



**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 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**The Most Holy Trinity (B)**

**“Make disciples of all the nations and baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.”**

**Mass Times and Intentions**

Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	<b>In Thanksgiving for John and Bob</b>
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	0:45am	
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	<b>at St. John's, Annitsford</b>
Wed 29 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00am	<b>Good health, Brendan &amp; Nancy Colohan</b>
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	
Fri 31 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Rosary at St. John's: Mass at 7:00pm</b>
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	6:00pm	
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:45am	<b>In Thanksgiving for 45yrs marriage</b>

**Rosary Recital during May**

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

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40**

**Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 32(33)**

**Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.**

**Second Reading: Romans 8: 14-17**

**Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20**

**Hymn Numbers for Masses this weekend**

**121, 241, 39, 147, 334, 357, 174**

**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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Homilies**

Most are available to read via “Sunday Reflections” on the Parish Website [www.stpauls-rc.co.uk/home](http://www.stpauls-rc.co.uk/home)

**John Reid and Bob Watson**

This 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.

**Synodal Church**

*Dear Sisters & Brothers;* In order to grow as a Synodal Church it is important that we all have a chance to pray and discern how the Holy Spirit is inviting us to grow in Mission in our parishes and communities. To facilitate this, I together with others, offer an initial Diocesan vision for your prayerful reflection. Our discerned Diocesan commitments are: To Walk with Jesus and Enable Others to Encounter Him; To grow as One Diocesan Family - Rebuilding Relationships; Forming and Developing People for Mission; Living Justly and Caring for Our Common Home. Each of these commitments are developed in the vision. It is not my intention to impose this vision. It is offered for further reflection, and I invite all of our parishes and communities to prayerfully reflect on them. We offer accompanying resources and support to enable this reflection. Please contact your parish office if you would like hard copies of these materials which are all available on the diocesan website. **Bishop Stephen.**

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024

The cost of the coach is £15 per adult (children free). The Social Group require the £15 to be paid asap. The itinerary is: 9:30. Bus leaves St Paul's Church Car Park. 11:00. Walk with Cross over Causeway (optional)15:00. Mass at St Aidan's RC Church 16:30. Leave Island

### St. Peter & St. Paul's School Vacancy

The Trustees of the School wish to appoint a Cleaner to start as soon as possible. 10 hours per week, Term Time plus 9 additional days as confirmed by the school (3.30pm–5.30pm Mon-Fri) Fixed Term until 31/08/25 with the potential of this post becoming permanent. The post attracts a Living Wage supplement. In addition to the hourly rate, this post will receive the Living Wage Supplement to bring the hourly rate up to a min. of £12.00 / hour. Contact the school for more information.

### Refugee Week

An event to welcome and celebrate Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migrants to our Diocese is to be held on Tues 18<sup>th</sup> June, 6:30pm in St. Mary's Cathedral organised by the Vicariate for Caritas. Please see the leaflet on our Notice Board for further information.

### Stella Maris

Catholic maritime charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is very grateful for this parish's prayer and financial support of its work on Sea Sunday last year. To report back on the use of those funds, it invites parishioners to join an **online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm**. You will hear about the impact of your generosity on the lives of seafarers, fishers, and their families over the last year. Its CEO and chaplains will share inspiring stories of how they have helped seafarers and fishers through your support. To register for this virtual event, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024)

### Little Sisters of the Poor

Dear Father, thank you for your parishioner's generosity to our Appeal for which we are extremely grateful. Their donations will be used directly for the benefit of our residents. Assuring you of our grateful prayers.

### General Election

SVP and CAFOD are working together in the run up to the General Election. We know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. SVP and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) or [svp.org.uk/encounter](http://svp.org.uk/encounter) for more information.

### Finances

Weekly Collection for 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> May    £241.50  
Lay Training Fund                            £156.45

***The Lay Training Fund remains open until June 16<sup>th</sup>***

### Bonus Ball

11<sup>th</sup> May: No. 29 Congratulations to T Reid

### Rota List

Bidding Prayers	25 <sup>th</sup>	Terry C
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Maxine T & Linda T
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Meg C & Peter K
Readers	25 <sup>th</sup>	Terry C & Malcolm G
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Peter K & Teresa W
Coffee	25 <sup>th</sup>	Victoria L & Pamela McG
Bulletin		Peter
Weekly Cleaning		Team 3: Stella S & Barbara B
Collection Count		Team 3: Bob & Julie M & Sheila H
Bidding Prayers	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jacqui H
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Stella S & Marylyn T
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Julie & Bob M
Readers	1 <sup>st</sup>	Margaret F & Gladys H
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jacqui H & David S
Coffee	1 <sup>st</sup>	Joyce & Malcolm G
Bulletin		Peter
Weekly Cleaning		Team 4: Julie & Bob M
Collection Count		Team 4: Maureen, Meg, Kathy O'R

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