



St. Paul's RC Church, Cramlington  
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**Parish Mission Statement**

To be a welcoming community that encounters 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

**The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph.**

**“Take the mother and child;  
escape into Egypt.”**

**Mass Times and Intentions**

**Wednesday Masses will be in Back Room.**

Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	at St. Paul's	People of the Parish
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	10:45am	at St. Paul's	Feast of the Holy Family People of the Parish
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:45am	at St. Paul's	Feast Mary the Mother of God
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00am	at St. John's	
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00am	at St. Paul's	John Reid RIP
Thur 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	at St. Paul's	James Siddell RIP
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>			Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. John's at 6:00pm then Mass at 7pm
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	at St. Paul's	The Epiphany of the Lord
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:45am	at St. Paul's	Baptism of the Lord

**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.**

**As the Blessed Sacrament is exposed it is a time for  
people's private and silent prayer.**

**Please respect the situation with your silence  
and carry out any discussions in the Piety Stall prior to  
the start of Mass.**

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> December Vigil Mass, Sun 31<sup>st</sup> December Mass**

**First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14**

**Responsorial Psalm:127**

**O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
And walk in His ways!**

**Second Reading: Colossians 3: 12-21**

**Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40**

**Hymn Numbers for both Masses this weekend**

**51, 246, 42, 129, 64, 357, 11.**



**John William Reid**

It is with a deep sense of sorrow I bring to you the news of the sad demise of our dear friend and stalwart of St. Paul's Parish Family, John

Reid. John left for his eternal rest during the wee hours on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 2023. The death of John has created a Vacuum which in no way is easy to fill. In him we dearly miss a friend. May the good Lord open the gates of paradise to him and grant his soul eternal rest. Our hearts go out to Teresa Reid, Chris and family. May the Lord console and comfort them in their grief and dispel the darkness and doubts that comes from the grief. John's Requiem Mass will be celebrated here in St Paul's at 10:30am on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January** followed by a service at Whitley Bay Crematorium at 12 noon. Fr. Manoj Joseph

**Bishop Stephen Wright's Visit  
to St John's & St. Paul's Parishes**

The visit is planned for Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024 with Mass celebrated at 6.30pm at St. John's, Annitsford. There will be refreshments served in the Hall & Presbytery after the Mass. As a parish community it is very important that all the able members of the parish community attend the celebration of the Eucharist with the bishop and after which we will have a chance to meet the bishop. Therefore, please can you please ensure your name is added to the list at the back of church by this weekend to allow us to plan for the catering. Thank you.

**Lamb House**

On behalf of the staff and residents of Lamb House a big thank you to everyone who made a donation to our parish Christmas collection. Once again the response was excellent and Christmas has been made so much better for so many families thanks to your kindness and generosity.

**Pope Francis' Prayer intention for January 2024  
For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church**

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

### Mass Intentions

We have plenty of spare days should you wish Mass to be celebrated for your own intention. Please use the envelopes available at the back of church.

### New Year Day Services

St. Paul's - Mass at 10:45am

**Readers: 2 volunteers**

St John's, Annitsford – Mass at 09:30am.

### Thank You

Many thanks for the generous donations of poinsettias and money towards Christmas flowers. It was a great help as flower prices always increase this time of year. Averill.

### HELP!

Your help is needed towards the upkeep of the parish as we go through a depleting financial situation due to the lack of needed contributions at weekends, except for the generous support by the parishioners Standing Orders. Winter is a season where church expenditure shoots up due to the heating expenses etc. I would ask those who are not presently in the Standing Order scheme to be little more generous towards the upkeep of the parish and maybe contribute a substantial amount during this festive season of Christmas towards our church, which needs urgent financial assistance, rather than the usual charity you normally contribute to. **If you are a Taxpayer and join the Gift Aid Scheme your contribution would be increased by 25%, at no additional cost to you, as the Diocese reclaim the tax back you have already paid on your contribution.** Please do consider joining the scheme. You can speak with Sheila Hedley who can give you further information on the scheme. Thanks for your kind understanding on this matter.

### Little Sisters of the Poor - Job Vacancies

Exciting opportunities are now available at St Joseph's Care Home (Little Sisters of the Poor, Newcastle) for care assistants and nurses.

Hours: Nurse: Shifts are 8am-4pm, 1pm-9pm

Care Assistant: Shifts are 8am-3pm, 3pm-9pm.

Excellent rates of pay. For more information please contact Lee-Marie Thornley on 07856256095 or via email, [lee.marie@lsplondon.co.uk](mailto:lee.marie@lsplondon.co.uk)

### New Readers of the Word

The Liturgical Formation Team will be offering a course in January 2024, in Whickham.

#### Dates:

**Session 1:** Monday 15 January 2024, 7.00-9.00pm

**Session 2:** Saturday 20 January 2024, 10.30am-3.00pm

(to include a Commissioning Service)\*

\*Participants to bring a packed lunch for the day event - tea and coffee will be provided.

**Location:** St Mary, Dockendale Lane, Whickham, Newcastle upon Tyne. NE16 4EN.

**Cost:** £12.50 per person

Please speak with Fr. Manoj if you wish to attend.

### Food Bank

Donations for the Food Bank will now resume following your generous donations for Lamb House.

### Partnership Mass

To mark the Feast of St. Benet Biscop we will celebrate Mass on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm**, at St Bede's Church, Bedlington. Please do try and come along and join in the celebration with others from our partnership.

### Confirmation Retreat at the Emmaus Village

**January 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> 2024**

There are still places for our Confirmation group to join other Confirmation candidates across the Diocese in exploring our faith, the Church, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. In this YMT led Confirmation Retreat, there will be time for fun, faith, and food during these days of retreat. If you are considering receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation or are a catechist and wish to book into the programme please contact [nsalkeld@ymt.org](mailto:nsalkeld@ymt.org) before January 19<sup>th</sup> 2024 or speak with Fr. Manoj or Deacon Tony Turner.

### Christmas Cake Raffle

This was drawn on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December and the winning ticket was 612. Congratulations to Ann Favell

### Bonus Ball

Result for 24<sup>th</sup> December – Number 44, Graham

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

### Finances

Weekly Collection 23<sup>rd</sup>/ 24<sup>th</sup> December £314.73

### Rota List

Bidding Prayers	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Terry C
Welcomers	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Linda T
	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Barbara W & Bob M
Readers	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Terry C & Gladys H
	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	David S & Teresa W
	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	<b>Volunteers Required</b>
Coffee	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Joyce & Malcolm G
Bulletin		Kathy
Weekly Cleaning Team 2:		Terry C & Averill R
Collection Counting Team 2:		Maria H & Kathy D
Bidding Prayers	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Jacquie H
Welcomers	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Stella S & Marylyn T
	7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Meg C & Peter K
Readers	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Barbara B & Malcolm G
	7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Jacquie H & Peter K
Coffee	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Victoria & Pamela
Bulletin		Mariella
Weekly Cleaning Team 3:		Stella S & Barbara B
Collection Counting Team 3:		Bob M, Julie M, Sheila H

**If you are unable to cover your Ministry please let Peter Killen know on 07948 403341.**

**I will be producing a new list to cover February to April 2024 next month. If you are willing to join in to help your parish please let me know. If you are unavailable during this time can you please let me know over the next 2 weeks. Thanks, Peter.**

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