

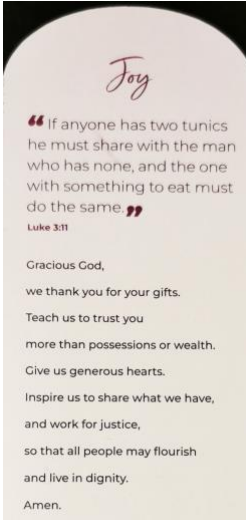


St. Paul's RC Church, Cramlington  
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Parish Priest – Fr. Manoj Joseph



### 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 11th December 2022

### 3rd Sunday in Advent Cycle A

The third candle is pink and symbolises joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," is pink because rose is the liturgical colour for joy.

The purple colour symbolises royalty, repentance and fasting.

#### Mass Times, Intentions and Feasts

Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	Our Lady of Loreto, <b>People of the Parish</b>
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> 10.45am	<b>People of the Parish</b>
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> 10am.	St John of the Cross. <b>Harold Turner RIP</b>
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am	<b>Requiem Mass for Vincent Slaven</b>
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	<b>Paul Battersby RIP</b>
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> 10.45am	<b>People of the Parish</b>

#### 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.

#### Christmas Services 2022

##### St Paul's Church:

Christmas Eve: Carols at 6.30pm followed by our Vigil Mass at 7pm

Christmas Day: Mass at 10.00am

##### St. John's Church:

Christmas Eve: Carols at 11.30pm followed by Mass at Midnight

Christmas Day: Mass 9.30am

#### Reconciliation Service

There will be a Reconciliation Service in church on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> after the 10am Mass until 1pm. You are most welcome.

#### Saturday 10th December Vigil Mass

#### Sunday 11th December Mass

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 35:1 - 6a, 10

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145**

**Come, Lord and save us**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 5: 7 - 10

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2 - 11

#### Our Advent Preparations

This weekend is the third Sunday of Advent, Cycle A. 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. We, as a parish community, began this Holy Season of Advent with an Advent Wreath Celebration. 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**

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

The children will come to church on the following dates to sing their Carols. Please come along to support the children, their teachers and support staff.

**16<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm Years 3 – 5**

**20<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm Year 4**

### 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.

### Partnership Spirituality Group

The feast of our Partnership St. Benet Biscop will be celebrated on 12<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm at St Bede's, Bedlington.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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. All weeks of Advent reflections can now be downloaded from the following link [bit.ly/DHNAvent2022](http://bit.ly/DHNAvent2022).

### Christmas Card List

Our annual Christmas Card Charity List will go up this weekend for parishioners to add their names in lieu of sending cards to friends and who send a donation to their favourite charity. The list will be published in the Bulletin of 25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> December and on the Notice Board at the back of church.

### Vincent Slaven

Vincent's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 9:30am on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please do try and come along to give thanks to God for Vincent's life and contribution to our parish.



### Christmas Carol Practice

There will be a choir practice for our Carol Service in church on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to which all are welcome to attend.

### Church Christmas Clean

Your help is required for the big clean for Christmas, please come along on 21<sup>st</sup> December after 10.00 Mass. Thank you

### Dates for your Diary

We propose to hold a book sale weekends 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> of January, and a Tombola Stall weekends 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> February. Both take place in the café area.

### Mass Intentions

Parishioners are invited 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.

### Gardening

Does anyone have a chain saw to lend us for a couple of hours to cut branches for the fire. see John or Mel. Thank you

### Finances

Weekly Collection 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> December - £187.56  
Standing orders for November £1162.00

### Bonus Ball

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> December No.23 Congratulations to Paula Battersby  
*Could we ask that payments for bonus ball and 200 club for 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December are paid in advance as we will not be taking money on those two days. Thank you*

### 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 check and let Peter know any unsuitable dates for you.**

Bidding Prayers	Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Teresa K
Welcomers	Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Anne Marie L & Linda T
	Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Meg C & Peter K
Readers.	Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Gladys H & Terry C
	Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Peter K & Jacquie H
Coffee	Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Victoria & Pamela
Bulletin		Peter
Weekly Cleaners		Stella S & Barbara B
Collection Counters		Kathleen D & Maria H

Bidding Prayers	Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Malcolm G
Welcomers	Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Stella S & Marylyn T
	Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Julie & Bob Mitchell
Readers.	Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec .	Malcolm G & Barbara B
	Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	David S & Theresa W
Coffee	Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Joyce & Malcolm G

**Please let John Reid, 07833 692397, or Peter Killen, 07948 403341, know if you are unavailable so alternative arrangements can be made**

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