

# This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass <b>June O'Keefe R.I.P.</b>
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am Mass <b>Frederick, Catherine and the deceased members of the Marshall family</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>		
Tue 6 <sup>h</sup>	10:00 am Mass <b>Poor and Needy of the world</b>	
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>		10:00 am Mass Coffee Morning to follow Mass <b>Sick person &amp; Special Intention</b>
Thu 8 <sup>th</sup>		10:00 am Mass School Mass Year 2 <b>Sick Person</b>
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 - 6:55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Mass <b>Richard &amp; Mary Tedesco R.I.P.</b>	
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am <b>First Holy Communion Mass for St. John's candidates.</b>	5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass <b>Sick Person</b>
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am Mass <b>In Thanksgiving (A Todd)</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>

**Mass Intentions - We offer the facility to have Mass celebrated for your own Intention. There are quite a few Masses in each parish without any scheduled Intentions. If you would like a Mass celebrated for your personal Intention, please use an envelope available at the back of church and hand it to Fr. Manoj.**

## Final Synod Document - Online book club; Wednesday evenings from 21st May

Pope Francis adopted the Rome Synod Assembly's recommendations into the Church's Magisterium on 26th October 2024. Explore the Final Synod Document over six weeks with an inspiring cast of experts including Archbishop Jason Gordon, Trinidad and Tobago. Join us live on Wednesdays from 7:30–8:30pm, 21st May to 25th June, or watch anytime on YouTube. Perfect for small groups or individual reflection. Find out more and register at <https://www.schoolforsynodality.org.uk/our-resources/final-document-book-club-2025>.



## Reconciliation

Facilities to attend Reconciliation will be available prior to every daily Mass. You can also request Reconciliation at your convenience with Fr. Manoj at a prior agreed time.

## NEW BULLETIN

To try and reduce the number of copies printed and the cost involved in the production of our weekly Bulletin, copies have previously been sent via email to parishioners of both parishes and copies are also posted on both Parish Websites and in St. Paul's WhatsApp Group. If you would like to help reduce our costs further and have a copy sent to you in future via email in lieu of getting one at church, please give your email address to Peter or Gerry Killen

## Weekly Homily

Fr. Manoj's Homilies are normally posted on both Parish Websites to assist those who have difficulty in hearing or are unable to attend Mass in person. If you would like a copy via email, please speak with Peter or Gerry Killen.

**Live Simply Award:** A Mass will be held at St. Wilfrid's to celebrate the Parish achieving the "Live Simply Award" on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. We would be delighted if people from the Partnership and Council would like to join us for this celebration. There will be light refreshments after the Mass.

## The Report Stage of the assisted suicide Bill is on 16<sup>th</sup> May.

**It is vital that you contact your MP urgently about this issue.**

Please take action now and visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/ASVote](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASVote) to email your MP - it takes just 30 seconds!

If you have the time, please also visit your MP - you can arrange a meeting now by visiting [www.righttolife.org.uk/meetyourMP](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/meetyourMP)

"Let us pray for all those who care for people with disabilities, including family members and professionals, that the Lord would revive their spirits and that they would get the necessary respite care they require to relieve body and mind."



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## Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Third Sunday of Easter

The conclave needs our prayers:



In these days, the Universal Church stands at the threshold of another turning point—the election of a new Pope. We watch, we pray, we wait. And perhaps, like Peter, the one whom Christ is calling feels unworthy, even hesitant, to carry the keys once more. But the call is never about perfection. It is about love. And love, as we hear in today's Gospel, is not sentimental—it is sacrificial, patient, and resilient. Love, for Christ, must be lived out through service: "Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep."

**A Prayer for the Election of a New Pope: O God, who in Your wondrous love watches over your Church, fill the cardinal-electors with your Holy Spirit to strengthen and inspire them as they choose a new Holy Father to lead us. May they choose a shepherd for your Church who will please you in his holiness and guide his flock with love and watchful care, especially for the sick, the poor and the vulnerable. We pray that your Holy Spirit will hover over the one who is chosen, to strengthen him to be a messenger of love, peace and unity in our world. We offer our prayer through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**



**First Holy Communion: Celebrations of First Holy Communion will take place at St John the Baptist at 10:00am on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May and at St Paul's at 10:00am on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May. All parishioners are invited to join our children at both Masses in praying for them and welcoming them on the next step of their Sacramental and Spiritual Journey.**

**New Liturgical Leaders of Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion: An introductory course, over six sessions, which helps new Liturgical Leaders of Celebrations of the Word and Holy Communion to begin learning about this ministry. Dates: Begins 13 May 2025 Location: St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY. Cost: £30.00 per person. Please speak with Fr. Manoj if you are interested in attending the course.**

**St. John the Baptist Parish News**



**Remember in your prayers:** Barry Hall, Pat(ricia) Ryder, Anne Hall and Karen Mackie, Jean Hall, Anna Shinwell, Chris Garrett & Maureen Cowan's friend. Please pray for the repose of the soul of our Hoy Father, Pope Francis, whose Requiem Mass was held in Rome on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April

**Cleaning Rota:** Group A - May, July, Sept, Nov. Group B – June, Aug, Oct, Dec. Cleaning on the 1st Saturday of every month.

**Parish Emails:** To be included in the Parish email system, likewise, if you no longer wish to receive St. John's parish email communication, please contact Gerry Killen at [vol0040@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:vol0040@diocesehn.org.uk)



**Red Mission Boxes**

Will all parishioners with a box please empty it and place the money in a bag in the Basket on St. Joseph's Altar. Please add your name in the bag. Anyone not able unable to get to church with their money, please contact Monica Mills on 0191 2680222.



**Planned Giving & Gift Aid:** The Planned Giving boxes for 2025/26 are now available at the back of church.

**Please collect yours** and if possible, deliver someone else's if you know they are not coming to Mass. For those who contribute by Standing Order there is a small box of Special Collection envelopes only. If you do not contribute by Planned Giving but wish to do so or wish to Gift Aid your contributions please speak to Gerry Killen 07963 515190.

**Cramlington Foodbank:** Please continue to support this worthy cause, they are grateful for all your help.

**Gardeners:** Following the retirement of Phil Stout, we once again appeal for helpers, maybe an hour or so per week, or not every week if unable. Please speak to Frank Swindle Phone 077794 25610 or any gardening volunteer

**Easter Raffle Prizes:** there are two unclaimed hamper prizes from the St. John the Baptist Easter Raffle, Ticket numbers blue 61 (first prize) and white 255 (second prize).Can the ticket holders please contact Barbara Wareing to claim their prize asap.

**St. John's Graveyard:** A reminder that all NEW PLOT burials will almost certainly be a single depth coffin burial. A double burial will only be possible with one coffin and one ashes casket. It is important therefore that couples and families are aware of this restriction. Burials to an EXISTING PLOT may well be double depth, however, a test will be carried out to confirm this prior to the second burial. Please also note the following - IMPORTANT – It is a requirement of the church that NO CURBS be fitted to the grave with the Memorial Headstone, or at any time after the burial. There is a 300mm. maximum area from the Headstone (grave width) for flower holders etc. There may also be a requirement to have soil spoil temporarily over the plot when a burial is arranged to an adjacent plot.

**IMPORTANT** - Fr Harriott informed a few Parishioners that they could reserve a burial plot – Unfortunately we are unable to find any record of the permission. If you have been given permission and have any documentation, we would appreciate a copy as available plots are decreasing. **Please note, this was not a standard practice.**

**Parish Council:** The next meeting of the parish Council will be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May following the 9.30a Mass. Any parishioner wishing to have an item to the agenda, please submit it to Fr. Manoj or Gerry Killen

**Parish Hall:** New Blinds have been fitted in the Hall and the Kitchen. Would all Hall users please treat them with care. Thank You

**St. John's Weekly Collection for 27<sup>th</sup> April £350.85**

**Joint News Items**



**Items for the Bulletin:** If you wish to have any items go into our weekly Bulletin can you please send them via email to [bulletin@stpauls-rc.co.uk](mailto:bulletin@stpauls-rc.co.uk) by **7:00pm on a Wednesday evening** to give the compositors time to prepare the Bulletin.

**Learn the steps of CPR via the British Heart Foundation**

If you want access to free online training from the British Heart Foundation covering both CPR and the use of a Defibrillator which can be completed without the need for a donation please speak with Gerry Killen or Peter Killen who will supply you with the relevant links. If you require a certificate, one can be downloaded from a follow up email.

**New to the Parish:** If you are new to the Parish and have not completed a new to the Parish form, please complete a form available at the back of the church or via both Websites. You will then receive import updates of Parish Activities etc.

**Minsteracres Retreat Centre:** are holding an Open House Day on 5<sup>th</sup> May from 11am – 3pm. There will be exhibitions and tours of the house and grounds. Not forgetting the teas, coffee & home baking. All welcome.

**Diocesan Job Vacancies:** To find out about the latest available positions please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies) for full details or contact them on 0191 243 3301.

**Newman Association:** Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 13 May, in the church hall of Holy Name, Jesmond at 7.30pm: There will be a talk by **Joe Fitzpatrick** on **Bernard Lonergan**, one of the most important Catholic philosophers and theologians of the 20th century.

**Joint News Items continued**

**Little Sisters of the Poor Appeal:** Dear Friends, I write to you today with a heartfelt and urgent appeal on behalf of St Joseph's Home in Newcastle. Like many others, we are feeling the profound effects of the current economic climate, yet the needs of our residents remain constant and, in many cases, more pressing than ever. At the heart of our mission is the dignity, comfort and care of our elderly residents, many of whom are in the final stages of life. We urgently need to replace essential medical equipment that is critical to the support of end of life care - equipment that ensures our residents are cared for with the gentleness and respect they deserve. In addition, we face structural and aesthetic needs: water penetration in the Chapel vestry, necessary redecorations throughout the Home including the Chapel, and the replacement of furnishings in the residents' rooms. As you can appreciate, it is a formidable task. These improvements are not cosmetic - they are about creating a warm, safe and dignified space that feels like home. This is a pivotal moment, and we cannot do it alone. Your support, now more than ever, can help us meet these challenges head-on. Whether it is restoring comfort to a resident's room or providing the medical support that brings peace in their final days, your generosity will have a direct and meaningful impact. If you are able to help, donations can be sent by cheque, payable to Little Sisters of the Poor, to: St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Alternatively, secure online donations can be made by visiting our website at: [www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/](http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/). No gift is too small. Every act of kindness has a meaningful effect on the lives of our residents and brings us one step closer to ensuring that our residents continue to receive the care, dignity and love they so deeply deserve. With gratitude for your continued compassion and prayers,

**Hope in a Time of Darkness' – A Lecture by His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP  
Monday 23rd June 2025; 7:45pm Galilee Chapel, Durham Cathedral**

Durham Cathedral Institute is delighted to be hosting this year's Bishop Dunn Memorial Lecture of the Centre for Catholic Studies at Durham University, hearing from speaker **Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe** and respondent **Prof Anna Rowlands**. **Cardinal Radcliffe** is a distinguished Catholic priest, theologian, and church leader. Between 1992 and 2001, he served as Master of the Order of Preachers (also known as the Dominican Order). Radcliffe received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from the University of Oxford in 2003; in 2023, he was appointed preacher to the Catholic Church's Synod on Synodality and was made Cardinal by Pope Francis in December 2024. **Anna Rowlands** (respondent) is St Hilda Professor of Catholic Social Thought and Practice at Durham University. She is a political theologian whose research interests include the ethics of migration and the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching. In 2023, Rowlands took up a two-year secondment at the Vatican, where she contributed to the global synodal process. For more information and to book tickets, please visit <https://durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173659458>. If you have any queries please send them to [ccs.admin@durham.ac.uk](mailto:ccs.admin@durham.ac.uk).

**Remember in your prayers**



Please keep Sr. Agnes & Bob Lawson in your prayers and pray for Chris Garrett, Linda Turnbull and Glynis Mayes that their health may continue to improve.

**Planned Giving:** **The most convenient way to donate to the upkeep of your parish is by setting up a Bank Standing Order when joining our scheme.** The alternative option is to use weekly envelopes. For those who use these envelopes they are now ready to be collected from the Piety Stall for the 2025 / 26 Tax Year. **If you are not using the scheme, please do consider joining.** If you are a taxpayer and sign up to Gift Aid this would enable the parish to reclaim the tax you have already paid on your donations thus giving us an additional 25%, **AT NO COST TO YOU.** 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.**



**PLEASE SPEAK WITH SHEILA HEDLEY IF YOU NEED ANY ASSISTANCE TO JOIN.**



**Finances  
St. Paul's Collections  
26<sup>th</sup> April: £208.00**

**Bonus Ball**

19<sup>th</sup> April: Number 21 R Marshall

**Parish Council Meeting:** The next meeting of the PPC will be held at 2:00pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Please see Fr. Manoj if you have any items for discussion,

**Ministry Rota**

<b>Bidding Prayers</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>		<b>10<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Welcomers</b>	<b>Malcolm G</b>		<b>Jacquie H</b>
<b>Readers</b>	<b>Peter K &amp; Margaret H</b>		<b>Stella S &amp; Marylyn T</b>
<b>Coffee</b>	<b>Malcolm G &amp; Peter K</b>	<b>Wed: Peter K</b>	<b>Jacquie H &amp; Peter K</b>
<b>Counting</b>	<b>Joyce &amp; Malcolm G</b>		<b>Victoria L &amp; Pamela McG</b>
<b>Cleaning</b>	<b>Team 2 Maria H &amp; Kathy D</b>		<b>Team 3 Bob, Julie M &amp; Sheila</b>
<b>Bulletin</b>	<b>Team 4 Julie &amp; Bob M</b>		<b>Team 1 Stephanie N &amp; Barbara W</b>
	<b>Peter</b>		<b>Kathy</b>