



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,
25th December
2022**

Christmas Day



Mass Times, Intentions and Feasts

Sat 24 th 7pm	People of the Parish
Sun 25 th 10am	People of the Parish
Wed 28 th 10am.	
Thur 29 th 10am	
Sat 31 st 6pm	
Sun 1 st Jan 10.45am	

Christmas Message from Fr. Manoj

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ; May you find a place for Jesus in your life and family. Let He be reborn in your heart and life during Christmas 2022 and every day of the New Year 2023. May the baby Jesus radiate His presence from within you as sharing love, unconditional forgiveness, humble service, a compassionate heart and overflowing generosity. May the Holy Babe of Bethlehem bless you and your family with peace and happiness and grant you a peaceful and blessed New Year. I assure you of my special prayers during my Christmas Holy Masses and every day in the New Year. Keep well and stay safe. Have a Christ-filled Christmas!

Fr. Manoj Joseph SAC

Welcome

A warm welcome to everyone who has come to join with us this weekend to celebrate the feast of the Nativity, the birth of our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ. We hope you enjoy our services. Please stay behind after Mass on Christmas Eve and join us for a glass of wine, cup of tea or coffee and some nibbles. Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2023.

Saturday 24th December Vigil Mass

Sunday 25th December Mass

(Sat) 1st Reading: Isaiah 9: 2 - 7 - (Sun) Isaiah 52: 7 - 10

(Sat) Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95

Today a Saviour has been born for us; He is Christ the Lord

(Sun) Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 97

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

(Sat) 2nd Reading: Titus 2: 11 - 14. - (Sun) Hebrews 1: 1 - 6

(Sat) Gospel: Luke 2: 1 - 14. - (Sun) John 1: 1 - 18

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated Poinsettias and monies for flowers to decorate our church, to the choir and to all our volunteers who work tirelessly to keep our parish alive and vibrant. Your help is greatly appreciated. **WELL DONE!!**

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year

Thank you for your incredible support throughout the year, I look forward to making more of an impact alongside you in 2023. The church relies on people getting involved. Our church, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our church? What aspects of church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in your parish, bringing people together to help build a better world or by visiting local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese? Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with mmaughan@cafod.org.uk Wishing you a Merry Christmas and all the best this New Year! Regards, Mark Maughan
H & N Diocese CAFOD Community Participation Coordinator

Local Fatima Centre for Pilgrimage 2023.

Fr. Manoj is establishing our church as a Local Fatima Centre for Pilgrimage for the coming year of 2023 and would like to involve various parishes and schools where they may wish to take the Statue of Our Lady for a visitation. Our parish will organise the first 5 Saturday devotions, Rosary, Message of Fatima, Prayer and Adoration, Spiritual Reflections, along with wide ranging functions and events throughout the year. Please try and give as much support as you can to this project.

Christmas Card List

Our annual Christmas Card Charity List was 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 of people who added their names to the list is shown below:

Peter & Anne Killen	CAFOD
Jimmy Loan	Marie Curie
Marylyn Turton	Salvation Army Homeless Appeal
Margaret & Dave Hawkins.	Food Bank
Averill Robson	Alzheimer's Society
Malcolm & Joyce George.	Compassion
Pauline Dixon	Dementia & Cancer Care
Gladys Hanson	Local Food Bank
Barbara & Gordon Beaney	CAFOD

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

Your donations for Lamb House were taken down to Lamb House on Tuesday of this week and were gratefully appreciated by all the residents and staff. They will help them to celebrate Christmas in a more meaningful way. After Christmas your donations to the Food Bank will return to its normal purpose. Thanks to you all 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.

School Carol Service

Congratulations to St. Peter & St. Paul's school children, their teachers and all involved in the two church services. They were a credit to the school and performed extremely well.

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.

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 17th / 18th December - £223.60

200 Club

Result Sat 17th Dec. 1st no 50 Graham Wilkins wins £60
2nd No 4 Sheila Hedley. wins £30
3rd. No 7. Olive Gilroy. wins £30. We banked £86 profit for the month. Spare numbers available for £1 per week

Bonus Ball

Result Sat 17th December. No 32 congrats to Julie M.
You must be in it to win it.

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 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.	Margaret F & Jacqui H
Coffee	Sat 24 th Dec	Victoria & Pamela
Bulletin		Kathy
Weekly Cleaners		Stephanie N & Barbara W
Collection Counters		Maureen B, Meg C & Kathy O'R

Bidding Prayers	Sat 31 st Dec	Jacqui H
Welcomers	Sat 31 st Dec	Emma, India & Hugo P
	Sun 1 st Jan.	Meg C & Peter K
Readers.	Sat 31 st Dec	Margaret F & Malcolm G
	Sun 1 st Jan.	Jacqui H & Peter K
Coffee	Sat 31 st Dec	Joyce & Malcolm G

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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