

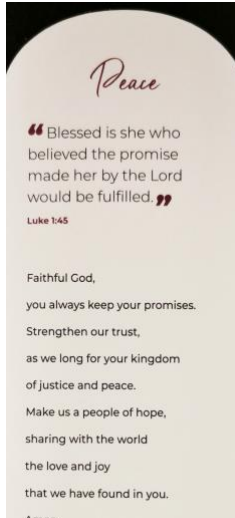


St. Paul's RC Church, Cramlington
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Parish Priest – Fr. Manoj Joseph



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 18th December 2022

4th Sunday in Advent
Cycle A

The fourth candle of Advent
symbolises Peace.
It is called the
"Angel's Candle."

*Blessed is she who believed the promise
made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.*

Mass Times, Intentions and Feasts

Sat 17 th 6pm	Paul Battersby RIP
Sun 18 th 10.45am	John & Veronica Hislop RIP
Wed 21 st 10am.	
Thur 22 nd No Mass:	11:00am Requiem Mass at St John's
Sat 24 th 6:30pm	Carols – Mass at 7pm POP Christmas Eve
Sun 25 th 10.00am	People of the Parish. Christmas Day

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

Our Parish Reconciliation Service will now be in church next **Thursday, 22nd December from 2pm until 4pm.** You are most welcome.

Saturday 17th December Vigil Mass

Sunday 18th December Mass

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10 - 14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23

Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

2nd Reading: Romans 1: 1 - 7

Gospel: Matthew 1: 18 - 25

Our Advent Preparations

This weekend is the fourth, and last, Sunday of Advent, Cycle A. Advent is a time of preparation, (see note opposite 're Reconciliation Service) 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.

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.

POINSETTIAS

Would you like to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one to help decorate our church at Christmas. It has become one of our traditions over the last 2 decades. Please bring them to church before December 23rd. Thank you

St. Peter & St. Paul's School Carol Service.

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

20th December at 1.30pm

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 12th 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. This weekend is the last chance to place your donations in the Café Area 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 our world filled with challenges for our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

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.

Christmas Card List

Our annual Christmas Card Charity List is on both Notice Boards 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 next weekend's Bulletin of 25th / 26th December and also on the Notice Boards at the back of church.

Thank You

A big Thank You to Paul, Teresa & Kevin Kelly for providing and erecting our 2 Trees and to Teresa R & Mel for help with the Crib.

Parish Finances

As you are all aware expenditure for everyone has increased substantially, and we as a community, are not exempt. We would ask you to consider, if you are able, to increase your donations to assist in keeping our parish financially viable.

Church Christmas Clean

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

Parish Boundary

In January 2020 Bishop Robert established a Committee to look at parish boundaries and after consultation with parishes it was decreed that our boundary would be modified immediately. The new boundary can be seen on the map displayed at the back of church and any catholic residing within the boundary shall be deemed to be a parishioner of St. Paul's.

Dates for your Diary

We propose to hold a book sale weekends 14th/15th and the 21st/22nd of January, and a Tombola Stall weekends 11th/12th and 18th/19th 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.

Finances

Weekly Collection 10th / 11th December - £201.45

Bonus Ball

Sat 10th December - No. Congratulations to Eddie Lavender *Could we ask that payments for bonus ball and 200 club for 24th and 31st December are paid in advance as we will not be taking money on those two days. Thank you*

Rota List

There is a list on the Notice Boards covering the period up to 26th March 2023. Please check and let Peter know of any unsuitable dates for you.

Bidding Prayers	Sat 17 th Dec.	Malcolm G
Welcomers	Sat 17 th Dec.	Stella S & Marylyn T
	Sun 18 th Dec.	Julie & Bob Mitchell
Readers.	Sat 17 th Dec .	Malcolm G & Barbara B
	Sun 18 th Dec.	David S & Theresa W
Coffee	Sat 17 th Dec.	Joyce & Malcolm G
Bulletin		Peter
Weekly Cleaners	10:30am, 21st Dec - Volunteers please	
Collection Counters		Bob & Julie M, Sheila H

Bidding Prayers	Sat 24 th Dec	Terry C
Welcomers	Sat 24 th Dec.	Barbara B & Anne Marie L
	Sun 25 th Dec.	Stephanie & Russell N
Readers.	Sat 24 th Dec .	Teresa K & John R
	Sun 25 th Dec.	Eddie L & Julie M
Coffee	Sat 24 th Dec	Victoria & Pamela

Please let John Reid, 07833 692397, or Peter Killen, 07948 403341, know if you are unavailable so a substitute can be arranged.

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