

# This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass <b>People of St. Paul's Parish</b>
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass <b>People of St. John's Parish</b>	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b>
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am <b>Requiem Mass for Joan Oliver R.I.P.</b>	
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am <b>Requiem Mass for Joan Wilson R.I.P.</b>	<b>NO MASS OR COFFEE MORNING</b>
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup>		10:00am Mass <b>School Mass</b> <b>Jessica Young</b>
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 – 5:55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass <b>People of St. John's Parish</b>	
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass <b>Sheila Loan R.I.P.</b>
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass <b>Dec'd members of the Hunt &amp; Quarzi families</b>	<b>Second Sunday Ordinary Time</b>

**Mass Intentions - We offer the facility to have Mass celebrated for your own Intention. There are quite a few dates available. Please use the envelopes at the back of the church to request a specific date; please give your telephone for confirmation of the date or to make an alternative arrangement if the date is already booked.**

**Mass on Sunday at 9.30am at St John's will be a First Communion Children's Family Mass with the theme of 'The Liturgy of the Word'. Please support our young people who will receive Jesus in Communion for the first time in June.**



### 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.

**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.

**Items for the Bulletin:** If you wish to have 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 sufficient time to prepare Bulletin.

**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.



### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 31<sup>st</sup> July – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2026 Celebrating 100 years since the first Diocesan Pilgrimage

Bookings are now open for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. We travel on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July and return on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August. 2026 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the first Diocesan Pilgrimage took place led by Bishop Joseph Thorman. If you would like to book or for further information please contact Tangey Tours, our Tour Operator, by calling 01732 886 666 or by going to their website <https://www.tangey-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-hexham-newcastle>

### 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.



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## 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026 The Baptism of the Lord [A]

### 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.



### The Baptism of the Lord

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the river to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes. In the Eastern Church this feast is called

Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world". Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to



### Pope Leo XIV's message for January 2026

emphasises the urgent need for peace, forgiveness, and understanding in a world marked by conflict and suffering. He urged the world to reject violence and embrace a new era of peace and friendship among all people and to renew their hearts and transform wrongs into forgiveness, pain into consolation. He reflected on Mary the Mother of God, as a symbol of peace and hope encouraging people to look at her as an example of welcoming Christ into their hearts. Pope Leo described peace as more than just a goal; it is a presence and a journey that requires active participation from all and encouraged individuals to protect and cultivate peace within themselves and their surroundings. His message serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of peace, understanding and compassion in a world often overshadowed by conflict. His call to action is to encourage individuals to embody these values in their daily lives, fostering a culture of peace that can transform society.

## St. John's Parish News

**Remember in your prayers:** Anne Hall, Karen Mackie, Anna Shinwell, Arnie Masterson, Peter Laggan, Margaret Caroline, Michael Brannan, Chris Garrett and Maureen Cowan's friend.

### Obituaries

**Joan Oliver:** Joan passed away peacefully on December 14, 2025, at the age of 79. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 10.00 am** at **St John the Baptist Church, Annitsford**, followed by cremation at **Blyth Crematorium at 11:30am**. We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Joan's family and friends at this sad time. May she rest in peace.

**Joan Wilson:** Joan passed away on December 23, 2025, at **Cramlington Care Home**, aged 90. Her Requiem Mass will take place on **Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 9.00 am** at **St John the Baptist Church, Annitsford**, followed by committal at **Whitley Bay**. We remember Joan with gratitude and offer our sincere condolences to her family and friends. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

**Ronnie Chalmers** (more details to follow when received)

**Readers at Sunday Mass** - We require parishioners to volunteer to read at Mass on Sundays. If you are not already on the Rota and would be kind enough to volunteer, please give your name (and contact details, phone and email) to Fr Manoj or Gerry Killen.

**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 now at 5pm.

**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

**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 - The Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales have issued an instruction that music at a Funeral Service MUST be either Hymns or appropriate Classical music. Secular music should not be played at the church service; however it can be played at either the Crematorium or at the Wake. Please do not be surprised or upset if your choice of music is not acceptable.**

**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.**

**Collection:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January Offertory Collection £277.92 Christmas Collection £724.65 (cumulative)

**Church Cleaning Rota** - The church will be cleaned on the first Saturday of the month.

**Group B 2026 - Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec** **Group A 2026 Jan (10th January), Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov**

## St. Paul's Parish News



**Will you consider making a New Year's Resolution to help with the running of YOUR PARISH? We are desperately short of volunteers to help in a variety of roles to keep the parish running efficiently. We need Welcomers, Church Cleaners, Flower Arrangers, Tea / Coffee makers, Church Collections counters, Typists to do the Weekly Bulletin, people to**

**look after the Live Streaming of Mass and to play the Music at Mass.**

**None of these jobs are too time-consuming and all the relevant training will be made available to you should it be required. Please speak with Peter Killen (07948 403341) or Fr. Manoj if you can help in any way.**

**IMPORTANT: If you are scheduled for any volunteer role and are unable to attend, can you please let Peter Killen know asap so alternative arrangements can be made. If you are unable to continue with your role and wish to be removed from the list please let Peter know.**

**Eucharistic Ministers and Readers:** If you are scheduled to read or be a Eucharistic Minister can you please ensure you arrive in church 10 minutes prior to Mass commencing to ensure we know you are attending.

### St. Paul's Parish PPC MEETING

The next St. Paul's Parish PPC MEETING is on Tuesday 20th Jan. if anyone wants to raise anything please speak or put it in writing to any council member in time for the meeting.

**Remember in your prayers:** Please pray for Christine Elliott who is going through a very difficult and traumatic time at present, for Sheila Hedley, involved in a car accident, for Aidan, Chris Garrett and Glynis Mayes along with any parishioner who is unwell.

**Northern Cross** The January edition of the publication is now available for collection at the back of church. Please collect a copy and leave your donation where they are to be found.

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

**Bonus Ball We have One spare number 2 available @ £1 / week. Result for 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan No 4 M Biwer**

**Finance: Collections and Standing Orders for December will be published later this month.**

### Ministry Rota

	10 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	17 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Bidding Prayers</b>	Jacqui H	David S
<b>Welcomers</b>	Margaret H & Linda T	Stella S & Marylyn T
<b>Readers</b>	Teresa C & Margaret F (Wed Sue W)	Malcolm G & Gladys H (Wed Patrick)
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Teresa K & Peter K	Meg C & Joyce G
<b>Coffee</b>	Victoria L & Pamela McG	Joyce & Malcolm G
<b>Counting</b>	Team 3 Sheila H, Bob & Julie M	Team 4: Maureen B, Meg C, Kathy O'R
<b>Cleaning</b>	Team 4: Julie & Bob M	Team 1: Stephanie N, Barbara W
<b>Bulletin</b>	Peter	Peter

## News for Both Parishes



### Blessing and Dedication of the Chapel of Our Lady of Fatima and the Enshrinement of the Relics of Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto

With deep gratitude to God and heartfelt devotion to Our Blessed Mother, I am pleased to share that preparations are now underway to transform the existing side chapel of St. Paul's into a sacred space dedicated to **Our Lady of Fatima**. This chapel will stand as a place of prayer and reflection, entrusted with the mission of proclaiming and preserving the timeless message of the Fatima apparitions. As part of this solemn dedication, we will have the great blessing of enshrining the holy relics of **Saints Francisco Marto and Jacinta Marto**, whose lives bear powerful witness to faith, sacrifice, and unwavering trust in God. The **Blessing and Dedication Mass** is scheduled for **20th February at 12:00 noon**. I kindly ask you to mark this grace-filled occasion in your diary and, if possible, to join us in prayer and celebration.

I also humbly invite you to support this sacred endeavour through your generous contributions. No offering is too small; every gift, given in love, will greatly assist in bringing this project to fruition. Should you wish to contribute, please feel free to contact **Fr. Manoj** at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we entrust this work to the loving intercession of Our Lady of Fatima. With gratitude and devotion, **Ave Maria**

### Reflections and Learnings from A Year of Hope

Bishop Stephen has now closed the Holy Doors and officially ended the Jubilee year 2025 on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January. The diocese has published reflections and learnings from the celebrations and events that took place during the year, so we can continue benefiting of what was a wonderful spiritual journey. If you would like to learn more, visit the links below.

"We shall hold on to the joy of our meeting with the Lord."

#### Jubilee Stories from across our Diocese

'Faith made stronger, love made deeper & hope made real' [Read here:](#)

'Jelly legs but an experience to be cherished forever' [Read here](#) 'Our Spiritual Legacy' - [Read here](#)

'St Dominic's Priory Cloister Garden' - [Read here](#) 'Jubilees around the world' - [Read here](#)

#### Diocesan Vacancies:

**Education Business Manager - Salary Scale from £35,000 to £37,323**

**Based within our Education Team at St Vincent's Diocesan Offices, Newcastle upon Tyne.**

**If you are interested in being at the forefront of developing this role please get in touch with us to request an Applicant Pack by emailing Annie Leaver Head of Human Resources at [annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk)**

**The closing date for applications is 12 noon Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026 although we reserve the right to close the post early. Shortlisting will be undertaken 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026, with interviews scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 26.**