

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 1 st Nov		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass John Waterworth R.I.P.
Sun 2 nd	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass Fr. Richard Harriott R.I.P. & Private Intention (A.T.)	All Saints Day Year C
Mon 3 rd	10:00am Holy Souls	
Tues 4 th	10:00am Joan Hogan R.I.P.	
Wed 5 th		10:00am Coffee Morning at 10:30am Amy & Brian, Waterworth Family, Bella Oman, Betty Laws, Pamela Siddle, Smith & Murray Families, James & Edna George
Thu 6 th		10:00am Eric & Evelyn Waggott, John Reid, Ruth Jay, Stan Welford, Robert & Vera Turner, Killen, Stevenson & McCain family
Fri 7 th	5:00 – 5:55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Tony & Vira Cauchi	
Sat 8 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass Jim Shaw R.I.P.
Sun 9 th	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass The dead of the 2 World Wars Mary Rikeard R.I.P.	

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.

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) are undertaking a thematic inspection on survivor engagement and support. The aim of this survey is to better understand how the Catholic Church engages with Survivors by inviting everyone engaged with the Catholic Church, including Clergy, Religious (Consecrated Life), Parish Safeguarding Representatives, Employees, Volunteers and Parishioners to contribute their experiences. The closing date for responses is 6th October 2025 and the survey takes around 15-20 minutes to complete and can be found via the following link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB_Xv63KLBEXoG2tVAm9UYqKjMSFUM1hSR1VCOEpYMUc4SDVQWTg3VknDTzg5OS4u



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.

Bulletin: To try and reduce the number of copies printed and the cost of our weekly Bulletin, copies are now sent via email to parishioners of both parishes. Copies are also posted on both the Parish Websites, and in St. Paul's WhatsApp Group. If you would like to have a copy sent to you via email in future, please give your email address to Gerry or Peter Killen.

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 **by 7:00pm on a Wednesday evening** to give the compositors sufficient time to prepare the Bulletin.

Weekly Homily and Bulletin

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, along with the weekly Bulletin to save printing costs, please speak with Gerry or Peter Killen.

Requests: If you would like to have a Baptism, Marriage, Funeral etc. held in your own church please visit your own parish Website, **see the top of the Bulletin's Front Page**, download the relevant Form from the "SACRAMENTS" Tab, complete it and return it to Fr. Manoj as per the form's listed instructions. This will ensure that the services are scheduled at the correct parish and alleviate any confusion as to where they need to be held.



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2nd November 2025 – Feast Of All Saints (C)



Pope Leo's prayer intention for November: For the prevention of suicide.

"Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community and be open to the beauty of life.

Prayer:

We ask the Lord for the grace that we might be able to offer to those in despair the help they need to dispel any thoughts of suicide and to see God's love for them through us.

Sunday Reflection: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven... Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

The Beatitudes remind us that holiness is lived in everyday faithfulness. The saints, canonised and unknown, show us that blessedness is found not in power or wealth, but in humility, mercy, purity of heart, peace-making and perseverance in trials

In a world marked by conflict, poverty, environmental crises and division, the call of the Beatitudes is urgent. This Jubilee Year invites us to become Pilgrims of Hope, carrying God's light into places of darkness. Pope Francis reminded us that hope does not disappoint; it calls us to conversion, reconciliation and acts of mercy. For example, in countries like Ukraine, where war has displaced millions and left families hungry and traumatised, we are invited to extend our hands in service through prayer, humanitarian support, advocacy and compassionate outreach.

The Beatitude "Blessed are the pure in heart" challenges us to open our hearts fully to others. As pilgrims of hope, we are called to be peacemakers, reconciled and reconciling, to protect creation, and to stand with those who are marginalised. Our witness, inspired by the saints, can bring God's mercy and justice to those who are suffering around us.

Let us pray: Lord God, purify our hearts and make us pilgrims of hope.

Help us to share your light with those in need. Amen.

This reflection comes from CAFOD. You can sign up to receive a weekly reflection on the Sunday Gospel directly to your email inbox at cafod.org.uk/weekly-reflections

God of our longing, hear our prayers, protect our dreams, and listen to our silent hopes.

Deal gently with our pain, speak to our sadness, and remove the barriers that imprison our spirit.

Shed your light where shadows are cast, that we may feel your warmth and know your presence.

Give us courage to hold fast to our vision that we may build our world and create our future. Amen.



All Souls Day Celebration and Grave Blessing: We warmly invite all parishioners to join us in prayer as we commemorate **All Souls Day on Monday, November 3rd**, at **St. John the Baptist Church, Annitsford at 10.00am.**

Holy Mass will be celebrated in remembrance of all the faithful departed. Following Mass, we will proceed to the cemetery for the **Blessing of Graves**, praying for our

loved ones who have gone before us in faith. Let us gather as a community to honour and pray for the souls of the departed, entrusting them to God's mercy and love.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, Amen."



As November is the month to remember the Holy Souls, we have provided candles in St. Paul's in remembrance of Family and friends, to help raise parish funds. The candles are £10 each and will be labelled with people's names or with a family name. They will be lit this Saturday 1st November and continue to be lit during November and December's Masses and those Masses will be celebrated for the repose of the souls of those named. Candles are still available to be ordered using the slips available at the back of church and either handed to Fr. Manoj or left in the basket. Monies are to be paid directly to Fr Manoj. Thank you in advance.

Those who have paid for their candles please collect the candle with your name and that of your loved ones this Saturday evening from the Piety Stall. They will then be lit at the back of church prior to the Offertory Procession and brought up by yourselves, placed around the Baptismal Font adjacent to the Memorial Book where they will remain during the months of November and December. Mass Intentions for those named on the candles will be published weekly in the Bulletin.

St. Paul's Book of Remembrance has also been brought up to date.

St. John's will have a Tree Of Remembrance on which can be hung the names of loved ones who have passed away and Masses will be celebrated for them during the month of November.

Day of Consolation: At Minsteracres on Tuesday 11th November from 10am to 4pm.

A poignant retreat day for people who have experienced bereavement, grief loss or significant change. This day will offer an opportunity to share a safe space, to be heard, to share with others who have had similar experiences and to hopefully find courage, hope and consolation. Lunch and refreshments are included. Suggested Donation £40. To book visit it: <https://minsteracres.org/product/day-of-consolation-with-chris-smith-november2025/>

Children's Christmas Party: for both parishes will be held on Saturday 6th December from 2-4pm in St. John's Hall at a cost of £5 per child. Please add your child's name to the lists in church if they wish to go. Please pay the £5 due to Fr. Manoj.

Our Annual Adult Christmas Party for both parishes is to be held on the evening of Friday 12 December at Arcot Hall at a cost of £28 for a three course meal. If you are interested in going, please put your name on the list (which Fr Manoj currently has) **as soon as possible** to secure your booking. Monies need to be paid a.s.a.p. to the social group or to Fr Manoj.

Little Sisters of the Poor – Christmas Fayre: The Little Sisters of the Poor will be holding their Christmas Fayre next Saturday 8th November from 12-3pm at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle There will be lots of stalls, raffle, home baking and refreshments. All welcome. **Please see the Leaflet on the Notice Boards.**

Celebrating and Giving Thanks for our Health Care Workers: A very big **THANK YOU** to all the Health Care Workers who look after those in need at home, in Care Homes or Hospitals for attended our Sunday Vigil Mass last Saturday evening at St. Paul's. We truly appreciate and are very grateful for all you do in the care you provide to those in need May God continue to bless you in your work and strengthen you in your resolve to provide the care with love and gentleness.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Friday 31st July – Friday 7th August 2026: Celebrating our Centenary Year
Pastoral Theme: The Annunciation. "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you" (Lk. 1:28)

This is the year of the welcome, of listening and of the 'yes' that changed everything. The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place each year, departing on the last Friday of July for a full week's pilgrimage in Lourdes. Being the Centenary year since the first Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Joseph Thorman, we have had increased interest in people wanting to go to Lourdes in 2026. It would help our Tour Operator (Tangney Tours) greatly if you could fill in the pre-registration form on their website if you are contemplating travelling with them. This will assist in helping with travel arrangements and hotels. Please note, this is pre-registration, it does not mean you have booked your place.

Please follow the link: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-newcastle-2/> or phone 01732 886 666

YOUTH SECTION: The Youth Section is a vital part of our Pilgrimage; the assisted pilgrims and hotel pilgrims rely on your generosity in saying 'yes' to assist them throughout the week. The Youth Section is organised through the Youth Ministry Team (YMT). If you are aged 16 (on the day of travel) – 21. Please follow the link for more information.

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ASSISTED PILGRIMS: The pilgrimage offers a special section for Assisted Pilgrims who need Nursing Care or some other form of specialised care during the week in Lourdes. We have a team of doctors and nurses who provide for the medical care needed and a large team of young and adult helpers who assist.

If you would like to know more about being an assisted pilgrim, please contact the Lead Nurse through the email address lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk

Please include in the email your name and a contact number for the Lead Nurse to contact you directly with more information.

New to the Parish: If you are new to the Parish please complete a New to the Parish form available at the back of the church or via both parish Websites. You will then receive important updates of Parish Activities etc.

St. John's Parish News



RED MISSION BOXES: Box holders, please empty your box and leave the contents, with your name, in the basket on St Joseph's Altar.

Friday Mass Times: During the dark winter nights the Friday Evening Mass time has been changed to **6pm** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass at **5pm**.



Remember in your prayers: Anne Hall, Karen Mackie, Anna Shinwell, Arnie Masterson, Peter Laggan, Maureen Cowan's friend and Chris Garrett. It is with deep sympathy we notify you of the death of John Cryan on 26th October. His funeral will be in Selby on 18th Nov. May he rest in peace .

Our Lady's Statue - The Statue having been cleaned has be returned to the Lady Altar.

Thanks, from Cramlington Foodbank for 22 Kg of food delivered 26th Sept giving a total donation for 2025 of 63.5 Kg

Church Cleaning Rota - The church will be cleaned on the first Saturday of the month.
Group B Dec 25; 2026 - Feb, Apr, June, Aug Oct Dec Group A 2026 Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov

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

St John's Graveyard burials: Due to the ever reducing availability, burials at St John's will be restricted to existing Parishioners unless space is available in an existing family plot. Unless ascertained at the time of the first burial into a new plot, burials will be single depth, however two burials will be possible with one coffin burial and one Cremation casket.

Specification in a will may not guarantee burial at St Johns

IMPORTANT - During the winter months, St John's Gardeners will be carrying out works to level the graveyard in front of the church. Initially it will involve spreading bark then soil and grass seed on top next year.

St. John's Collections – Sunday, 26th October 2025: £383.18; Clergy Training Fund £113.40.

St. Paul's Parish News

Remember in your prayers: Please pray for Aidan, for Chris Garrett, Glynis Mayes along with any parishioner who is unwell.

Christmas Raffle: Tickets will go on sale from next Saturday 8th November. Please do try and support this event by buying the tickets. Any donation of bottles of Spirits or Wine will be gratefully appreciated to help make this a successful raffle.

Sr. Agnes' Requiem: My grateful thanks go to Fr. Manoj, Step Hartas and Teresa Carr in the preparation of Agnes' Mass. Thanks to the SFCC and Mercy Sisters and all those involved in any way in the service celebration. Thanks also to Peter Melrose, Funeral Director, for a very professional job carried out with care and compassion. I'm sure Agnes would be more than happy with the sendoff she received. £250.00 was given in the Collection Box and has been sent to Dementia UK. Peter.

200 Club: Drawn every 4 weeks - we have lots of spare numbers @ £1 / week. 1st prize £60, 2nd & 3rd prizes £30.

Bonus Ball for 25th October: No 55 G Wilkins. We have one spare number, 2, available @ £1 / week



Finances: We will now be publishing our monthly income, to include the Weekly Collections and the Monthly Planned Giving, giving a more meaningful idea of our parish's financial income. Figures for September are as follows: Offertory Collections £831.89, Standing Orders £1383.00:- **Total £2214.89**
One Large Future Expenditure due very soon, - £9000 to replace the two faulty church radiators.

Finance Committee: minutes of the October meeting are available on the Notice Board.

Ministry Rota

	1 st November	8 th November
Bidding Prayers	Teresa Carr	Jacqui H
Welcomers	Barbara B & Anne Marie L	Meg C & Barbara W
Readers	Teresa Carr & Margaret F	{Wed Julie M} Malcolm G & Gladys H
Eucharistic Ministers	Gladys H & Jimmy L	Terry R & Linda T
Coffee	Victoria L & Pamela McG	Joyce and Malcolm G
Counting	Team 3: Bob, Julie M & Sheila H	Team 4: Maureen B, Meg C & Kathy O'R
Cleaning	Team 2: Teresa C	Team 3: Stella S & Barbara B
Bulletin	Peter	Peter