

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 3 rd		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass In Thanksgiving (TR)
Sun 1 st February	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass John Donoghue R.I.P.	Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time
Tues 3 rd	10:00am Mass Living & Deceased members of St. John's Parish	
Wed 4 th		10:00am Mass Coffee Morning 10:30am For the good health of Jessica
Thu 5 th		10:00am Mass School Mass - YEAR 4 Paul Battersby & Pamela Siddle R.I.P.
Fri 6 th	5:00 – 5:55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass Tony & Vera Cauchi R.I.P.	
Sat 7 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass Bob Watson R.I.P.
Sun 8 th February	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass The poor & needy in the world	Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time

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: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

The Beatitudes open with a promise that turns worldly assumptions upside down. Jesus blesses the people who are often overlooked: those who grieve, those who hunger for justice, those who strive for peace, and those who refuse to give up when the world feels harsh. These blessings are not abstract ideals. They are a call to live differently.

When Jesus names the poor in spirit, the merciful and the peacemakers, he invites us to recognise the dignity of those who are pushed aside. Around the world, people face hunger, conflict and environmental destruction. Yet so often these same communities show remarkable courage, generosity and hope.

CAFOD's partners see this every day. In regions affected by climate disasters, communities work together to rebuild homes, restore crops and protect one another. Their resilience echoes the heart of the Beatitudes: real strength grows where people support each other, and real peace begins when we choose compassion over indifference.

The Beatitudes ask us to examine our own choices. Where do we need to be more merciful? Whose suffering have we ignored? How can we stand alongside those working for justice, whether in our neighbourhoods or across the world?

PRAYER:

God of compassion, open my eyes to those who are overlooked. Shape my heart to hunger for justice and to work for peace, so that all your children may live in dignity. Amen. 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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1st February 2026 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [A] (Racial Justice Sunday)

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 2026 - Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec Group A 2026 Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov

Collection: Sunday 25th January Offertory Collection £382.62

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 20th 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, 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.

Bonus Ball We have **One spare number, 2, available @ £1 / week.** Result for 24th Jan No 29 T Reid

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



Will YOU consider making a Resolution to help with the running of YOUR PARISH? We are STILL 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 on Saturdays. 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

	31 st January	7 th February
Bidding Prayers	Malcolm G	Teresa C
Welcomers	Meg C & Barbara W	Julie & Bob M
Readers	Eddie L & Julie M (Wed Peter K)	Julie M & Eddie L (Wed Teresa K)
Eucharistic Ministers	Terry R & Linda T	Rob M & Jimmy L
Coffee	Joyce & Malcolm G	Victoria L & Pamela McG
Counting	Team 1: Joe S, Averill R & Betty W	Team 2: Maria H & Kathy D
Cleaning	Team 3: Stella S & Barbara B	Team 4: Julie & Bob M
Bulletin	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.



Racial Justice Sunday

This Sunday we celebrate as Racial Justice Sunday with the theme: "Whoever loves God must also love his brother" (1 John 4: 21).

Our faith calls us to challenge racism in all its forms because every person is made in the image of God. These prayers by Pope Francis, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and the Catholic Association for Racial Justice remind us that a better world needs all of us to build communities where everyone belongs and can thrive. This is why we stand with our sisters and brothers around the world.

PRAYERS:

Father, you created each one of us in your own image. Yet yours is a world made glorious by its rich diversity. This we sometimes misunderstand, sometimes fear.

Give us the patience to build on what unites us, to celebrate our differences and to learn from them. Grant us the wisdom to recognise your Church, beyond the walls of a building, reaching out across all communities, countries and cultures.

Give us the courage to offer refuge to those in need, to challenge prejudice and seek justice for all.

Help us see that you created us in your image. Neighbour or stranger, always our brother or sister. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, in your ministry you were approached by people of many different nations and cultures.

You listened to their cry for help, treated them with love and compassion, and brought them healing and wholeness. In our own time may we provide to all those who are the help that they need and the care that they require.

May we respond to the invitation of the Holy Spirit to dream of a world made new where the poor are not forgotten but are given the opportunity to live and flourish with good health and equal prospects.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Sunday Afternoon Concert:

There will be a Sunday Afternoon Concert at St Bede's Church, Bedlington, called "Faith, Hope and Love", by the 'Colla Voce Chamber Choir' and 'Four French Horns' to be held on Sunday 15th February at 3pm. Tickets cost £5, and include refreshments available after the Concert. For more information please contact Deacon Stephen Boulter at St Bede's Presbytery on 01670 823 258 or email him on stephen.boulter@diocesohn.org.uk