



St. John the Baptist RC Church & St. Paul's RC Church
Annitsford & Dewley
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NE23 7QR & NE23 6EF
Parishes of the St. Benet Biscop Partnership, Northumberland



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8th December 2024
2nd 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 7 th 6.00pm Bob Rodgeron R.I.P.
Sun 8 th 9:30am Julia Thompson R.I.P.	
Tue 10 th 10:00am Ann & Karen Craigie R.I.P.	
Wed 11 th 1:30pm Requiem Mass for Maria Elizabeth Redden	Wed 11 th 10:00am Mass & Coffee Morning 10:30am Harold Turner R.I.P.
	Thu 12 th 10:00am School Mass In Church For the good health of Glynis Mayes
Fri 13 th 6:00pm Adoration & Mass at 7:00pm Brian Gratton R.I.P. Living & Deceased members of St. John's parish	
	Sat 14 th 6.00pm Ned Ryan R.I.P.
Sun 15 th 9:30am Patricia Love R.I.P.	Gaudate Sunday 3rd 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 second candle represents FAITH and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, the birthplace of King David. The second candle is also purple to symbolism preparation for the coming king.

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 Concerts

Cramlington Community Choir Concerts on Sunday 15th December, one at 2:30pm and the second one at 4:30pm in St. Paul's Church: Please speak to Marylyn Turton who has the tickets for both of the concerts.

Christmas & New Year Services

Please see the Notice Boards for a list the services to be held at both parishes for Christmas and New Year.

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



St. Paul's Christmas Raffle 2024

The Draw will take place after the 6:00pm Mass this Saturday, 7th December. If you have any Raffle Books **please return them before Mass tonight so they can go into the Draw.** 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 who donated the cash prizes and numerous bottles of Spirits and Wines for the prize draw. **THANK YOU!!**
A Prize Winners List will be available on the Notice Board for next weekend.

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 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. 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 marked baskets adjacent to the Café area.

Items donated for the Food Bank will be resumed after Christmas. Thank You for your continued support.



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. Knitted with so much pleasure and love. Kathleen.



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.

Thank You

Grateful thanks go to Teresa & Paul Kelly for acquiring and decorating our two Christmas Trees again this year. Also Teresa Reid, Sheila Hedley and Teresa Kelly for running our Annual Christmas Raffle this year for parish funds.

Car Parking for St. Paul's Church

Planning Application has been 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. 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 by next weekend if they have not done so already. 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>

Ss Peter & Paul's School Carol Service will be held in St. Paul's Church on Tuesday 17th December starting at 1:30pm



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, East Cramlington, near NSEC Hospital. Please also pray for Chris Garrett, Holly's husband and Glynis Mayes that their health may continue to improve. Please remember in your prayers Anne Chamberlain who has died this week and her funeral arrangements will be published when known.

St. Paul's Bonus Ball Result for 30th November - No. – 17 T Reid

St. Paul's Rota List

	<u>7th December</u>	<u>14th December</u>
Bidding Prayers	Jacqui H	David S
Welcomers	Julie & Bob M	Russell & Stephanie N
Readers	Jacqui H & Peter K	Julie M & Eddie L
Coffee	Victoria & Pamela	Joyce & Malcolm G
Counting	Team 1: Joe S, Averill R & Betty W	Team 2: Maria & Kathy
Cleaning	Team 3: Stella S & Barbara B	Team 4: Julie & Bob M
Bulletin	Mariela	Mariela



Parish Finances

St Paul's Weekly Collection – 30th November £197.09