



St. John the Baptist RC Church & St. Paul's RC Church
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1st December 2024
1st Sunday in Advent Cycle C

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
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 30 th 6.00pm Vincent Slaven R.I.P. (PB)
Sun 1 st Dec 9:30am Fr. John Bell R.I.P.	
Tue 3 rd 10:00am Rosamma Joseph R.I.P.	
Wed 4 th 11:30am Requiem Mass for Robert William Watson Bone	Wed 4 th 10:00am Mass & Coffee Morning 10:30am Pamela Siddle R.I.P.
	Thu 5 th 10:00am School Mass In Church Pamela Siddle R.I.P.
Fri 6 th 6:00pm Adoration & Mass at 7:00pm Terry & Michael Chatfield R.I.P.	
	Sat 7 th 6.00pm Bob Rodgerson R.I.P.
Sun 8 th 9:30am Julia Thompson R.I.P. Tea & Coffee will be served in the Hall after Mass today and every first Sunday of each month. Volunteers needed to form a Rota. Please see Kathleen / Kevin Dawson.	2nd Sunday of Advent



Advent Wreath and Candles

Advent is a time of expectation and hope filled with rich traditions. "Advent" means "arrival" or "coming," and it prompts us to pause each day in December and remember why Jesus came at Christmas. The advent wreath and candles provide beautiful symbolism for each week of advent as we wait for Christmas to arrive. A new candle is lit on each of the four Sundays before Christmas.

Each candle represents something different, although traditions vary. Often, the first, second, and fourth candles are purple; the third candle is rose-coloured. Occasionally, a fifth white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath and is lit on Christmas Day to celebrate Jesus' birth. *The first candle symbolises hope* and is called the "Prophet's Candle." The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival. The purple colour symbolises royalty, repentance, and fasting.

Car Parking for St. Paul's Church

There has been a Planning Application submitted to the council by the owner of the land, Shenstone, to build 5 properties in the car park. Objections to the application must be submitted by 16th December 2024 giving valid reasons against the application, i.e. Parking, Highway Safety, deprivation of rights etc. We need as many objections as possible to be raised to ensure parking facility remain for the church and other users of the car park. A draft letter has been compiled and is available at church for parishioners to sign and leave or to take home then return it to church. The more objections submitted the better chance we have of having the Application rejected. Please assist the parish by signing the letter or submitting an on-line objection via <https://publicaccess.northumberland.gov.uk/onlapplications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=SG3DCFQSJXG00&activeTab=summary> Assistance to complete an on-line objection will be available from Tony Turner in the Back Room at St. Paul's from 12 pm this coming Monday.

New Lectionaries and Book of the Gospels

This weekend sees both parishes using the new Lectionaries and Book of the Gospel for the first time. They are to be blessed in both parishes after the Collect is finished and before the First Reading during the two Masses. We are very grateful to those parishioners in each parish who contributed towards the purchase of these expensive and necessary books which will enable us to continue our worship.



St. Paul's Christmas Raffle 2024

The Draw will take place after the 6:00pm Mass next Saturday 7th December. Raffle Books need to be **returned by tonight but there are still some tickets available to buy**. There will be a 1st Prize of £100, 2nd Prize of £50 then 30+ prizes of Spirits and Wine. We are extremely grateful to those parishioners who donated the cash and bottles of Spirits and Wines for the prize draw. **THANK YOU!!**



Christmas Concerts

Cramlington Community Choir are to hold 2 Concerts in St. Paul's Church on Sunday 15th December, one at 2:30pm and the second one at 4:30pm. Please add your name to one of the lists at the back of both churches by **1st December** if you would like tickets for either performance.

2025 Calendars produced in house for Sr. Agnes containing her unique contemplations for each day of the year are available for sale at £2.50 in St. Paul's Piety Stall. Please do have a look at them with a view to buying one. Additional copies can be printed for you if required. Any profit made will go to St. Paul's parish funds.

St. John's Church Hall

The floor has been re-laid and a new heater installed. It is now available for use. Please book via Gerry Killen, 07963 515190 or vol0040@diocesehn.org.uk

Lamb House

Lamb House in East Cramlington is St. Paul's adopted local refuge for homeless and vulnerable people of all ages. As Advent starts, we would invite you once again to please make a donation, no matter how small, to help make Christmas a little more cheerful for those less fortunate than ourselves. We will begin our collection this first Advent weekend, and your donations will be delivered to Lamb House on Monday the 23rd December. Please place all your donations for Lamb House at the back of church, and your donations of items for the Food Bank will be resumed after Christmas. Thank You

Cramlington Food Bank

Please see the Notice Board for the Appeal to help those in need in over the Christmas period. Vouchers for the Bank are available to those in need via Fr. Manoj. St. Paul's is prioritising the Annual Lamb House but parishioners are still able to respond to the Food Bank Appeal should they wish to do so.

Children's Christmas Party

We propose to hold a Christmas Party for the **children of both parishes** on Saturday 21st December from 2pm – 4pm in St. John's Parish Church Hall. Tickets will be £5 per child to include food, dancing, party games and present. For tickets please see Linda T, Terri R, Marylyn T or Fr. Manoj.

Christmas Angels

Please take an Angel this Christmas in memory of a loved one leaving a small donation in the adjacent box at the back of St. Paul's church to help with the upkeep of the church. Knitted with so much pleasure and love. Kathleen.

Advent Alms

Advent starts this weekend and your Advent Box donations in both churches will support St. Cuthbert's Care.

Remember in your prayers



Barry Hall, Maureen Cowan's friend, Pat(ricia) Ryder, Anne Hall, Karen Mackie, Jerry Sancaster, Sr. Agnes Miller in Ward 22 at North Tyneside Hospital. Also pray for Chris Garrett, Holly's husband that his improvement may continue, for Robert William Watson Bone from St. John's who died on 14th Nov. and whose Requiem Mass and burial is at St. John's at 11:30am on 4th December.

St. John's Church Cleaning Teams: Team B - 7th December

St. Paul's Rota List

	<u>30th November</u>	<u>7th December</u>
Bidding Prayers	Malcolm G	Jacqui H
Welcomers	Meg C & Barbara W	Julie & Bob M
Readers	Malcolm G & Gladys H	Jacqui H & Peter K
Coffee	Joyce & Malcolm G	Victoria & Pamela
Counting	Team 5: Stephanie, Maxine & Sheila H	Team 1: Joe S, Averill R & Betty W
Cleaning	Team 2: Terry C & Volunteer	Team 3: Stella S & Barbara B
Bulletin	Kathy	Mariela

St. Paul's Bonus Ball Result for 23rd November - No. – 56 T Sutton



Parish Finances

St Paul's Weekly Collection – 23rd November £136.50 Catholic Youth £92.65
St John's Weekly Collection – 24th November £345.95