

# This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
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 [Peace Sunday]</b>
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am <b>Mollie &amp; John Todd &amp; Deceased members of the Cain family R.I.P.</b>	
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>		10:00am Mass <b>Sr. Mary Michael</b>
Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Feast of St. Vincent Pallotti</b>	10:00am Mass <b>School Mass Pupils &amp; Staff of Ss Peter and Paul's Academy</b>
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2:00pm <b>Funeral Service &amp; burial of Ronnie Chalmers</b> 5:00 – 5:55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass	
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass	<b>Third 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.**

## CAFOD Reflection: At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'

Faced with St John's complex theology in this Gospel, it might be more fruitful to allow ourselves to be drawn to some of his simpler words and lines. John the Baptist is looking. He is perceptive and open - he sees Jesus coming toward him and perceives something in him. What do I see in Jesus? Where and in whom do I notice Jesus coming toward me? In what places and circumstances... in what kinds of people...? What does it really mean to see someone? John also has a purpose - to give witness to the lamb of Isaiah, the servant of the Lord. When I think of my life, what do I see as my purpose? To whom or to what am I giving witness through the choices I make and by the way I live? Though John is a witness to Christ, he admits that he does not truly know Jesus - what would I say about my knowledge of him and how am I revealing his truth for others? In my interactions with the world - through my personal behaviour, relationships, my political, social and climate stances - how can I collaborate with Christ's work of redemption? Finally, John sees himself as less than Christ. Do I see my life as having priority over others or can I pray with the psalmist, "Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will"?

### PRAYER:

Lord, on this Peace Sunday, give us grace to recognise Jesus in our world, to see him coming toward us from surprising places and people. May we have the courage to follow him into unexpected situations witnessing to his peaceful presence. Amen



### 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.

### 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.

**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.



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## 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [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.



**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**

### 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.

**If anyone has any correspondence for the attention of Fr. Manoj relating to parish business for either parish can you please ensure it is sent to the Parish Priest email addresses as shown on the top of the Bulletin: i.e. for St. John's [pp.stjohn.annitsford@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:pp.stjohn.annitsford@diocesehn.org.uk) or for St. Paul's [pp.stpaul.cramlington@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:pp.stpaul.cramlington@diocesehn.org.uk).**

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND IT TO HIS PRIVATE GMAIL ACCOUNT.**

## St. John's Parish News

**Important Notice:** Scattering of Ashes over an existing grave in St. John's Graveyard is not permitted; they must be buried in a plot. The **CORRECT** procedure is to firstly, apply for permission to bury the Ashes; then provide a copy of the Cremation Certificate as the Death **MUST** be recorded in the Parish Death Register; then await written permission before arranging with St. John's Parish approved Gravedigger to prepare the plot.

**Sick List - 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.

**Lately Dead:** Ronnie Chalmers whose Funeral Service will be held at 2:00pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, Joan Oliver & Joan

**Parish Council Meeting:** The next meeting will be held following the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> January Offertory Collection £379.32

**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 Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov**

## St. Paul's Parish News

**Thank You:** I would like to say a big thank you to all my friends at St Paul's for all the visits, telephone calls, flower and gifts received over the last 6 weeks I have appreciated it. I feel very blessed to have so many lovely friends. Hopefully my life is getting back to normal, and I will see you all soon. Sheila H..xx

**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.

**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.

**Result for 11<sup>th</sup> January** 1<sup>st</sup> No 47 T. Reid: 2<sup>nd</sup> No 50 G. Wilkins: 3<sup>rd</sup> No 66 T. George

**Bonus Ball We have One spare number 2 available @ £1 / week. Result for 10th Jan No 9 R Marshall**

**Finances: December Collections £829.30; Standing Orders £1383.00; Christmas Collection £615:00**

**Church Heating:** 2 new Radiators have now been fitted to upgrade the system to heat our church. Grateful thanks go to Mr. McPherson for his generous Will Legacy donation and to the other parishioners who kindly donated towards the cost of replacing the radiators.

**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 to, or put it in writing, to any council member in time for the meeting.

**Congratulation to Tony George whose 80<sup>th</sup> birthday is tomorrow, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January. We wish him well and hope he has a wonderful day of celebration and enjoys his 200 Club win.**



**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.**

### Ministry Rota

	17 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	24 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Bidding Prayers</b>	David S	Teresa K
<b>Welcomers</b>	Stella S & Marylyn T	Barbara B & Anne Marie L
<b>Readers</b>	Malcolm G & Gladys H (Wed Patrick)	Jacquie H & Peter K (Wed Teresa C)
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Meg C & Joyce G	Christine E & Teresa C
<b>Coffee</b>	Joyce & Malcolm G	Victoria L & Pamela McG
<b>Counting</b>	Team 4 Maureen B, Meg C, Kathy O'R	Team 5: Stephanie N, Maxine T & Sheila H
<b>Cleaning</b>	Team 1: Stephanie N, Barbara W	Team 2: Teresa C
<b>Bulletin</b>	Peter	Peter

**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 any of your roles and wish to come off the list, please let Peter know. Can Eucharistic Ministers and Readers please try to arrive in church at least 10 minutes prior to Mass starting so we can be sure you are attending.

## News for Both Parishes

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



### 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 from Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2026. It is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the first Diocesan Pilgrimage took place led by Bishop Joseph Thorman. **Bookings for the Youth Section closes on 31<sup>st</sup> January.** 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 as follows:

<https://www.tangey-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-hexham-newcastle>



### Hexham & Newcastle Diocese Interreligious Relations Team's Holocaust Memorial Evening 2026 - Bridging the Generations Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 7:00pm

**St. Mary's Catholic School, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE7 7PE**

**Guest Speakers:** **Prof. Yitka Graham** – she has a multicultural and interfaith background and a lifelong interest to ensure that the Holocaust is never forgotten. **Nicu Ion** – he is a Romanian Roma politician, educator and human rights activist based in Newcastle dedicated to social justice.

**Universal Prayer for Peace:** Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. 'There will be no peace among the nations, Without peace among the religions. There will be no peace among the religions, Without dialogue among the religions.' Hans Küng Swiss Catholic priest, theologian and author.

Booking is recommended by telephone 0191243 3316 or email [interreligious.relations@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:interreligious.relations@diocesehn.org.uk)

For further information please see the Poster and Booklet on our Notice Boards.

### 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.**