



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 28th January 2024
4th Sunday Ordinary Time (B)

“He taught them with authority.”

Mass Times and Intentions

Wednesday Masses will be in Back Room.

Sat 27th 6:00pm at St. Paul's **People of the Parish**

Sun 28th 10:45am at St. Paul's **Racial Justice Sunday & Holocaust Memorial Day**
People of the Parish

Tues 30th 10:00am at St. John's

Wed 31st 10:00am at St. Paul's

Thur 1st 10:00am School Mass at St. Paul's – Year 3

Fri 2nd Feast Presentation of the Lord
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. John's at 6:00pm Mass at 7pm

Sat 3rd 6:00pm at St. Paul's

Sun 4th 10:45am at St. Paul's

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 27th January Vigil Mass, Sun 28th January Mass

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18: 15 - 20

Responsorial Psalm – 94

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7: 32 - 35

Gospel: Mark 1: 21 - 28

Hymn Numbers for both Masses this weekend

49, 655, 664, 243, 334, 357, 311

Racial Justice Sunday, 28th of January.

Our theme “*Seeing One Another in the Life of the Church*” celebrates the diversity of those who have led holy and exemplary lives. This was inspired by conversations following last year's launch of the *In the Image and Likeness* resources:

To mark the day, we have produced three audio reflections highlighting different Saints and why it is important to celebrate Saints from different backgrounds. A supportive discussion paper has also been produced. This year's resources, which includes resources for schools, can be found on the Bishops' Conference website at: www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday

We Pray:

God of light and truth, you call all men and women to live lives of holiness and justice.

Help us to see in one another: a heart which is tender, a mind which is humble and a care for our brothers and sisters. so that together, we may build up the Body of Christ as a sign of hope and mercy for all. We make this prayer through Jesus our Lord.

Pope Francis' Prayer intention for February 2024

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

Northern Catholic Calendar

We still have a supply of 2024 Northern Catholic Calendars at £3.00 / £3.50 each. If you would like to have one, please contact Julie in the Piety Stall.

Youth Ministry & Practical Theology Conference

The topic of the conference is “Investing in the Fearlessness of Youth” and will take place next Saturday 3rd of February at the Cardinal Hume Catholic School, Gateshead, NE9 6RZ.

Cost is £12 pp.

To book email nsalkeld@ymt.org or go to www.ticketsource.co.uk/youthministryteam

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 in the Standing Order scheme to either join or be more generous towards the upkeep of the parish and our church, which needs urgent financial assistance. **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 reclaims the tax back you have already paid on your contribution.** Please do consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme. You can speak with Sheila Hedley who can give you further information. Thanks for your kind understanding.

Rosary on Every Wednesday

Praying the Rosary is one of the best ways to meditate upon the life of Jesus. We are planning to begin praying the Rosary every Wednesday at 9.30 am, prior to the Mass. This will start on the 7th of February 2024. If you are free, kindly join for the Rosary.

Rite of Election 2024

Lent will be starting soon and so planning for the Rite of Election on the First Sunday is underway. It marks an important stage in the journey of those preparing to become members of the Church and every year those who take part in it describe it as a wonderful experience of the wider Church; this is true even for those who were perhaps hesitant beforehand. Those who take part are entered into the 'Book of the Elect'. This year the Catechumens and Candidates involved in the RCIA – 'Journey in Faith' programme along with sponsors, catechists, family, and friends will be taking part in the Rite to election which would take place on Sunday, 18th February 2024 at Saint Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle at 3.00pm (arrivals and gathering 2.30pm.). Bishop Stephen will lead us for the first time in this uplifting ceremony.

Fatima Pilgrimage 2024

As you are aware there is a Fatima Pilgrimage being arranged between our parishes. We have received an overwhelming number of people opted to go on this pilgrimage from 20 – 27th September, 2024. We have a few seats left due to the last moment cancellation because of certain unavoidable circumstances. If you fancy joining the Pilgrimage, kindly contact Fr. Manoj without delay. He will furnish you with all the details.

Confirmations in St. Benet Biscop Deanery

Having gone through the probable number of candidates for Confirmations in our Deanery, it was discussed in the Deanery meeting of the priests and decided that we will celebrate the Confirmation in 2025. Since the numbers of candidates in 2023 were very low this change to wait until 2025 may provide for a larger uptake than previous years.

A Note of gratitude

I would like to extend a word of gratitude to all the Volunteers and the faithful for your wholehearted participation which graced the occasion of the Pastoral visit of Bishop Stephen Wright. Thank you one and all for all your kind support to the parish, the lovely cordial refreshments and chat we had after the visit. Thanks.

Partnership Station Masses

In order to prepare for the season of lent focused largely on a more spiritually oriented journey, this year in our partnership, we have agreed to celebrate a Station Mass in four Churches throughout the Partnership; Please do make a note in your diary.

1. Wednesday 21st February at 7pm at St Robert of Newminster Church, Morpeth
2. Wednesday 28th February at 7pm at St Paul's Church, Cramlington
3. Wednesday 6th March at 7pm at Our Lady and St Wilfrid's Church, Blyth
4. Wednesday 13th March at 7pm at St Aidan's, Ashington

Bonus Ball

Result for 20th January – Number 42.

We have 3 spare numbers 10,11,2,40 @ £1 per week with a chance to win £40 for anyone wanting to join the Bonus Ball Draw.

There is also a spare number for the 200 club.

Please see Sheila or Teresa if you would like a number.

Finances

Weekly Collection 20 th / 21 st January	£241.06
White Flower Appeal (SPUC)	£101.17

Rota List

Bidding Prayers	27 th Jan	Teresa K
Welcomers	27 th Jan	Stella S & Marylyn T
	28 th Jan	Barbara W & Bob M
Readers	27 th Jan	Gladys H & Terry C
	28 th Jan	Peter K & Jacquie H
Coffee	27 th Jan	Joyce & Malcolm G
Bulletin		Peter
Weekly Cleaning Team 2:		Terry C & Averill R
Collection Counting Team 1:		Joe S, Averill R, Betty W

Bidding Prayers	3 rd Feb	Malcolm G
Welcomers	3 rd Feb	Barbara B & Anne Marie L
	4 th Feb	Meg C & Peter K
Readers	3 rd Feb	Malcolm G & Margaret F
	4 th Feb	Eddie L & Jacqui H
Coffee	3 rd Feb	Joyce & Malcolm G
Bulletin		Kathy
Weekly Cleaning Team 3:		Stella S & Barbara B
Collection Counting Team 2:		Maria H & Kathy D

There is a new list on the Notice Board covering 3rd February to 5th May. Please check it out to see when you are scheduled to Minister and let Peter Killen {07948 403341} know if you are unable to fulfil your Ministry.

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