



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 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**“We came from the east to do the king homage.”**

**Mass Times and Intentions**

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

Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	at St. Paul's	People of the Parish
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:45am	at St. Paul's	The Epiphany of the Lord Paddy Killen RIP
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>			Baptism of the Lord
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	at St. John's	
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	at St. Paul's	
Thur 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	at St. Paul's	Requiem Mass - John Reid
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	at St. Paul's	People of the Parish
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:45am	at St. Paul's	People of the Parish

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 6<sup>th</sup> January Vigil Mass, Sun 7<sup>th</sup> January Mass

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1 – 6

Responsorial Psalm: 71

All nations shall fall prostrate before you,  
O Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 2 - 3a, 5 – 6

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1 – 12

Hymn Numbers for both Masses this weekend

**395, 655, 664, 134, 183, 357, 447**



**John William Reid**

John's Requiem Mass will be celebrated here in St Paul's at 10:30am this coming **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January** followed by a service at Whitley Bay Crematorium at 12 noon. Please do try and come along to show your support for his family and thanks for his generous work for your Parish community.

**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. There will be no Exposition or evening Mass at St. John's due to the Mass being celebrated in Bedlington.

**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 to allow us to plan for the catering.

**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.

## 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.

### Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Job Vacancies

HR Adviser, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle/hybrid – part-time. Closing date: 16 January

HR Administrator, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle/hybrid – part-time. Closing date 16 January

Cleaner, St Anne, Darlington – part-time. Closing date 11 January

Cleaner, St Cuthbert, Durham – part-time. Closing date 18 January.

Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

### 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.



### A new initiative at St. Nicholas' Village Church

to help keep warm, save on your heating bills, meet new friends, enjoy a free cuppa and bowl of soup.

**Fridays 11am - 2pm**

## Cramlington Trussel Trust Food Bank

Donations for the Food Bank will now resume with the start of the New Year. Please give whatever you can to the bank supporting our local community for families struggling with the never-ending increase in the cost of food and basic essential household items. Thank you

### 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.

### Bonus Ball

Result for 31<sup>st</sup> December – Number 38

Congratulations to M Turton

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

### Finances

Weekly Collection 30 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup> December	£208.03
Christmas Collection	£772.76

### Rota List

Bidding Prayers	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Jacque 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	Jacque 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

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Welcomers	13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Barbara B & Anne Marie L
	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Julie & Bob M
Readers	13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Teresa K
	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Julie M & Eddie L
Coffee	13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Joyce & Malcolm G
Bulletin		Mariella
Weekly Cleaning Team 4:		Julie & Bob Mitchell
Collection Counting Team 4		Maureen B, Meg C, Kathy O

**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 over the next two weeks. If you are willing to join in to help your parish please let me know. If you already help and are unavailable during this time can you please let me know over the next two weeks. Thanks, Peter.**

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