



St. Paul's RC Church, Cramlington
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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,
19th February 2023**

**Seventh Sunday
of the Year
Cycle A**



Mass Times, Intentions and Feasts

Sat 18 th Feb 6pm	People of the Parish
Sun 19 th 10.45am	People of the Parish
Mon 20th 6:30pm	Rosary followed by Mass at 7:00pm
	Feast Day of Saint Francisco and Saint Jacinta
Wed 22 nd 10am	Ash Wednesday
Thur 23 rd 10am	
Sat 25 th 6pm	People of the Parish
Sun 26 th 10.45am	People of the Parish

Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday Evening: 6:00 - 7.00pm at St. John the Baptist
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.

Saturday 11th February Vigil Mass
Sunday 12th February Mass

1st Reading: Leviticus 19: 1 – 2, 17 - 18

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 102

The Lord is compassion and love

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3: 16 - 23

Gospel: Matthew 5: 38 - 48

Hymn Numbers for Mass this weekend

309: 241 & 39: 197: 1008: 183: 232.

Lent

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, 22nd February 2023**, and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. Ash Wednesday dates from at least the fourth century, and during that century, penitents looking for forgiveness and re-entry into the community would dress in sackcloth and sprinkle ashes to show their repentance. The distributing of ashes on Ash Wednesday imitates the practice of wearing ashes by public penitents. The Church asks Catholics 14 years of age or older and between the ages of 16 and 59 to fast and abstain from meat on certain days, limiting food to one full meal a day with the possibility of two smaller meals as needed, not to eat meat, although fish is allowed. Pregnant and nursing women are exempt from the fast. Throughout our history, Christians have found prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to be an important part of repentance and renewal. Many now add something during Lent rather than giving up something to add some outreach to others in need. To do nothing would certainly not be in keeping with the spirit of Lent. Furthermore, the sacrifices and extra things we do for Lent help us grow closer to Christ. We are missing out on so many graces if we do not participate fully in Lent. It is not necessary to be perfect, but we should put forth a good effort.

Fatima Centre

As part of our project we are to celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Francisco and Saint Jacinta, two of the three children to whom Our Lady appeared several times at Fatima, next **Monday 20th February**. Rosary will be recited at 6:30pm followed by Mass at 7pm. Please try and come along.

Local Fatima Centre for Pilgrimage 2023.

A list of our Parish activities is now on our [Website Home Page](#). Please support this project as best you can.

Coffee Mornings

As next Wednesday is **Ash Wednesday** the **Coffee Morning** following 10.00am Mass **has been cancelled**.

The Pilgrim Way

A Quiet Morning for Churches Together at the beginning of Lent as we accompany Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and his Passion. An easy flow of prayer and reflective practices to go within and to connect with each other in this Lenten time.

Venue: Our Lady and St Joseph RC Church - New Hartley

Date: Sat. March 4th 10:00am-1:00p.m. (Welcome from 9.30)

Leaders: Revs Paul Golightly and Liz Jewitt

Bring packed lunch to share together as we end our morning at 1pm. Email Paul Golightly thegolight@gmail.com to book a place or ring 0191 2375357.

Holy Island SVP Vinnie Camp 2023

Are you interested in your child having a holiday in 2023? Let them join us for a week on Holy Island. They will stay in our Centre and be looked after by DBS checked and trained helpers who will ensure they have a safe, fun time. We do lots of interesting and enjoyable activities such as rock pooling, longball, football, rounders, walking, craft and art, table tennis, long ball, Quizzes and competitions and marathons as well as laser tag, silly sports, sand-castle building, swimming and scavenger hunts. Girls and boys can be aged 9-12 and it is a great way for them to meet new people and make friends from all over the North East. A week's all-inclusive holiday costs £150 and can be paid in instalments. In some circumstances children may be able to receive partial or full funding to attend. Applications open from 10th February 2023. If you are interested, or know of a child who could benefit from such a holiday, please visit our website for further details at <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>

Mass Intentions

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.

Thank you.

Teresa & Paul Kelly would like to thank all those who sent us birthday wishes, cards and presents on the occasion of our 60th birthdays. Christine Elliott also sends her thanks for all the cards and flowers she received for her birthday. Thank you all.

CAFOD's Syria / Turkey Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance, and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Turkey Syria Emergency Appeal online at cafod.org.uk/give.

Prayer for the people of Turkey and Syria affected by the earthquakes [Earthquake Prayer for Syrian / Turkey People](#)

Spiritual Nurturing and Formation Group

The Spiritual and Nurturing Group will hold their first meeting of the year next **Thursday 23rd February, 7pm** and the themes will be based on Lent. All are welcome to come and join in.

APPEAL

We're on the lookout for a TV, 32" or above to be used for the upcoming Confirmation sessions to allow us to use video resources. If one can be donated we'd be able to keep it in the Church for any future Liturgy or other session that we'd hope to run going forward. It needs to have an HDMI socket to enable a laptop or DVD player to be connected. If you can speak to Deacon Tony that would be incredibly helpful. Thanks

Baptism

Please pray for William Michael McBride who is to be baptised this Sunday, 19th Feb, and for his parents Robert and Melissa.

Tombola Stall

A good start last weekend, continuing this weekend. There are still lots of prizes to claim, with tickets at 20p each. Thank you.

80th Birthday Wishes

We now have three parishioners celebrating their birthdays after Mass next Saturday 25th February; Jane Waterworth, Catherine Lawson and John Reid. Please stay behind for tea, coffee, wine, cake and buffet to help them celebrate. Thank you.

Finances

Weekly Collection 11th / 12th February. £275.66

Your continued support is appreciated. Thank you.

Bonus Ball

Result Sat 11th February; No 50 Congrats to Graham W
Spare Numbers: 41, 48 & 59. £1 / week with chance to win £40. **You must be in it to win it.**

200 Club

Result drawn 11th Feb - 1st No 109 Tommy Urwin
2nd No.9. Betty Wilson - 3rd. No.41 Stella Swinburn

Rota List

There is a list on the Notice Boards up to 26th March '23.

Bidding Prayers	Sat 18 th Feb	Agnes
Welcomers	Sat 18 th Feb	Barbara B & Anne Marie L
	Sun 19 th Feb	Julie & Bob M
Readers.	Sat 18 th Feb	John R & Teresa K
	Sun 19 th Feb	David S & Theresa W
Coffee	Sat 18 th Feb	Victoria L & Pamela McG
Bulletin		Kathy
Weekly Cleaners		Stephanie N & Barbara W
Collection Counters		Maria H & Kathy D

Welcomers	Sat 25 th Feb	Emma, India & Hugo P
	Sun 26 th Feb	Stephanie & Russell N
Readers.	Sat 25 th Feb	Margaret F & Malcolm G
	Sun 26 th Feb	Julie M & Eddie L
Coffee	Sat 25 th Feb	80 th Birthday Party Group

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

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