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15th December 2024
3rd 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'

Psalm Response: Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions.

St. John the Baptist	St. Paul's
	Sat 14 th 6.00pm Ned Ryan R.I.P.
Sun 15 th 9:30am Patricia Love R.I.P.	
	Mon 16 th 11:15am Funeral Service of Anne Salza Chamberlain R.I.P.
Tue 17 th 10:00am Paul Thornton R.I.P.	
	Wed 18 th 10:00am Mass & Coffee Morning 10:30am Kevin Russell R.I.P.
Thu 19 th 10:00am Requiem Mass and burial for Jeremiah (Jerry) Sancaster R.I.P.	Thu 19 th NO MASS
Fri 20 th 6:00pm Adoration & Mass at 7:00pm Stan and Agnes Robinson R.I.P.	
	Sat 21 st 6.00pm John Reid R.I.P.
Sun 22 nd 9:30am Fr. Richard B Harriott R.I.P. Jim Davidson R.I.P. and Frank Ward R.I.P.	4th 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 third candle of Advent, or the Shepherd's Candle, represents JOY and is coloured pink to represent joyfulness and rejoicing. To the shepherd's great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too. In liturgy, the colour rose signifies JOY.*

Children's Christmas Party

The Christmas Party for the **children of both parishes** will take place 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.



Advent Alms

Your Advent Alms Box donations this year will go to support St. Cuthbert's Care. Please try to be as generous as you can to help this very worthwhile charitable arm of our Diocese.



Poinsettias

If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, they will be placed on the altar at Christmas. Thank you!

2025 Calendars

These have been produced in house for Sr. Agnes containing her unique contemplations for each day of the year and 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.



Lamb House

Lamb House in East Cramlington is St. Paul's adopted local refuge for homeless and vulnerable people of all ages. During Advent we invite you to please make a donation, no matter how small, to help make Christmas a little more cheerful for those less fortunate than ourselves. 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 in the baskets adjacent to the Café area. Items donated for the Food Bank will resume after Christmas. Thank You for your continued support.

Jubilee 2025

Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, and the theme is "Pilgrims of Hope". It will be a year of pilgrimage, prayer, celebration and reconciliation. We'll be opening the Jubilee Year in our Diocese with celebrations at our 2 Jubilee Hub Churches on Sunday 29th December. Bishop Stephen will be celebrating Mass and opening the Holy Door at St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle at 11.30am and at St. Joseph's Hartlepool at 4.00pm. Everyone is welcome. There's more information about the Jubilee Year on the Diocesan website at <https://www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025>.



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 church to help with the upkeep of St. Paul's church.

If you are leaving Christmas Cards for your friends please leave them in the Piety Stall and let them know.

Thank You

Grateful thanks to Jean for her generous donation to parish funds and to the Social Group for a wonderful evening at La Torro on Friday evening.

Christmas & New Year Services.

St. Paul's: Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Carols @ 6:00pm: Christmas Vigil Mass @ 6:30pm
Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Mass @ 10:45am
Wednesday 1st January – New Year's Day Mass @ 10:45am
St. John's: Tuesday 24th December; Christmas Carols @ 11:30pm: Christmas Night Mass @ 12:00am
Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Mass @ 9:30am

School Carol Service and Choir Concerts

Ss Peter & Paul's School Carol Service in church: Tuesday 17th December starting at 1:30pm
Christmas Concerts by Cramlington Community Choir: Sunday 15th December, one at 2:30pm and the second at 4:30pm. Tickets are FREE, but a £5 donation is recommended. See Marylyn for your tickets.

Remember in your prayers

Please keep Sr. Agnes Miller in your prayers as she has now been transferred to her new home in Astor Lodge. Please also pray for Chris Garrett, Holly's husband and Glynis Mayes that their health may continue to improve. Please pray for the soul of Anne Chamberlain who died this week. Her funeral service is on Monday at 11:15am.

St. Paul's Bonus Ball Result for 7th December - No. – 18 R Norwood

St. Paul's Rota List

	<u>14th December</u>	<u>21st December</u>
Bidding Prayers	David S	Teresa K
Welcomers	Russell & Stephanie N	Maxine & Linda T
Readers	Teresa K & Eddie L	Teresa K & Barbara B
Coffee	Joyce & Malcolm G	Victoria L & Pamela McG
Counting	Team 2: Maria & Kathy	TEAM 3: Bob M, Julie M & Sheila H
Cleaning	Team 4: Julie & Bob M	TEAM 1: Stephanie N & Barbara W + VOLUNTEERS please
Bulletin	Mariela	Peter

Parish Finances



St Paul's Weekly Collection – 7th December £180.29
Raffle £750.00 income from ticket sales, - £55.00 printing costs, - £5.00 tickets not returned
£690.00 profit. Thank you everyone who bought tickets and donated prizes.