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29th December 2024

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - 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 28 th 6.00pm John & Veronica Heslop R.I.P.
Sun 29 th 9:30am John Gray R.I.P. & Maud Maddison R.I.P.	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Tue 31 st 10:00 Eddie & Patricia Cryan R.I.P. Frank & Grace Mailey R.I.P.	
	Wed 1 st 10:00am Mass Sheila R.I.P.
	Thu 2 nd 10:00am Mass
Fri 3 rd 6:00pm Adoration & Mass at 7:00pm	
	Sat 4 th 6.00pm
Sun 5 th 9:30am	Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Intentions

There are a number of Masses in both parishes without any scheduled Intentions. If you would like a Mass celebrated for your personal Intention please use an available envelope and hand it to Fr. Manoj.

New Year's Day Service.

Please do try and start off the New Year by coming along to join in the celebration of our New Year's Day Mass on Wednesday 1st January @ 10:00am in St. Paul's church.

New Year Wishes

I would like to wish all my parishioners in both parishes a Happy New Year and pray that you may all be blessed with peace and happiness in the 2025. Thanks for your continued love and support shown to me over the past year. Fr. Manoj.

Macmillan Cancer Support

Greene King's 'Tub2Pub', a recycling campaign to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support and recycle plastics, will be back in 2025! Tub2Pub 2024 saw them collect over 150,000 tubs raising £12,600 for Macmillan Cancer Support. With your help, they can beat that record in 2025. From 1 Jan - 16 Feb 2025, its pubs, restaurants, and hotels will accept your clean and empty Confectionery tubs, Biscuit tubs and Cracker tubs. We are all guilty of indulging in chocolate, sweets and crackers over the festive period, and in the UK we are buying tens of millions of these plastic tubs every year! Make sure your tubs don't go to waste and bring your clean, empty plastic confectionery and cracker tubs to any Greene King managed site to be recycled. Simply leave your tubs with a Greene King staff member at the bar or welcome station within one of their locations. All tubs will be collected and taken to a plastic reprocessing centre where they're shredded, before being sold onto plastic manufacturers to use in place of virgin plastics. All money raised from the sale of Tub2Pub plastics will be given directly to Macmillan Cancer Support. Visit www.tub2pub.co.uk/tub2pub for more information.

2025 Calendars

We still have a number of Calendars produced in house for Sr. Agnes containing her unique contemplations for each day of the year available for sale at £2.50 in St. Paul's Piety Stall. Please have a look at them with a view to buying one. Any profit made will go to St. Paul's parish funds.



Lamb House

Received from Lamb House following your kind donations which were delivered on Monday 23rd December: On behalf of the staff and residents of Lamb House a big thank you to everyone who made a donation to your parish Christmas collection. Once again, the response was excellent and Christmas has been made so much better for so many families thanks to your kindness and generosity.

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Items donated for the Food Bank will now resume. Thank You for your continued support.

Jubilee 2025



Pope Francis 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. The unlocking of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve by **Pope Francis** — the event that started off the **2025 Jubilee** — heralded the start of a historic event taking place every 25 years and that will end with the closing of the door on January 6, 2026. The opening can be viewed on YouTube via the following link - <https://youtu.be/PvBlzxFKlqM> The opening of the Holy

Door, watched on screens by thousands of faithful outside in St Peter's Square, means that during the next 12 months Catholic pilgrims from around the world will be able to pass through the door that is walled at all other times to get a "plenary indulgence," which means forgiveness for their sins. Other Holy Doors in Rome's three major basilicas and in Catholic churches around the world are also being opened. Our Diocese will open the Jubilee with celebrations at our 2 Jubilee Hub Churches this 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 www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025. Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of December invites Christians to pray that each of us may become pilgrims of hope as a result of the 2025 Jubilee and is as follows: **"Let us pray that this upcoming Jubilee may strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope."** He lamented the suffering afflicting our world, saying humanity has great need of hope. "Christian hope is a gift from God that fills our lives with joy," said the Pope, calling hope an anchor for our lives. "We have to hold onto the rope of hope – hold on tight," he urged. Pope Francis went on to invite Christians to allow God to fill our lives with hope, so that we may become gifts of hope for everyone around us. **"Let us help each other discover this encounter with Christ who gives us life, and let us set out on a journey as pilgrims of hope to celebrate that life,"** he said. "And entering into the upcoming Jubilee is the next stage within that life." As Church prepares for the Jubilee, Catholics are called to become pilgrims of hope, which forms the theme for the 2025 Holy Year. "Don't forget," said the Pope, "hope never disappoints." As he walked alone during the *Statio Orbis* in St. Peter's Square on March 27, 2020, Pope Francis drew on the Gospel metaphor of a boat tossed by the waves to recall the fragility of humanity in the midst of great trials. Now, as the world faces conflict and war in various countries, the Church has the task of strengthening her own hope and sharing it with the world. **"In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future will bring."** Pope Francis. We hope, as combined parishes, to organise some events to participate more fully in the Jubilee and would encourage all parishioners, where possible, to join us in these events. More details will follow when the events have been planned.



Remember in your prayers

Please keep Sr. Agnes Miller in your prayers as she is now in 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.

St. Paul's Rota

<u>28th December</u>		<u>4th January 2025</u>	
Bidding Prayers	Malcolm G	Jacqui H	
Welcomers	Barbara B & Anne Marie L	Meg C & Barbara W	
Readers	Malcolm G & Gladys H	Jacqui H & Peter K	
Coffee	Joyce & Malcolm G	Victoria L & Pamela McG	
Counting	Team 4 Maureen B, Meg C & Kathy O'R	Team 5 Stephanie N & Sheila H	
Cleaning	Team 2 Terry C + Volunteer	Team 3 Stella S & Barbara B	
Bulletin	Peter	Kathy	

Bonus Ball

Result for 14th December – No 3 P Young

Result for 21st December – No 8 T Urwin

200 Club

Result for 14th December - 1st A Cole; 2nd J Swinburne; 3rd J Espie.

Finances



St Paul's Weekly Collection for 14th December £207.26
St Paul's Weekly Collection for 21st December £157.00