



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



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2nd February 2025

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - 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 1 st 6:00pm Bob Watson R.I.P. Mel & Maureen Biber's 80th Birthdays
Sun 2 nd 9:30am Patrick Smyth R.I.P.	The Presentation of the Lord
Tue 4 th 10:00am Rosary 9:30am Deceased members of Cain Family R.I.P.	
	Wed 5 th 10:00am Rosary 9:30 Coffee Morning 10:30 Margaret Forster; Living & Deceased members of Forster Family
	Thu 6 th 10:00am
Fri 7 th 6:00pm Adoration & Mass at 7:00pm Tony and Vera Cauchi R.I.P.	
	Sat 8 th 6:00pm John Collins R.I.P.
Sun 9 th 9:30am Terry McBriarty R.I.P.	Fifth Sunday of the Year (C)

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.

Planned Giving & Gift Aid

Planned Giving Boxes for the 2025/26 financial year will be ready in March. If you do not already use these but wish to do so, please speak to Sheila Hedley. If you are a Taxpayer and wish to Gift Aid your donations we can claim an additional 25% at no cost to yourself on the tax you have already paid. *If you are a higher rate taxpayer, you can claim back, for yourself, 20% of your donations made to registered charities* when you fill in your Self Assessment tax return or by contacting HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and asking them to amend your tax code. We, like many others, continue to struggle financially *so this is an easy and cost-effective way to increase your parish funds.*

Partnership Confirmation 2025



This year our Partnership is planning the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for all eligible candidates from all our Parishes on 20th June at 7.00pm at St. Bede's Church Bedlington. Fr. Manoj would request you give him / Deacon Tony a completed Application Form available from them for each candidate who wishes to make their confirmation as early as possible. Alternatively, please scan the QR Code shown below to complete an On-Line Application. The preparation of the candidates will be done jointly at Bedlington for all the parishes with Session One commencing on **Friday 2nd May at 6pm followed by further Sessions on 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th May, 6th and 13th June from 5pm - 7pm. The Mass of Confirmation celebrated by Bishop Stephen will take place on Friday 20th June at 7pm. Please see the leaflet on the Notice Board for further details of the programme.**



Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

We are looking for volunteers to take Communion out to our various Care Homes and people's homes to ensure those who are unable to come to church can receive Communion on a regular basis. If you are willing to undertake this necessary ministry, please speak with Fr. Manoj who will give you further details and arrange any inhouse training required.

Parish Pastoral Council: the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th February at 6:30pm

A Year of Jubilee Formation Opportunity: Adventurous Accompaniment

As we journey through this year of Jubilee, we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope. As Catholics our hope is in the Lord who is always at work in our lives. Our new formation programme Adventurous Accompaniment is designed to help us become better at walking with others, supporting them to see God at work. You will explore how to accompany others whether it is informally while out talking with your neighbour or over a sustained relationship with family and friends. The 'Adventure' of this formation is that God is the one leading the way. All are welcome to attend.

Dates and Times are as follows:

Session 1: Saturday 15 March 2025, 10.00am – 1.00pm. Session 2: Saturday 12 April 2025, 10.00am – 1.00pm.

Venue: St Vincent's Diocesan Office, St Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 7PY.

Cost: £25.00 For more information and booking details please visit bit.ly/DHNAventurousAccompanimentYOJ or email: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

Celebration of Marriage and Family Life

Bishop Stephen will preside at a Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 8th February** 2025 at 12:00pm with the theme: "Faith, Hope and Love". The invitation will focus on couples celebrating significant anniversaries in 2025 but also to engaged couples preparing for marriage, and all married couples. We include those widowed and bereaved during this time and all who were unable, perhaps, to visit wives and husbands in hospital and homes prior to their deaths. Anyone celebrating a special anniversary can request a certificate by completing a form with their details: <https://bit.ly/DHNMarriageMass> or ring 0191 243 3316. Such certificates will be presented to couples by Bishop Stephen within the Mass.

2025 Marriage Preparation Days

A couple of the dates are Saturday 22nd February & 13th September at St Robert of Newminster, Morpeth, NE61 1QF (see Notice Board for full list). Other dates and venues will be notified to each Parish Priest and Deacon as arranged. To register on a course book via: www.marriagecare.org.uk, How we help, Marriage Preparation; or the phone booking service: 0800 389 3801. Fees payable to MarriageCare are given on the website and will cover the costs of the resources and materials that will be provided on the day for each couple; they include also an element of cost towards the counselling arm of MarriageCare, an important facility very well called upon in present society. At the end of the day of attendance, couples will be provided with details to go on-line to MarriageCare to print their certificates, one of which should be handed to the Parish Priest and the other retained.

Day of Reflection for Lay Leaders

The Liturgical Formation Team will be holding a Day of Reflection for Liturgical Leaders for Celebrations of the Word and Holy Communion (Lay Leaders) on Saturday 15th March, 10:30am – 3:30pm. The event will take place at St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY. Tea and coffee will be provided but participants need to bring a packed lunch. The cost of the event is £15/person and an invoice will be sent to the payee following the event. Payments can be made by bank transfer or cheque. Book your place by accessing the online form at bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents or via the parish office sign-up sheet.

Cramlington Foodbank

Please place your offerings in the marked baskets which are adjacent to the Café area. Should you need Vouchers for a Food Parcel from the Food Bank they are available from Fr. Manoj or Peter Killen.

Remember in your prayers

Please keep Sr. Agnes Miller in your prayers. Please also pray for Martin Ashby who has undergone Surgery, for Terry Robson, Siby, Chris Garrett and Glynis Mayes that their health may continue to improve.

St. Paul's Rota

	<u>1st February 2025</u>	<u>8th February 2025</u>
Bidding Prayers	Terry C	Jacqui H
Welcomers	Stella S & Marylyn T	Barbara B & Anne Marie L
Readers	Terry C & Margaret F	Jacqui H & Peter K
Coffee	Victoria L & Pamela McG	Joyce & Malcolm G
Counting	Team 4 Maureen B, Meg C & Kathy O'R	TEAM 5 Stephanie N & Sheila H
Cleaning	Team 3 Stella S & Barbara B	TEAM 4 Julie & Bob M
Bulletin	Peter	Peter

Finances

 St Paul's Weekly Collection for 25th January was £187.71

Racial Justice Appeal: £95.10

Bonus Ball Result for 25th January – No 50 G Wilkins
200 Club 1st No 2 T Carr, 2nd, No 9 B Wilson, 3rd, No 73 J Espie