



St. Paul's RC Church, Cramlington
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 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 19th May 2024

Pentecost Sunday (B)

“The Spirit of Truth will lead you to the complete Truth.”

Mass Times and Intentions

Sat 18 th	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 19 th	10:45am	People of the Parish
Tues 21 st	10:00am	
Wed 22 nd	10:00am	
Thu 23 rd	10:00am	
Fri 24 th	10:00am	School Years 3-6, Explained Mass
	6:30pm	Rosary at St. John's: Mass at 7:00pm
Sat 25 th	6:00pm	In Thanksgiving for John and Bob
Sun 26 th	10:45am	

Rosary Recital during May

Saturday Evening / Sunday Morning / Wednesday Morning / Thursday Morning starts 30 minutes before Mass at St. Paul's

Saturday 18th / Sunday 19th May 2024

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 102

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: Galatians 5: 16-25

Gospel: John 15: 26-27, 16: 12-15

Hymn Numbers for Mass this weekend

4, 655, 664, 134, 275, 351, 90

Statue of Our Blessed Lady

There is a list at the back of church for parishioners to add their names to have the statue of Mary, Our Blessed Mother, in their own homes for a week to use as a focal point for their daily recital of the Rosary. This will commence at the beginning of the month of May and will continue for a period of time dependent upon the number of volunteers. Please do add your names to the list as soon as possible so we can arrange the distribution of the statue.



St. Benet Biscop Partnership invite you to a Service to pray for peace through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 7:00pm on **Wednesday 29th May** at St. Robert of Newminster Church, Morpeth. Let us come together to pray the Rosary and sing hymns to Our Lady followed by light refreshments in the church hall. Everyone welcome.

In response to the devastating conflicts continuing around our world, the Justice and Peace Group of Our Lady & St Wilfrid, Blyth have arranged a **Service of Prayer and Contemplation** to be held **this Sunday afternoon, 19th May, at 4pm** to which everyone is welcome. We will be praying for peace and reconciliation in our divided world. "God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth." Pope Benedict XVI.

Homilies

Most are available to read via "Sunday Reflections" on the Parish Website www.stpauls-rc.co.uk/home

John Reid and Bob Watson

Next Saturday, 25th May, our 6:00pm evening Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Manoj in thanksgiving for the work contributed by both John and Bob to our Parish over many years. Two Plaques have been purchased in their memory and these will be erected in church, then blessed during the evening Mass.

Laudato Si

During Laudato Si week, in keeping with the reflection on the Papal document, we are to screen the film "The Letter", lasting 80 minutes, at St. John's this coming **Wednesday 22nd May at 7pm**. The screening will be followed by a 20 minute discussion to consider what action each parish could take to care for our common home. Please do come along to share your views.

Sunday Mass at St. Paul's

Dear parishioners, as you are aware the parish is struggling financially for its upkeep. The Sunday Mass congregation is averaging around 40 and the cost to run two Masses has been increasing what with the utility bills all going up quite a lot. The parish is finding it harder and harder to meet the increasing costs although we do appreciate that some parishioners have kindly increased their donations. However, the Parish Council in its last meeting on May 12, 24 deliberated upon this matter and has come to a decision based on the consensus of all the members. The availability, capability, and resilience of our Parish Priest to maintain two Masses is no longer viable. To this end as of July, St Paul's Sunday Mass will cease, however we have the option for the Sunday Mass at St. John's, Annitsford. Currently Father's time is split between St John's and St Paul's on Sunday morning. There is very little time after the 9.30 Mass for him to spend with the parishioners of St John's before having to travel up to St Paul's for Mass. This change should help provide more time for that. We also feel that providing only one Mass will bring us closer together as a parish and closer with St. John's. It's been observed that often people attend the same Mass time every week and the opportunity to mix with everyone is not possible. As you know Fr. Stanly is a full-time student. He often helps with Mass, but this was never part of his role, as during his full-time university work his priestly duties were suspended. As his final year of study approaches, and his workload increases, he will likely have less time to volunteer to celebrate Masses for us. I hope you all can agree that our Priests have heavy workloads and to protect their physical and mental wellbeing in our community, now and in the future, we must accept change as inevitable to maintain a working parish. It's also good to remember that both parishes have become closer since Fr. Manoj became Parish Priest over both and this has also been helped by The Partnership Masses, other activities and celebrations that have been held. Many of you already attend both locations regularly so we hope this change would happen smoothly and help our parish build resilience for the future and provide our Parish Priest with the ability to best manage both parishes and spend more time with the parishioners – [Extract from the Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting.]
Paula Battersby – Chair, Parish Council

Holy Island Trip

The Social Group are arranging our yearly trip to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne on Saturday 13 July. If you are interested in joining, please put your name on the list which is at the back of church. Names are required asap for us to gauge what size bus to book.

Job Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle job vacancies:
Parish Secretary, Our Lady & St Philip Neri, Gateshead and St Anne, Winlaton – 26 hours/week. Closes: 21 May
HR Administrator, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – 15 hours/week. Closes: 21 May. **Cleaner, St John XXIII, Washington and St Joseph, Birtley** – 12 hours per week. Closing date: 22 May Visit www.diocesehn.org.uk or call 01912433301.

Fr Peter Martin

Fr. Peter will be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood with Mass in St. Paul's at 12 noon on Saturday 25th May 2024. His family invites parishioners to join them in thanking the Lord for the gift of priesthood; Mass will be followed by refreshments.

Life in the Spirit Seminar Series

St Mary's Parish Centre, Hencotes, Hexham invites to a series of seminars to help leading a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. Sessions:

28th May: Salvation – Amy Cameron
11th June: The new life – John Wheeler
25th June: Receiving God's gifts – FR Paul Jenkins
2nd July: A personal Pentecost (Baptised in the Holy Spirit) – Fr Mark Millward
9th July: Unwrapping God's gifts – Deacon Alison Rebello
16th July: Transformation in Christ 0 Deacon Frank O'Neill

For further information call 01434 603119 or email stmarys.hexham@diocesehn.org.uk

Finances

Weekly Collection for 11th/12th May £205.20
World Communications £117.94

Second collection this weekend for Lay Training Fund. The fund will remain open until June 16th. Donations can receive gift aid.

200 Club

4th/5th May 1st D Cocks, 2nd S Swinburn 3rd D Cocks

Bonus Ball

11th May: No. 22 Congratulations to T Weatherall

Rota List

Bidding Prayers	18 th	Malcolm G
Volunteers	18 th	M Fittes & Anne Marie L
	19 th	Barbara W & Bob M
Readers	18 th	M Fittes & Teresa K
	19 th	Eddie L & Julie M
Coffee	18 th	Joyce & Malcolm G
Bulletin		Mariela
Weekly Cleaning Team 2:		Terry C & Averill R
Collection Counting Team 2:		Maria H, Kathleen D
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Bidding Prayers	25 th	Terry C
Volunteers	25 th	Maxine T & Linda T
	26 th	Meg C & Peter K
Readers	25 th	Terry C & Malcolm G
	26 th	Peter K & Teresa W
Coffee	25 th	Victoria L & Pamela McG
Bulletin		Peter
Weekly Cleaning Team 3:		Stella S & Barbara B
Collection Counting Team 3:		Bob & Julie M, Sheila H

The new Rota List is on the Notice Boards

Please check the Notice Board for future Ministries. and kindly let Peter Killen know if you cannot fulfil it on the designated date(s) (07948 403341).

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