



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 25th February 2024
Second Sunday of Lent (B)

“This is my Son, the beloved”

Mass Times and Intentions

- Sat 24th 6:00pm at St. Paul's **People of the Parish**
- Sun 25th 10:45am at St. Paul's
Special Intention - Williams Family
- Tues 27th 10:00am at St. John's
6:30pm at St Paul's - Stations of the Cross
- Wed 28th **7:00pm Partnership Mass at St. Paul's**
Deidre Bland RIP
- Thur 29th 10:00am at St. Paul's **School Mass - Year 5**
- Fri 1st 6:30pm **Stations of the Cross at St. John's**
Mass at 7:00pm
- Sat 2nd 6:00pm at St. Paul's
- Sun 3rd 10:45am at St. Paul's

Sat 24th February Vigil Mass, Sun 25th February Mass
First Reading: Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Responsorial Psalm 115:

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord
 in the land of the living.**

Second Reading: Romans 8: 31-34

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of eternal glory.

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

“This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him.”

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Gospel: Mark 9: 2-10

Hymn Numbers for Sunday Mass this weekend.

401, 246, 129, 247, 357, 192.

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.

Rosary Every Wednesday

There will be no Rosary recited at 9:30am next Wednesday 25th February before Coffee Morning.

The Spirituality and Formation Group

Meet every Thursday at 7:00pm. Please join us in the Back Room. 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 took place last **Friday, 23rd February** when we were 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. *If you forgot to get an envelope for your donation last weekend please take one from the table outside the Cafe area at the back of church and place it with your contribution in the Offertory Collection.* It could be a lifesaving gift for someone much less fortunate than yourself.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

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 have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

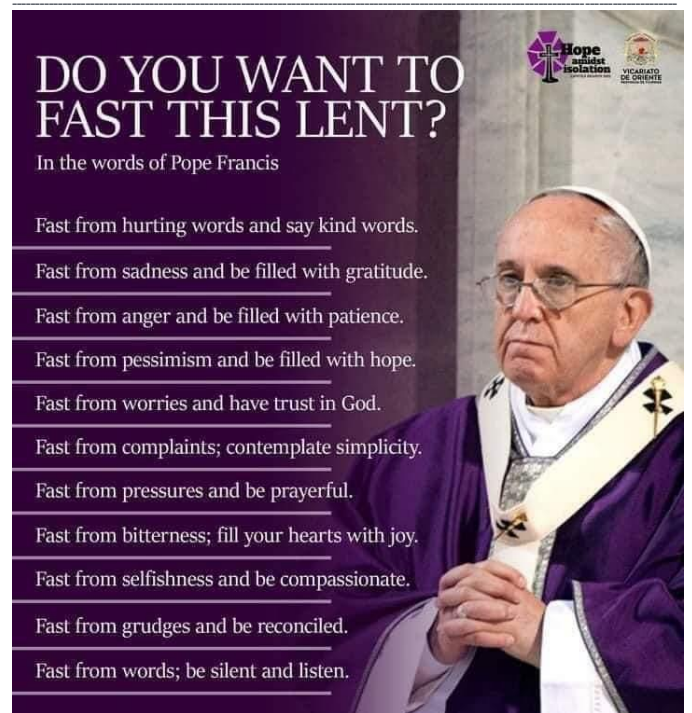
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.



Partnership Mass at St. Paul's on Feb 28th at 7.00pm.
In an effort to make our Lenten preparations effective we in our partnership have planned various activities like Holy Eucharist to be celebrated at our various parishes as well as a Day of Reconciliation. Last Wednesday we had almost 100 persons for the Mass at Morpeth. This Wednesday the Mass will be celebrated here in St. Paul's at 7:00pm. I cordially invite all to join other Partnership members at the Mass and if possible to stay back for a cup of tea / coffee and snacks.

7:00pm Wednesday 6th March at Our Lady and St Wilfrid's Church, Blyth

7:00pm Wednesday 13th March at St Aidan's, Ashington

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.

Lenten Day for Families

Catholic Mothers and the Carmelite Friars invite you to a Lenten Family Day at St John Vianney's, West Denton on Saturday 9th March, beginning with 10am Mass and followed by a short talk, opportunity for Confession, a soup lunch, children's activities and social time. All ages and families welcome. For more information email catholicmothersne@gmail.com

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. Marys' 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.

Potential Legislation changes regarding Abortion

From the end of February, it is likely that the Criminal Justice bill will return to parliament and that amendments will be tabled to decriminalise abortion up to the point of birth. As well as a direct attack on the dignity of the unborn, it is highly likely that these amendments, if passed, will have unforeseen consequences which could be very serious for both unborn babies and their mothers, especially given the increase in home abortions following the legalisation of the provision of abortion pills by post. It is possible that there will be other amendments more favourable to the rights of unborn babies.

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.

Triduum Mass Timings

Maundy Thursday: St. John's, Annitsford @ 7:00pm

Good Friday: St Paul's @ 3:00pm

Easter Vigil: St. Paul's @ 6.00pm

St. John's Annitsford @ 8:30pm

Easter Sunday: St. Paul's @10:45am

St. John's Annitsford @ 9:30am

Prayer Request

Please remember Mrs. Alina who is poorly and in need of our Prayers. May the Loving Lord extend His healing hands on her and bring her a speedy recovery.

Maureen Joan Brown

Maureen of Hickstead, Cramlington passed away on February 16, 2024. She was 90 years old. Her funeral service would be held at Cowpen Crematorium on Friday 1st March at 12.15pm. Kindly remember Maureen in your prayers. May her soul rest in peace.

Coffee Morning on Wed 28th at 10:00am in Back Room.

Bonus Ball

Result for 17th February: Number 43 S Loan

Finances

Weekly Collection 17th/18th February £182.70

Rota List

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	Volunteer & 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
Bidding Prayers	2 nd	David S
Welcomers	2 nd	Maxine T & Linda T
	3 rd	Meg C & Peter K
Readers	2 nd	Gladys H & Terry C
	3 rd	David S & Teresa W
Coffee	2 nd	Victoria & Pamela
Bulletin		Peter
Weekly Cleaning Team 3:		Stella S & Barbara B
Collection Counting Team 1:		Joe S, Averill R & Betty W

Please check the Notice Board for future Ministries.

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