

# This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 29th		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass <b>Vincent Slavin RIP</b>
Sun 30th	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass <b>Cynthia Licorish R.I.P. &amp; Pat Fox R.I.P.</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
Tues 02 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00am <b>Special Intention (P &amp; J)</b>	
Wed 03 <sup>rd</sup>		10 .00 AM Mass / Coffee Morning <b>Remembrance Candle Intentions</b>
Thu 04 <sup>th</sup>		10:00am School Mass <b>Remembrance Candle Intentions</b>
Fri 05 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 – 5:55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm <b>Dec'd members of St John's Parish (AT)</b>	
Sat 06 <sup>th</sup>		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass
Sun 07 <sup>th</sup>	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass <b>Dec'd of Cormican &amp; Duffy Families, also Pat Ryder R.I.P.</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</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

**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.



### 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.

### Stella Maris Carol Service & Seafarers' Appeal

Join us for the Stella Maris Carol Service at **St Aidan's Church, Ashington**, on **Wednesday, 17 December at 7:00 pm**, followed by refreshments in the hall.

St Aidan's is also running a **Christmas appeal for seafarers** at our local docks. During the reception, we will present **Steve Willows, Stella Maris Port Chaplain**, with approximately 70 care packs containing toiletries and a small gift. We are currently collecting items for these packs, which will be assembled with help from pupils at **St Aidan's RC Primary School** during our **Monday Escape session on 15 December. Donation deadline: Noon, Monday 9th December.** Please see the attached information sheet for details of suggested donations.

### A Weekly Reflection and Daily Readings for Advent 2025

Advent is a time of preparation and to reflect, and hold onto, the messages of hope, peace, joy and love which God promised to us in the birth of Christ Jesus. Members of our Diocesan Writing Team offer this Advent resource to help guide a daily space for reading of the Scripture, reflection and prayer. In it you will find a reflection based on the theme of each week of Advent and an easy-to-follow reference to the readings for each day. The reflections will be available to view and download on the homepage of the Diocesan website from Friday 28 November [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk).



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## 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent [C]

### “Maranatha come Lord Jesus”

#### Sacred Silence, Please

**As you enter, we invite you to keep a spirit of quiet prayer. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed, and your silence helps everyone to pray more deeply. Thank you for your reverence.**

“I am the light of the world,” Jesus said. “Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

We don't have to look far to see the darkness present in our world. At times it seems to come closer to our homes and hearts every day. How we choose to respond to that darkness—in our lives, in society, and within our own souls—is a decision that shapes who we become. Jesus is the Light of the World, and He calls us to carry His light into every place that needs healing, hope, and peace. During Advent these colder, darker weeks of the year Catholics turn to the Advent wreath as a reminder that Christ's light grows brighter as we draw near to Christmas. St. Francis of Assisi beautifully said, “All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.”

Our Advent wreath traditionally holds four candles: three purple and one pink. Sometimes a white candle, the Christ Candle, is added and lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to symbolize the presence of Jesus among us. Each candle reflects a different aspect of our spiritual preparation during Advent. One candle is lit each Sunday, and with every flame the world grows a little brighter.

**This week we light the first candle, known as: The Prophecy Candle – Hope // Colour: Purple**

Purple is the primary colour of Advent, symbolizing penance, preparation, and sacrifice. During this first week, we remember the Old Testament prophets who foretold the coming of the Messiah with great hope and longing. As we begin this holy season, may we open our hearts to the hope Christ desires to give us.

*What hope is Jesus inviting you to rediscover this Advent?*



### Pope Leo's prayer intention for December

#### For Christians in areas of conflict

**Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.**

Mass Intentions for those named on the purchased candles have been published in the Parish Website Calendar with the relevant dates. There is a list on the Notice Boards and Intentions will be published weekly in the Bulletin.

Next week's Intentions are as follows: Wed December 03: Crilley family, Sr. Agnes Miller, choir members, Late priests of St. Pauls, Vincent Slevan, Paul Battersby Thu December 4<sup>th</sup> Rosamma Joseph & member of Punchakunnel family, Paul B, Pamela Siddle, Joan Mennell, Bob Lawson & Niamh Thomson, Devlin

**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.

**Children's Christmas Party:** A reminder that the Children's Christmas party will take place on Saturday 6 December from 2 pm to 4 pm. It'll be held in St John's church hall. For those who haven't paid the £5 per child you can pay this weekend, or we will collect it on the day.

**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 this weekend** to the social group or to Fr Manoj. There is a menu at the back of church for people to peruse and to choose at a future date.

**Christmas Gifts:** If you are struggling to think of a Present for someone, why not consider a CAFOD World Gift. Catalogues are available at the back of Church which contain a good variety of gifts for you to choose from.

**What is your Jubilee story?** We have all walked together united as Pilgrims of Hope. We are collecting photographs, short stories and messages to form a **Jubilee Legacy Collection**. **"Let's close this Holy Year not with a full stop, but with a radiant exclamation of hope."** Please [email your contribution](#) by **15th December 2025**.

**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.



**Voices in Tune CIC presents Cramlington Community Choir - A Christmas Concert**  
Songs we like to sing - in St. Paul's Church on Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025 10:30am & 12:30pm.

Doors will open at 10:00 am and 12:00pm. Tickets are free: with a suggested donation of £5.00

Please see Marylyn Turton for your tickets or contact her on 07388 417073

### Car park

As you are aware of the letter from the council about the appeal against the car park decision. Parish is working in the best way possible to meet all the stakeholders to initiate the required action. Your kind cooperation is welcomed

### THANK YOU FROM SIGNIFICANCE

The Trustees of Significance thank everyone in our parishes and schools who supported the Grand Draw and all those who donated prizes. 1,005 tickets were sold which realised £5,025. The funds raised will help Significance to continue to support YMT and the Emmaus Village; and to provide opportunities to help young people to recognise their own worth and unique gifts.

### Advent penitential service

Wednesday 10th December at 7pm at **ST BEDE'S CHURCH, CATHOLIC ROW, BEDLINGTON, NE22 6HS A Service of Reconciliation for the Partnership Parishes with Several Priests who will be available for Individual Confession A wonderful way to prepare for what lies ahead Come along and join in this celebration of God's love for us**

## ST. JOHN'S PARISH NEWS

**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.

**Friday Mass Times -** During the dark winter nights Mass time will be 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. **Philip Gutteridge R.I.P.** His funeral and Burial was held in St. John's. **Aileen Nicholson RIP** Her funeral service took place on Wednesday at 12.30 PM followed by service at cowpen crem. We remember them and pray for the repose of their souls.

**Mobility Scooter -** Gerry Killen has received an almost new Mobility Scooter (approx. value £1700) available for a donation of £100+ Please see noticeboard for picture and speak to Gerry for further information

**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](mailto:vol0040@diocesehn.org.uk)

**Parish Council Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on today after the 9:30am Mass. A copy of the previous meeting (28th September) minutes has been circulated electronically to parishioners and displayed on the Church Notice Board.

**Expenditure -** The G/F Presbytery WC has recently been updated and replaced at a cost of £2,408; in addition to this expenditure, we estimate a cost of £24,000+ to replace the Presbytery Roof, and £25,000+ to replace to aging Cess Pit as the initial works of the 5 year Diocesan (Quinquennial Report), the report also specifies other works required to maintain the buildings. An additional emergency repair has been carried out this week to the roof.

**Collection -** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Offertory Collection **£235.00**

## 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. **Please pray for Chloe Beaney** who passed away on 21<sup>st</sup> November. Her funeral will be here in St. Paul's at 10:00am on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec followed by burial at Northumberland Woodland Burial, NE65 9QI.



**Parish Christmas Raffle:** Tickets, priced at 50p, in books of 10, are now on Sale. Please do try and support this event by buying the tickets. Any donation of bottles of Spirits or Wine will be gratefully appreciated to hopefully, help make this a successful raffle to aid our parish funds. Thank you.

**Lamb House East Cramlington** is a refuge for vulnerable people of all ages. As Advent approaches, we would invite you once again to please, donate, no matter how small, to help make Christmas a little more cheerful for those less fortunate than ourselves. We will begin our collection on the first weekend of Advent, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November, and your donations will be delivered to Lamb House on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> of December. Please place all donations on the table at the back of church. Our normal collection of items for the Food Bank will resume on the first Sunday after Christmas. Once again thank you for your kindness and generosity.



**Pieti Stall:** There is a selection of Christmas Cards now available for sale in the Pieti Stall.

**200 Club:** This is drawn every 4 weeks with a First Prize of £60 and Second / Third Prizes of £30 each. We have lots of spare numbers @ £1 / week. 200 club

**1st. No1 P Killen / 2nd No19 M Biwer /3rd No9 B Wilson**

**Bonus Ball 22nd Nov No35 C Ferguson No 2** is a spare number / We have one spare number, 2, available @ £1 / week



**Finance:** We will now publish our monthly income for each month, to include the Weekly Collections & Monthly Planned Giving. **October figures S.O. £1323; Collection £792.14; TOTAL £2115.28**  
Future Expenditure due very soon, - £9000 to replace the two faulty church radiators, and £1400 towards the Presbytery roof repairs

### Ministry Rota

**Bidding Prayers**

**Welcomers**

**Readers**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**Coffee**

**Counting**

**Cleaning**

**Bulletin**

**29<sup>th</sup> November**

Malcolm G

Margaret H & Linda T

Barbara B, Teresa K (wed Teresa)

Christine E & Teresa C

Victoria L & Pamela McG

Team 2 Maria H & Kathy D

Team 2 Terry C

Mariela

**6<sup>th</sup> December**

Jacqui H

Meg C & Barbara W

Malcolm G & Gladys H (Wed Eddie L)

Terri R & Linda T

Joyce & Malcolm G

Team 3: Bob M, Julie M & Sheila H

Team 3: Stella S, Barbara B

Peter