



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**  
**12<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Third Sunday**  
**of Lent (A)**

**“A spring, welling up  
to eternal life.”**



#### Mass Times, Intentions and Feasts

Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6:00pm	
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	<b>Madelaine Vaccarzzie</b>
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	<b>Kay Hazelwood</b>
Thur 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	<b>School Mass: Year 4 attending</b>
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.45am	

#### Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Friday Evening: at St. John the Baptist**  
**Way of the Cross at 6:30pm**  
**followed by Mass at 7:00pm**

**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.**

#### Sat 11<sup>th</sup> March Vigil Mass, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Mass

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 17: 3 - 7

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 94**  
**O that today you would listen to his voice!**  
**Harden not your hearts.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5: 1 – 2, 5 - 8  
Gospel: John 4: 5 - 42

#### Hymn Numbers for Mass this weekend

**124: 147: 12: 11.**

#### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be recited **each Friday during Lent at 10:00am** in church. For those unable to attend an alternative version will be available each Friday evening at 7:00pm via [www.youtube.com/c/StPaulsRCChurchCramlington](http://www.youtube.com/c/StPaulsRCChurchCramlington) which is our usual Parish YouTube Channel.

#### Local Fatima Centre for Pilgrimage 2023.

**Our next Parish activity will be a talk on the History of the Rosary which will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7:00pm. Please try and come along to join us.** There is also a link for Mysteries of the Rosary on our Parish Website.

#### Lenten Reflections

The Vicariate for Faith & Mission has now produced the first booklet of Lenten Reflections which have been contributed by a mix of clergy, religious and lay people to express the richness and variety of our diocesan community. The dedicated Lenten Reflection Page on the Diocesan Website can be found at <https://bit.ly/DHNLent2023>

The Vicariate are also working on distributing the link for the second book of Lenten Reflections shortly. Alternatively, **why not sign up for CAFOD's Daily Lent Reflections sent direct to your email address via the following link [LENT](#) or visit the CAFOD Website.**

It is not necessary to be perfect, but we should try hard.

#### Live Streaming of Mass

Please note we no longer Live Stream the 10.00am Wednesday or Thursday morning Masses. We continue to Live Stream the 6.00pm Saturday and 10.45am Sunday Masses along with Major Feast Days, and their times will be notified in advance.

### St. Patrick's Night

A Pie and Pea Supper is to be held next Thursday 16th March from 7:30pm with music (not Irish), Irish bingo (anything goes!) and some fun games; all for £6.00. The Venue is East Hartford Community Centre, NE23 3AP. Please contact any member of the Social Group for your tickets.



### Rosary Beads and Prayer Cards

These are available at the back of church for anyone who wishes to have them at a cost of £1 each. Please help yourself.

### Weekend Homilies

These can be found on our Parish Website for you to ponder on.

### Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings each Wednesday following the 10:00am Mass and they will be held in the back room. All are most welcome to come along and join us for a cup of tea / coffee and a biscuit.

### Men's Group

We are considering having a Men's Group in the back of church where you can have a cuppa and a chat and maybe make new friends. We would welcome some feedback from the men of the parish as to whether this is something they would attend. Please let Fr. Manoj or any member of the Social Group know if you would be interested in taking part.

### Cramlington Food Bank

We have received a letter of thanks from the Food Bank thanking us for our recent parish contributions of 31.65kg which gives them a great start to 2023. We also have vouchers for the Food Bank for anyone who is struggling due to the current rises in expenditure. Please see either Fr. Manoj or Peter Killen if you want to avail yourself of a voucher.

### Distribution of Holy Communion

We are considering the reintroduction of receiving Holy Communion under both species, Host and Precious Blood {by Intinction - dipping Host into the Chalice} and would like the opinions of parishioners and Ministers to see if they would be willing to participate in the practice. Please speak with Fr. Manoj or any member of the Parish Council to express your views.

### Catholic Schools Admission Appeals Panels

The Diocesan Department for Education is looking for volunteers to serve on Admission Appeals Panels for Catholic schools. Appeal Panel members hear parents' appeal cases when, occasionally, they feel that the school they have been allocated for their child is not appropriate or practical. **If you:** 1) are interested in education and want to get involved, though you do not need to be a teacher; 2) have excellent listening skills, combined with the ability to put people at ease and make balanced decisions; 3) have the time to offer (usually appeals last half a day, a day, or two at each sitting); 4) are willing to undertake training to understand the rules of School Admissions then this is an excellent way to serve Catholic schools. For more information and to obtain an Application Form, please email [education@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:education@diocesehn.org.uk) or phone 0191 243 3313.

### Northern Cross

The March copy is now available at the back of church priced at £1.50 which has a lovely article on the Front Page about Bob Watson's Papal Blessing presentation last year. The article was unfortunately delayed in print due to the Bishop's resignation.

### Suggestions

A Suggestion Box for anyone to give any suggestions they feel could enhance or improve our parish community is located on top of the Hymn Book Stand at the back of church adjacent to the Café area. Comments can be made anonymously should you not wish to add your name.

### Spiritual Library

This is available in the Piety Stall and contains many religious books which are available for parishioners to borrow.

### Spiritual Nurturing and Formation Group

The Spiritual and Nurturing Group will continue with their meetings next **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 7pm** and the theme will be Lent based. All are welcome to come and join in.

### Our Lady of Fatima Statue

We are planning for the statue of Our Blessed Mother to go from house to house from the 22<sup>nd</sup> March with households reciting the Rosary whilst the statue is in their home. A schedule will be placed at the back of church for parishioners to enter their preferred dates to have the statue in their home for 1 week at a time.

### Lenten Alms

The left-hand wall box as you leave church is for our Lenten Alms. Please give generously. Thank You

### Finances

Weekly Collection 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> March. £250.15  
CAFOD Collection £184.72

**Your continued support is appreciated. Thank you.**

### Bonus Ball

Result Sat 4<sup>th</sup> March; No 7 Congrats to David Cocks.

**You must be in it to win it.**

### Rota List

**As our current Rota (list of names on Notice Board) ends at the end of March we would appreciate you confirming if you wish to come off the list (all Ministries included) or indeed add your name to a rota you wish to be on. Please e mail Peter on [peter@killenfamily.co.uk](mailto:peter@killenfamily.co.uk). If you want to continue no action is required. Thank you for your help.**

Bidding Prayers	Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Malcolm G
Welcomers	Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Stella S & Marylyn T
	Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Julie & Bob Mitchell
Readers.	Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Barbara B & Malcolm G
	Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	David S & Theresa W
Coffee	Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Joyce & Malcolm G
Bulletin		Peter
Weekly Cleaners		Julie & Bob M
Collection Counters		Stephanie N & Sheila H

Bidding Prayers	Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Terry C
Welcomers	Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Barbara B & Anne Marie L
	Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Stephanie & Russel N
Readers.	Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Teresa K. & John R
	Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Eddie L & Julie M
Coffee	Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Victoria L & Pamela McG

**Please let John Reid, 07833 692397, or Peter Killen, 07948 403341, know if you cannot cover your Ministry.**

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