

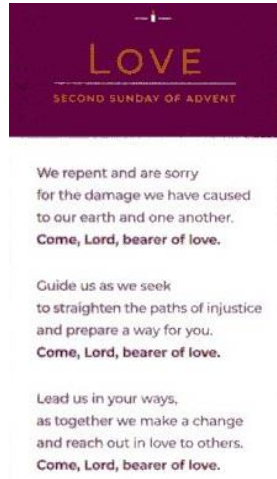


St. Paul's RC Church, Cramlington
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Parish Priest – Fr. Manoj Joseph



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 4th December 2022

2nd Sunday in Advent Cycle A

The second candle represents faith and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David. The second candle is also purple to symbolise preparation for the coming king.

The purple colour symbolises royalty, repentance and fasting.

Mass Times, Intentions and Feasts

Sat 3 rd 6pm	St Francis Xavier, Priest.	Sick Person
Sun 4 th 10.45am	2nd Sunday of Advent	
Wed 7 th 6pm	1st Holy Communion Commitment Mass St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	
Thur 8 th	St. Paul's Rosary at 9:30am: Mass at 10am	St. John's Rosary at 6:30pm: Mass at 7pm
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
Sat 10 th 6pm	Our Lady of Loreto, St John Roberts, Priest,	
Sun 11 th 10.45am	3 rd Sunday of Advent	

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.

Orla's Baptism

Please pray for Orla Genevieve Kindley who is to be baptised during the Mass on Saturday 3rd December. Please pray also for her parents Genevieve and Alexander and her Godparents, family and friends. Deacon Rob.

Mass Intentions

As we close our Tree of Remembrance you are invited to have Mass celebrated for your 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.

Saturday 3rd December Vigil Mass

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1st Reading: Isaiah 11: 1 - 10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 71.
In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

2nd Reading: Romans 15: 4 - 9

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1 - 12

Our Advent Preparations

This weekend is the second Sunday of Advent, Cycle A. We, as a parish community, began this Holy Season of Advent with an Advent Wreath Celebration. 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 to bring your Poinsettias and Greenery for 17th December to decorate our church.

Christmas Services 2022

St Paul's Church:

Christmas Eve: Carols at 6:30pm followed by 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: 9:30am

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

These will be held in church on the following dates to which you are all invited: 16th December at 1:30pm - Years 3 to 5:
20th December at 1:30pm - Years 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. The programme of events will be available at **the first meeting for parents on 7th December from 17:15 -17:45 followed by their Mass of Commitment at St Pauls**

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 18th 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.

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 whilst the second part of the Advent reflections will be available shortly.

PPC Election 2022

The following 8 people were elected to our PPC last Sunday; Marylyn T, Paula B, Pamela McG, Teresa K, Jimmy L, Teresa R, Christine E and Jacqui H. We wish them all well in their new roles and ask you to please keep them in your prayers

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.

Christmas Carol Practice

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

2023 Marriage Preparation Days

Sat 11 March: St Joseph, Blaydon, 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, or phone the booking service on 0800 389 3801.

Christmas Raffle

Drawn after Mass Saturday 19th 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 1st 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!!

Gardening

Does anyone have a chain saw to lend us for a couple of hours to cut branches up for the fire? Please see John R or Mel.

Finances

Weekly Collection 26th/27th November - £269.35

Bonus Ball

Sat 26th November: No.11 Congratulations to Teresa Reid *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*

200 Club

Spare numbers are available at £1 per week.

Rota List

There is a new list on the Notice Boards covering 4th December '22 – 26th March '23. **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 3 rd Dec	David S
Welcomers	Sat 3 rd Dec	Emma, India & Hugo P
	Sun 4 th Dec	Stephanie & Russel N
Readers.	Sat 3 rd Dec	Malcolm G & Margaret F
	Sun 4 th Dec	Julie M & David S
Coffee	Sat 3 rd Dec	Joyce & Malcolm G
Bulletin		Kathy
Weekly Cleaners		Terry C & Averill R
Collection Counters		Joe S, Betty W & Averill R
Bidding Prayers	Sat 10 th Dec	Teresa K
Welcomers	Sat 10 th Dec.	Anne Marie L & Linda T
	Sun 11 th Dec.	Meg C & Peter K
Readers.	Sat 10 th Dec.	Gladys H & Terry C
	Sun 11 th Dec.	Peter K & Jacquie H
Coffee	Sat 10 th Dec	Victoria & Pamela

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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