

# This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass <b>People of St. Paul's Parish</b>
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass <b>Private Intention (TB)</b>	<b>Third Sunday Ordinary Time</b>
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Mass <b>People of St. John's Parish</b>	
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>		10:00am Mass Coffee Morning 10:30am
Thu 29 <sup>th</sup>		10:00am Mass School Mass
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 – 5:55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass <b>Joan Hogan R.I.P.</b>	
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass <b>In Thanksgiving (TR)</b>
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> February	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass <b>John Donoghue R.I.P.</b>	<b>Fourth 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:** "The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."

Darkness cannot extinguish the light of Christ. When Herod imprisons John to silence him, Jesus rises to the challenge. Obedient to his Father's calling, Jesus embraces his life's mission. The message is no longer "The Kingdom is coming," but rather: "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

As Jesus relocates to Capernaum, Matthew recognises this as the moment Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled. The Assyrians had brutally destroyed this area some 700 years earlier, leaving behind a legacy of devastation. By starting his ministry at this "Galilee of the Gentiles," Jesus shows that he is the fulfilment of hope - a light shining for all people.

As baptised Christians we too have a mission to bring God's love to others, to shine his light and keep hope alive. Some of us may have the gift of preaching, some the gift of being loving companions. Whatever our gift we all have a calling to proclaim, "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand," by our words or our actions.

In *Dilexi Te* Pope Leo XIV reminds us: "All the members of the people of God have a duty to make their voices heard albeit in different ways...Unjust structures need to be recognised and eradicated by the force of good, by changing mindsets...Both Christian preaching and life, then, are meant to have an impact on society. We are seeking God's Kingdom." (#97)

**PRAYER:** God of light, Emmanuel, God with us, help us to be obedient to your calling and to embrace our life's mission. May your Kingdom come here on earth as in Heaven. May we make our voices heard in ways that will impact our society. 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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## 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026 Third 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.



Have compassion on the Heart of your Holy Mother, covered with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to make an act of reparation to remove them.

### ST PAUL'S RC CHURCH, CRAMLINGTON WARMLY INVITES YOU TO THE BLESSING AND DEDICATION OF THE CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

With great joy and gratitude to God, I warmly invite you to the Blessing and Dedication of the Chapel of Our Lady of Fatima at St. Paul's RC Church, Cramlington, and the Enshrinement of the Relics of Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto.

This chapel is offered as a place of prayer and trust in the loving message of Our Lady of Fatima. We are deeply blessed to welcome the relics of Saints Francisco and Jacinta, whose lives inspire faith, sacrifice, and hope.

The Dedication Mass will take place on Friday, 20th February at 12:00 noon.

The Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Fr. Stephen Watson, and the blessing of the chapel and enshrinement of the relics will be carried out by Rev. Fr. Peter J. Stott.

I would be honoured by your presence and prayers as we entrust this sacred space to Our Lady of Fatima.

With gratitude and devotion,

Fr. Manoj Joseph Punchakunnel SAC  
Parish Priest St. Paul's RC Church, Cramlington



### 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

**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 R.I.P. Joan Oliver R.I.P. & Joan Wilson R.I.P.

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

**MASS: Facebook and YouTube recordings** - If you feel that live streaming of St John's Mass, in addition to publishing later on a Sunday would be beneficial, please can you inform Fr. Manoj or Gerry Killen and it will be investigated.

**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.

**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.

**Collection:** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January Offertory Collection £428.20

**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



The Chapel of Our Lady of Fatima, formerly our Side Chapel is now well underway in the preparation for its Blessing and Dedication scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026. I 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.

**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.**

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

**Bonus Ball** We have **One spare number, 2, available @ £1 / week.** Result for 17th Jan No 4 M Biber



**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

	24 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	31 <sup>st</sup> January
<b>Bidding Prayers</b>	Teresa K	Malcolm G
<b>Welcomers</b>	Barbara B & Anne Marie L	Meg C & Barbara W
<b>Readers</b>	Jacquie H & Peter K (Wed Teresa C)	Eddie L & Julie M (Wed Peter K)
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Christine E & Teresa C	Terry R & Linda T
<b>Coffee</b>	Victoria L & Pamela McG	Joyce & Malcolm G
<b>Counting</b>	Team 5 Stephanie N, Maxine T & Sheila H	Team 1: Joe S, Averill R & Betty W
<b>Cleaning</b>	Team 2: Teresa C	Team 3: Stella S & Barbara B
<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.

## Joint Parish News

**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** otherwise **it may not be** included the following weekend.



### 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>

### Peace



As the world appears to be moving into a new order where might and power are used as the main negotiating option we all need to pray to God our Heavenly Father. Ask Him to send down the Holy Spirit to change the hearts of all the world leaders that they may alter their narrative from domination to that of working together so that people throughout the world can live in peace and harmony together without fear of repression, and have, at least the basic necessities of life. Without that fear we can move forward into a more stable world working together for the benefit of all. Let us all try to pray daily for peace and harmony in this great world that God created for all.

### Diocesan Vacancies:

**Parish Secretary for Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Village Lane, Washington, Tyne & Wear, NE36 7HS**  
 18 month Fixed Term with Salary of £10537.80 pro rata per annum for part time 15 hours / week on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday (5 hours per day). Start & Finish times to be negotiated during the interview.

To apply, please visit <https://diocesahn.org.uk/vacancy/parish-secretary-17/> with a Closing Date for an application of Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026.