaners		Stephanie N & Barbara W
Collection Counters		Stephanie N & Sheila H
Bidding Prayers	Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	David S
Welcomers	Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec.	Emma, India & Hugo P
	Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Stephanie & Russel N
Readers.	Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec.	Malcolm G & Margaret F
	Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Julie M & Eddie L
Coffee	Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Joyce & Malcolm G

**Please let John Reid or Peter Killen know if you are unavailable so alternative arrangements can be made.**

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