



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 March 2023

Fourth Sunday
of Lent (A)

**"The blind man came
away with his sight
restored."**



Mass Times, Intentions and Feasts

Sat 18 th Mar	6:00pm	
Sun 19 th	10.45am	
Mon 20 th		St. Cuthbert, Patron of the Diocese
Wed 22 nd	10:00am	Margaret Forster (recovery)
Thur 23 rd	10:00am	School Mass: Year 3 attending
Fri 24 th	10:00am	Stations of the Cross
Sat 25 th	6:00pm	Annunciation of the Lord
Sun 26 th Mar	10.45am	

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

Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday Evening: 5:30 - 5.50pm before Mass at St. Paul's
Sunday Morning: 10.15 - 10.35am before Mass at St. Paul's

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 18th March Vigil Mass, Sunday 19th Mass

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1, 6 – 7, 10 - 13

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22

**The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5: 8 - 14

Gospel: John 9: 1 - 41

Hymn Numbers for Mass this Saturday.

79: 243: 247: 225.

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 our usual Parish YouTube Channel
www.youtube.com/c/StPaulsRCChurchCramlington

Local Fatima Centre for Pilgrimage 2023.

Our next Parish activity will be a talk on the History of the Rosary which will be held this coming Wednesday 22nd March at 6:30pm. 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.

Church Flowers

Currently there are two parishioners Pauline and Averill who arrange church flowers every two weeks. We would welcome more people to give their time to this service. If anyone could commit to this a few times a year please let Father Manoj know. As there are no flowers during the six weeks of Lent we will meet on Easter Saturday 8th April to prepare flowers for Easter Sunday; please join us if you can. Averill Robson

Holy Week Services

The following schedule of services for Holy Week has been agreed for St. Paul's and St. John's churches because Fr. Manoj will be the only available priest as Fr. Stanly will be away on holiday:

Palm Sunday: 6:00pm Vigil/11:00am at St. Paul's. 9:30am St John's
Maundy Thursday: 6:00pm at St. Paul's. No Service at St. John's
Good Friday: 10:00am Stations of the Cross - St. Paul's & St. John's
11:15am Carrying of the 3 Crosses; meet at Seven Oaks Park.
3pm Veneration of the Cross at St. John's. No Service at St. Paul's
Easter Sunday Vigil: 5:30pm Mass at St. Paul's & 8:00pm St John's
Easter Sunday: 9:30am Mass at St. John's & 10:45 am at St. Paul's

Distribution of Holy Communion

Following consultations we are postponing the reintroduction of receiving Holy Communion under both species for the time being due to the current high volume of COVID and FLU infections. We will look again at this when it is more appropriate to do so.

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.

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 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.

Diocesan Investigation.

Work is continuing on the investigation and is now moving to undertaking a survey of clergy, parishioners and staff. The investigation commissioned by the Dicastery for Bishops has issued a survey to be completed by parishioners. This is an anonymous survey, all answers are provided in complete confidence, and you are asked to give your own individual views. The survey will run until Monday 27 March 2023 and can be accessed at <https://forms.gle/wevQ6zrj1t8SCxNq5> or through the Diocesan website. Please complete the survey only once, even if you hold more than one role in the Diocese. Alternatively you can use the QR Code posted on the Notice Board or a paper copy from the back of church if you do not have access to the Internet to complete the survey.

Our Lady of Fatima Statue

We are planning for a small statue of Our Blessed Mother to go from house to house from this coming Wednesday 22nd March, with households reciting the Rosary whilst the statue is in their home. A list has been placed at the back of church for parishioners to enter their preferred dates to have the statue in their home and recite the Rosary for one week at a time.

Spiritual Library

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

Lenten Alms

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

Finances

Weekly Collection 11th / 12th March. £215.10
Standing Orders for January. £1182.00

Your continued support is appreciated. Thank you.

Bonus Ball

Result Sat 11th March; No 49 Congrats to Graham.

200 Club

Drawn 11th March. 1st No 74 Jean E - £60:
2nd No 41 Stella S - £30: 3rd No 46 Jessie M - £30.

Thanks to you all for your continued support.

Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who organised and attended our latest Social Gathering at last Thursday's St. Patrick's Night do. A decent turnout and a great night was had by all. A profit of £265.50 was raised for Parish Funds. If you have any suggestions for future events please speak with any member of our Social Group who now are Terry Robson, Linda Turnbull Maria Holdsworth, Maria Waterworth and Marylyn Turton.

Rota List

A new Rota covering all Ministries from 25th March to 30th July is now on the Notice Board. Can people please check the list, note the dates they are scheduled to Minister and advise John or Peter of any dates they are unable to fulfil.

Bidding Prayers	Sat 18 th Mar	Terry C
Welcomers	Sat 18 th Mar	Barbara B & Anne Marie L
	Sun 19 th Mar	Stephanie & Russel N
Readers.	Sat 18 th Mar	Teresa K. & John R
	Sun 19 th Mar	Eddie L & Julie M
Coffee	Sat 18 th Mar	Victoria L & Pamela McG
Bulletin		Kathy
Weekly Cleaners		Stephanie N & Barbara W
Collection Counters		Joe S, Betty W & Averill R

Bidding Prayers	Sat 25 th Mar	Malcolm G
Welcomers	Sat 25 th Mar	Emma, India & Hugo P
	Sun 26 th Mar	Meg C & Peter K
Readers.	Sat 25 th Mar	Malcolm G & Margaret F
	Sun 26 th Mar	Peter K & Theresa W
Coffee	Sat 25 th Mar	Joyce & Malcolm G
Weekly Cleaners		Terry C & Averill R
Collection Counters		Maria H & Kathy D

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

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