



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 3rd March 2024 Third Sunday of Lent (B)

“Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.”

Mass Times and Intentions

Sat 2 nd	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Sun 3 rd	10:45am	For the good health of Sr. Mary Michael
Tues 5 th	10:00am	at St. John's
	6:30pm	At St Paul's - Stations of the Cross
Wed 6 th	7:00pm	Partnership Mass at Our Lady and St Wilfrid's Church, Blyth
Thur 7 th	10:00am	School Mass - Year 4
Fri 8 th	6:30pm	Stations of the Cross at St. John's
		Mass at 7:00pm
Sat 9 th	6:00pm	
Sun 10 th	10:45am	RIP Margaret

Sat 2nd March Vigil Mass, Sun 3rd March Mass

First Reading: Exodus 20: 1 – 17

Responsorial Psalm 18:
You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 22 – 25

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of eternal glory.
 I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,
 whoever believes in me will never die.”
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Gospel: John 2: 13 - 25

Hymn Numbers for Sunday Mass this weekend.

1, 655, 134, 275, 357, 444.

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 make use of the opportunity to reconcile with God and prepare yourselves for the Holy Days ahead.

March Diocesan Newsletter

On our Website Home Page and can be viewed via this link: [Diocesan Newsletter - March 2024 \(mailchi.mp\)](https://mailchi.mp/diocesan-newsletter-march-2024)

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.

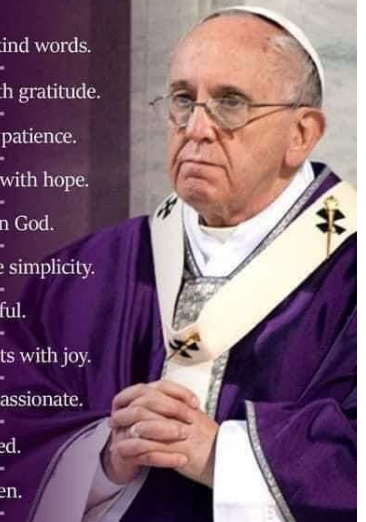
Thank You.

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped me with lifts to the hospital when Bob was ill. We have all been overwhelmed by the love and support from St. Paul's and will be ever grateful for that love. The Mass for Bob was beautiful. Thanks to Fr. Manoj and everyone; Bob would have been proud. Thank you also to David, Conor and Joe for the wonderful music. God bless you all; Brenda, Daniel, Michael and family.

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.

Thanks to everyone who attended last Wednesday's Mass and to those who provided and served the refreshments afterwards. It was a lovely celebration.

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

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

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.

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 Paul's? 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.

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.

Local Elections

There are opportunities for parishioners to earn some extra cash working for your Local Authority during any forthcoming Elections. The Back Room of our parish will again be used as a Polling Station for the next Election giving us a much needed income towards the upkeep of the Parish.

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.

A Baby Girl!

Natasha, who will be received into the church at the Easter Vigil, along with three others, had a baby girl last Saturday morning, called Miley Rose. Mother and baby are both well and congratulations are due to them both.

Coffee Morning on Wed 6th at 10:00am Mass.

Bonus Ball

Result for 24th February: Number 28 Maria H

Finances

Weekly Collection 24th / 25th February £145.10
CAFOD Family Fast Day £115.00

Rota List

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

Bidding Prayers	9 th	Malcolm G
Welcomers	9 th	Stella S & Marylyn T
	10 th	Julie & Bob M
Readers	9 th	Malcolm G & Barbara B
	10 th	Peter K & Jacqui H
Coffee	9 th	Malcolm & Joyce G
Bulletin		Peter
Weekly Cleaning Team 4:		Julie & Bob M
Collection Counting Team 2:		Maria H & Kathy D

Please check the Notice Board for future Ministries.

Working at elections in Northumberland

Did you know you do not need to work for the county council to be considered?



Supporting democracy

Elections are a great opportunity to work as part of a team and take a sense of pride in playing a role in supporting democracy.



Earn some extra money

You could help us by playing an important role for Northumberland, plus it is a great way to earn some extra money.

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