

# St. John the Baptist RC Church & St. Paul's RC Church

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"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." Mark 12:29-30 NIV

## 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 31st Sunday of the Year, Cycle B

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6: 2 - 6 Response: I love you, Lord, my strength. Second Reading: Hebrews 7: 23 - 28

Gospel: Mark 12: 28 - 34

Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Saturday: 5:30pm - 5.50pm before Mass at St. Paul's Sunday Morning: 9:00am - 9.20am before Mass at St. John's

> The church is a place of prayer and reverence for the Blessed Sacrament reserved. Please keep due silence and atmosphere of the 'Presence of God'.

#### This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions.

St. John the Baptist		St. Paul's	
		Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> 6.00pm	John Waterworth R.I.P.
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> 9:30am	Fr. Richard B. Harriott R.I.P.		
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	NO SERVICE		
		Wed 6th 10:00am Euc	haristic Service & Coffee Morning
		Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am Eucharistic Service	
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	NO SERVICE		
			Jimmy Shaw and Deceased & Stevenson families. R.I.P.
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am Parishioners of St. John's who gave their lives in WW1 & WW2. Mary Rickeard R.I.P.		REMEMB	RANCE SUNDAY

Poppies supporting the work of the Royal British Legion will be on sale at the back of St. John's church.

## Celebration of Masses in St. John's and St. Paul's

Fr. Manoj is in India for his annual holiday until 15th November. During that time there will be NO WEEKDAY MASSES celebrated in either St. John's or St. Paul's. The Weekend Masses will continue to be celebrated in both parishes at their usual time by Fr. Stanly. Deacon Rob will celebrate Word and Communion services at St. Paul's during the next 2 weeks. Please keep an eye on the Bulletin for up to date information on all the services to be celebrated. All weekday services at St. Paul's will now be held in the Winter Chapel (Back Room) until Spring of 2025 unless otherwise advised.

#### **Volunteer Census**

The Diocesan Volunteer Census is taking place this October. It aims to identify, celebrate and support all the Diocese volunteers. It aims to capture information from all volunteers in our parishes including ones who require a DBS and those who don't. A volunteer is anyone who gives their time to help in the parish or Diocese. Our PSRs, Meg Cocks, gave a short speech to explain the purpose of the census at the end of Mass on 19th, and Barbara Wareing on 27th October. They will be available to aid volunteers to complete the paperwork. If you volunteer within the Parish / School / Diocese please complete one of the forms which will be available at the back of church or complete your details via the QR code. Please see our PSR's if you have any questions regarding the census.



#### St. Paul's Christmas Raffle 2024

The Draw will take place after the 6:00pm Mass on Saturday 7th December and will have a different format to our previous Raffles. £5 Raffle Books of 10 x 50p tickets will be available for parishioners to purchase from this Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and will need to be returned by Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

There will be a 1st Prize of £100, 2nd Prize of £50 then a number of prizes of Spirits and Wine only. Any donations of bottles of Spirits and Wines for the prize draw list would be much appreciated.

#### **Our Trees of Remembrance**

The month of November is dedicated in remembrance of the Holy Souls. This year we will again have our Trees of Remembrance in front of the Baptismal Font (St. Paul's) and on the Sanctuary (St. John's) for parishioners to hang labels containing the names of their relatives who have passed away. Please add the names of your loved ones using the labels next to the Trees. These will be remembered at Masses celebrated during the month of November. Envelopes are also available should you wish for an individual Mass to be celebrated for your loved ones, with a donation being purely voluntary. Please add the details to the envelope and hand them in to your parish.

## St. Paul's Adult Christmas Party

The Social Group, who are looking for volunteers to join them, have provisionally booked 50 seats for the yearly Christmas Party at La Torre Italian Restaurant, Front Street East, Bedlington on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. On the evening there will be the option of 2 courses for £23 or 3 courses for £28 with a singer for your entertainment. A deposit of £10 per person is required to secure the booking and should be paid by now. You can select your meal on the evening and pay the remainder of the cost then. There is a list at the back of church for those wishing to attend. Deposit to be paid to a member of the Social Group i.e. Linda, Terri, Marilyn or Fr Manoj.

## **Little Sisters of the Poor**

Will hold their Christmas Fayre on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November at the home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle, NE4 7QA where there will be a Tombola, Santa's Grotto, Arts and Crafts, Bottle Stall, Home Baking and Jams, Christmas Gifts and Refreshments. Please do try and go along to support this very worthwhile and necessary organisation.



#### **Christmas Concerts**

Cramlington Community Choir are to hold 2 Concerts in St. Paul's Church on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December, one at 2:30pm and the second at 4:30pm; see Posters on the Notice Boards. Please add your name to one of the lists at the back of both churches if you would like tickets for either performance. The tickets are FREE but a £5 donation is recommended.

## Oasis of Silence - Retreats and Prayer Days

The Order of the Holy Paraclete are offering two more 1- day prayer retreats open to Christians of all denominations at St Hilda's Priory in Whitby. The Oasis of Silence programme offers space and stillness to seek God with loving awareness in the present moment and it is for everyone who is interested in getting to know or to deepen the practice of contemplative prayer. The retreats are based on the Gries Path of Prayer developed by the Jesuit Priest, Fr Franz Jalics. The available dates are November 9<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>. Arrival from 9:30 am for a 10:00 am start. The day finishes around 4:30 pm. For further information please contact Sister Helen Stout: Tel: 01947 899600, Mobile: 07595 215083, email: hospitality@ohpwhitby.org.uk



#### **Justice and Peace Group Coffee Morning**

Everyone is invited to a coffee morning on Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am at St Wilfrid's Church in Blyth. The event, in aid of Justice and Peace projects across the world, will include great coffee, tombola, raffles and a book stall. This is a fantastic opportunity to see progress towards St Wilfrid's CAFOD Live Simply Award.



## Remember in your prayers

Barry Hall, Maureen Cowan's friend, Pat(ricia) Ryder and Anne Hall who are seriously ill. Also Sr. Agnes Miller who has been transferred to Ward 22 at North Tyneside Hospital for additional treatment. Anyone available to visit Agnes would be much appreciated.

PAM SIDDLE - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pam, (Paula Battersby's mam), who passed away on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October that she may now be at peace and in the presence of God. Remember Paula and family in your prayers. Please also pray for Chris Garrett, Holly's husband who has been involved in a serious road accident.

St. John's Church Cleaning Teams: Team A - 2nd November; Team B - 7th December

## St. Paul's Rota List

2<sup>nd</sup> November 9<sup>th</sup> November **Bidding Prayers** Jacqui H David S Russell & Stephanie N Welcomers Linda T & Volunteer Readers Jacqui H & Julie M Eddie L & Peter K Coffee Joyce & Malcolm G Victoria L & Pamela McG Team I Joe S, Averill R, Betty W Team 2: Maria H & Kathy D Counting Team 2 Terry C Cleaning Team 3: Stella S & Barbara B Mariela Bulletin

Rota for the Services of Word and Communion at St. Paul's

10:00am on 6th, 7th 13th and 14th Nov - Deacon Rob W

St. Paul's Bonus Ball

Result for 26<sup>th</sup> October - No. 13 A Fletcher.

I Spare Number, 42.



#### **Parish Finances**

St Paul's Weekly Collection – 26<sup>th</sup> October £217.90 Clergy Training Fund £99.09 St John's Weekly Collection – 27<sup>th</sup> October £307.50

Special Collections: Catholic Education £175.12 - Evangelii Gaudium £122.30 - CAFOD Family Fast £480.60.