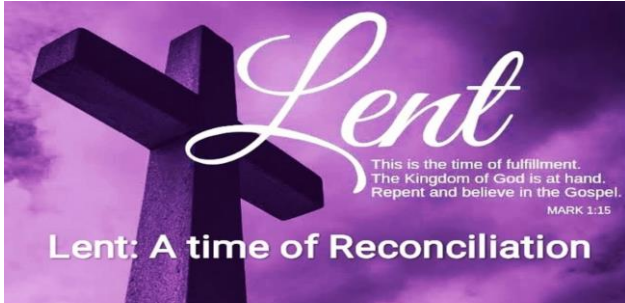




St. Paul's RC Church, Cramlington
 28 Dewley, Cramlington, NE23 6EF, Tele: 01670 712476.
 Parish Priest – Fr. Manoj Joseph
 Parish Mission Statement



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 18th February 2024
First Sunday of Lent (B)

“The kingdom of God is close at hand: Repent and believe the Good News.”

Mass Times and Intentions

Sat 17th 6:00pm at St. Paul's **People of the Parish**
 Sun 18th 10:45am at St. Paul's **In Thanksgiving**
 Tues 20th 10:00am at St. John's
6:30pm at St Paul's - Stations of the Cross
 Wed 21st **11:00am at St. Paul's Bob Watson's Requiem**
 Thur 22nd 10:00am at St. Paul's in Winter Chapel
 Fri 23rd **Stations of the Cross at St. John's at 6:30 pm: Mass at 7:00pm**
 Sat 24th 6:00pm at St. Paul's
 Sun 25th 10:45am at St. Paul's

Sat 17th February Vigil Mass, Sun 18th February Mass

First Reading: Genesis 9: 8-15

Responsorial Psalm 24:

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18-22

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of eternal glory.
 Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
 Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of eternal glory.

Gospel: Mark 1: 12-15

Hymn Numbers for both Masses this weekend.

324, 241, 63, 183, 357, 152.

Reconciliation

Fr. Manoj is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation every day before and after the Masses. You can also request to have Reconciliation at your convenience. Please feel free to approach him and make use of the opportunity to reconcile with God and prepare yourselves for the Holy Days ahead.

Bob Watson



Bob's Requiem Mass will be held here in St. Paul's at **11:00am next Wednesday 21st** followed by a private Family Interment.

Rosary Every Wednesday

There will be no Rosary recited next Wednesday 21st February due to Bob's Requiem Mass.

The Spirituality and Formation Group

Recommended last Thursday 15th. Please join us every Thursday in the Back Room at 7pm. All are welcome.

Carmelite Retreat at Minsteracres

Led by Fr Paul Jenkins on 14th to 16th of June. Cost £200 with all meals included. Everyone is welcome.

CAFOD's Lenten Family Fast Day

This will take place next **Friday, 23rd February** and we are asked to eat simply and give what we can to help our brothers and sisters to be able to have a better standard of living. **PLEASE** take an envelope home with you for your contribution and return it next weekend. Your contribution could be a lifesaving gift for someone much less fortunate than yourself.

POPE FRANCIS' Advice for Lent

- Fast from **hurting** words and say kind **words**.
- Fast from **sadness** and be filled with **gratitude**.
- Fast from **anger** and be filled with **patience**.
- Fast from **pessimism** and be filled with **hope**.
- Fast from **worries** and **trust in God**.
- Fast from **complaints** and **contemplate** simplicity.
- Fast from **pressures** and be **prayerful**.
- Fast from **bitterness** and fill your heart with **joy**.
- Fast from **selfishness** and be **compassionate** to others.
- Fast from **grudges** and be **reconciled**.
- Fast from **words** and be silent so you can **listen**.

Music Group

We are looking for anyone to join the existing small number of parishioners who joined Bob's Music Group, to keep it going, and to assist the congregation in meaningful worship through song during the Saturday and / or Sunday services. Please speak with Jacqui Hall for more information.

Tea by the Sea

You are invited to an Easter Treat on Saturday 23rd March 1.30 for 2pm, at Newbiggin Maritime Centre.

Please come along, support your Social Group who have organised this and have a lovely afternoon with other members of our church community. Details on the notice board.

Volunteers Needed

The church is looking for a volunteer for the post of Property In Charge. We have received willing candidates for the post of Health and Safety and also Chair of the Finance Group. If any likeminded individual has the aptitude, as well as the good will, to provide a supporting hand to the parish in this role they will be most welcome. Please contact Fr. Manoj.

Donation to Cramlington Foodbank

The following came from the Trussell Trust last week: Thank you so much for continuing to donate to Cramlington Foodbank. Your recent donation weighed in at a 22.95kg which makes for a very generous start to 2024. Without thoughtful donations like yours, it would be impossible for the volunteers here at the Foodbank to provide for the many local people who are in need of such help. We are truly grateful to have your ongoing support. With our love, thanks and blessings.

LOUDfence: St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle and Newcastle Cathedral 3rd - 6th March.

Together with the Diocese of Newcastle, our diocesan family is privileged to be hosting a LOUDfence at St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle and also at Newcastle Cathedral. It will begin at the 11.30am Sunday Mass on the 3rd March at St. Mary's Cathedral and end with a Service of the Word at Newcastle Cathedral on the 6th March at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to these liturgies and to visit both Cathedrals during the days to offer their prayers and support for all who have suffered abuse within church communities and all contexts. We are invited to leave prayers and messages together with provided items like the Prayer Ribbons presented to Bishop Stephen at his Installation Mass, which are still tied to his Bishop's Chair. People can leave their prayers and messages within or outside of the Cathedrals, recognising some people would rather not enter a place of worship. There will be people available for pastoral accompaniment if that is requested. As a diocesan family we pray for all who have suffered abuse and recognise our shared duty to safeguard the vulnerable.

Right to Life UK (URGENT REQUEST)

Please take a postcard from the back of church, send it to your MP asking him to support the Criminal Justice Bill amendment to reduce the abortion limit from 24 to 22 wks.

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Office email: stpaul.cramlington@diocesehn.org.uk

Bulletin email: bulletin@stpauls-rc.co.uk Webmaster email:

Foundation Governor Wanted

Ss Peter and Paul's Catholic Primary Academy.

Are you interested in the Catholic Education of young people within the Parishes of St. John the Baptist and St Pauls? The role involves attending a meeting, once every half-term, visiting a year group, who you would visit on a regular basis and liaise with the year-group staff to write up your visits, raising any concerns with the teacher. Training is provided by the Diocesan Education Department and Newcastle Council.

Please contact the school office on 01670 716343 to arrange a discussion with the Executive Head Teacher, Mrs Charlotte Chapman, or the Head of School, Mr Stephen Anderson, or the Chair of the LGC, Mr Kevin Dawson

Partnership Station Masses

In order to prepare for the season of Lent focused largely on a more spiritually oriented journey, 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 10/2/2024 – Number 34 B Wilson

We have 1 spare number 40 @ £1 per week with a chance to win £40 for anyone wanting to join.

There is also a spare number for the 200 club.

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

200 Club

1st No 47 T Reid: 2nd. No 79 D Cocks: 3rd No 25 J Espie.

Finances

Weekly Collection 10th/11th February £252.70

Rota List

Bidding Prayers	17 th Feb	Jacqui H
Welcomers	17 th Feb	Stella S & Marylyn T
	18 th Feb	Russel & Stephanie N
Readers	17 th Feb	Barbara B & Teresa K
	18 th Feb	Jacqui H & Peter K
Coffee	17 th Feb	Victoria & Pamela
Bulletin		Mariella
Weekly Cleaning Team 1:		Barbara W, Kathy D
Collection Counting Team 4:		Maureen B, Meg C Kathy O
Bidding Prayers	24 th	Teresa K
Welcomers	24 th	Barbara B & Anne Marie L
	25 th	Barbara W & Bob M
Readers	24 th	Teresa K & Malcolm G
	25 th	Julie M & Eddie L
Coffee	24 th	Joyce & Malcolm G
Bulletin		Mariella
Weekly Cleaning Team 2:		Terry C & Averill R
Collection Counting Team 5:		Stephanie Maxine & Sheila

Please let Peter Killen (07948 403341) know if you are unable to fulfil your Ministry.

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