

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 14 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass Private Intention
Sun 15 th February	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass Thanksgiving for 57yrs of marriage (A & J M)	Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time
Tues 17 th	10:00am Mass Eleanor & Patrick Killen R.I.P.	
Wed 18 th	6:00pm Mass ASH WEDNESDAY	10:00am Mass Coffee Morning 10:30am
Thu 19 th		NO MASS
Fri 20 th	NO EXPOSITION OR MASS	11:30-14:00 OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHAPEL SEE NOTICE ON INSIDE PAGE FOR SCHEDULE
Sat 21 st		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass
Sun 22 nd February	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass Christopher Maddison R.I.P.	First Sunday of Lent

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.



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

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, with light refreshments afterwards.

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



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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15th February 2026 Sixth 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY



Ash Wednesday is the doorway into our Lenten season of renewal – a day rich in associations and symbolism. It marks the beginning of Lent – a time for turning again to the practice of our faith, in prayer, self-denial (fasting) and practical generosity (almsgiving). Although it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, many Catholics consider it important to receive ashes on this day. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of a period of 40 days (Sundays excluded) in which Catholics prepare for Eastertide. This period also represents the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert as well as the 40 years that the Israelites spent in exile. The ashes themselves come from the burned palms

from last year's Palm Sunday celebration: thus bringing us full circle to our last celebration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. On Ash Wednesday, we are reminded that we are called to turn away from sin, to repent and to believe the Good News of our salvation through Jesus Christ. Receiving Ashes An outward sign of an inner step "As we cross this threshold, we customarily receive ashes on our foreheads, in the sign of the cross. This is a public mark of our turning again to God, seeking his mercy, forgiveness and help. "We use these words: 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return'. Yes, we cannot pretend otherwise. Or: 'Repent and believe in the Gospel'. Yes, we seek the one thing that is absolutely necessary: the grace of God."

There is a list at the back of church for people to add their name to if they are attending the Blessing and Dedication of the Chapel to Our Lady of Fatima on Friday 20th February here in St. Paul's. This will enable the catering to be arranged for those who come to the celebration.



Pope Leo XIV's message for February 2026

FOR CHILDREN WITH INCURABLE DISEASES

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support they need, never losing strength and hope.

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

Sick List - remember in your prayers: Anne Hall, Karen Mackie, Anna Shinwell, Arnie Masterson, Peter Laggan, Margaret Caroline, Chris Garrett and Maureen Cowan's friend.

Retiring Collection: will be taken this week to support Racial Justice. Envelopes are available in your Planned Giving Box.

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. **NO MASS NEXT FRIDAY, 20th FEBRUARY.**

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

We are looking for parishioners to join the cleaning groups. If you can help, please give your name to Barbara Wareing.

Collection: Sunday 8th February Offertory Collection £277.67

Glasses - We have just started an online glasses business (or in person for those local who know us) and would like to offer friends including everyone in the church community reasonably priced glasses. We have single vision as well as varifocals at reasonable prices. Pop and see us in the church hall after mass on Sunday 15th February whether you need glasses at the moment or not and check out the frames we currently have in stock as well as prices. Look forward to seeing everyone. Louise Roberts and Helen Beadling.

St. Paul's Parish News

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.

Birthday Celebration: Christine Elliott is inviting parishioners to join with her after the 6:00pm Mass this Saturday, 14th February for a piece of cake and coffee / tea to celebrate her birthday. Please do stay behind to help her celebrate.

Spirituality and Formation Group

The group will begin meeting again on Tuesday 24th of February at 7pm. All are welcome. We would love to see some new faces. The theme will be 'Faith.' Due to commitments we cannot meet every week so these are the following dates leading up to Holy Week: March 10th, March 24th and 31st. We will begin again on April 21st to finish off our theme.

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.

200 Club: Result for the 7th February - First Prize of £60 Number 85 M Cocks, Second Prize of £30 – Number 74 J Espie, Third Prize of £30 – Number 33 S Fletcher.

We have lots of spare numbers available at £1 per week.

Finances: January Income was as follows – Standing Orders £1253.00, Collections £868.97 - Total £2121.97 Thank you to everyone who contributed last month towards the upkeep and expenditure of our parish.



St Paul's RC Church, Cramlington: Our Lady of Fatima Chapel

Friday 20th
FEBRUARY
2026

11:30 – 11:50
12:00 – 12:50
12:55 – 13:05
13:05 – 13:20
13:20 – 14:00
14:00

Holy Rosary
Holy Mass
Procession
Blessing of Our Lady of Fatima Chapel
Refreshments
Close

Bonus Ball: Result for 7th February is Number 40 - D Hawkins

Ministry Rota

	14 th February	21 st February
Bidding Prayers	Jacqui H	David S
Welcomers	Russell & Stephanie N	Margaret H & Linda T
Readers	Cynthia O N & Jacqui H (Wed Julie M)	Malcolm G & Gladys H (Wed Eddie L)
Eucharistic Ministers	Stephanie N & Barbara B	Barbara B & Teresa K
Coffee	Joyce & Malcolm G	Victoria L & Pamela McG
Counting	Team 3: Bob, Julie M & Sheila H	Team 4: Maureen B, Meg C & Kathy O'R
Cleaning	Team 1: Stephanie N & Barbara W	Team 2: Teresa C
Bulletin	Mariela	Mariela

Joint Parish News



Brendan Colohan: It is with sadness we announce the passing of Brendan who died on Saturday February 7th 2026. Brendan had just celebrated his 89th birthday on 4th February 2026. His body will be received into St. Paul's Church at 4pm on Thursday 26th February with the Requiem Mass at 11:15am on Friday 27th followed by committal At Cowpen Crematorium. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for the family he leaves behind.

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.

PPC Meeting: Minutes of the latest meetings of both parishes are posted on their respective Notice Boards.

Lenten Reflection Resources: Lenten resources are available on the homepage of the [diocesan website](#). This includes **We Dare to Ask** which is a resource for small group faith-sharing and for individual meditation, featuring five sessions on the theme of our Baptismal Vocation. Each session includes scripture, prayers and a reflection with questions. Please consider joining with others this Lent to use **We Dare to Ask**, as we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter. The booklet, which includes a foreword by Bishop Stephen, is available to view and download now.

For Holy Week, members of our diocesan writing team will prepare a set of daily reflections based on the readings from Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday. This collection of **Daily Reflections for Holy Week 2025** will be made available shortly before Holy Week on the diocesan website.



Lent: "Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful" - Joel 2: 13.

This year Lent will begin with the celebration of **Ash Wednesday next Wednesday 18th February** when Ashes will be distributed during the usual **10:00am Mass in St. Paul's church** and during an **additional Mass in St. John's church at 6:00pm**.

Stations of the Cross will be held in St. Paul's each Friday @ 10am & Sundays @ 5pm in St. John's.



We are also encouraged to **support the CAFOD Family Fast Day** scheduled for **Friday 27th February** with parish communities responding through prayer, fasting and almsgiving to the needs of families facing floods and drought in places such as South Sudan, Bangladesh and Zimbabwe.

Through support for CAFOD's Lent Appeal, parishes and schools can help families grow food and care for their communities in the face of the devastating impacts of climate change. We encourage our parish and school communities to support CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal. **Envelopes will be**

available for your contributions this w'end 14th / 15th to be returned for the **Collection to be taken on w'end 28th Feb / 1st March**. Further information about CAFOD's Lent Appeal, Big Lent Walk and parish collection resources are available at cafod.org.uk/parish. As many of you will be aware our Bishop Stephen Wright had the privilege of visiting some of CAFOD's projects in Zimbabwe last October. From personal experience, he can assure you of the impact our charitable donations have to the poorest of the poor. Lives are transformed for the better by simple acts of ensuring access to water, the provision of nutritious food for children and the provision of solar panels for electricity. CAFOD, working with its Caritas agencies, around the world enable people to help themselves to a better future.

CAFOD'S DAILY LENT PRAYER: God of growth, in the beginning you planted a garden and walked with us, your beloved creation. Teach us to tread lightly as we care for all you made. God the Sower, you plant seeds of your Kingdom in the soil of our hearts. Water them with your Word and weed out fear and selfishness. Cultivate in us your compassion so we may truly love our neighbours. God of Gethsemane you chose the tree of suffering which would bring us new life. May its roots grow deep within us, inspiring us to seek justice so all people may flourish in the garden of your grace. AMEN.