

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 7 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass Bob Watson R.I.P. Family Mass for 1st Holy Communion children
Sun 8 th February	9:00-9:25am Reconciliation and Exposition 9:30am Mass The poor & needy in the world	Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time
Tues 10 th	10:00am Mass A successful operation (PD)	
Wed 11 th		10:00am Mass Coffee Morning 10:30am
Thu 12 th		10:00am Mass School Mass - YEARS 1 & 2
Fri 13 th	5:00 – 5:55pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass World Peace	11:45am Funeral Service for Veronica James
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

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:

“You are the salt of the earth....You are the light of the world”

Salt and light are elements of God's creation that are needed to sustain life on Earth. The image of a lamp on a stand is clear in its meaning, but it is more challenging to grasp the meaning of “salt” in this Gospel.

The value of salt in the ancient world is woven into our language; it is the root of the word 'salary.' Salt preserves food. It was valuable to traders and is vital for the cells of our bodies. Ten years ago, Pope Francis drew on the importance of salt as flavour. In the canonisation of Mother Teresa, Pope Francis expressed that “mercy was the 'salt' which gave flavour to her work, it was the 'light' which shone in the darkness of the many who no longer had tears to shed for their poverty and suffering.”

Every week after reading the CAFOD reflection are you inspired and motivated by the work of volunteers and staff bringing their God-given “salt” to the table in working alongside our brothers and sisters facing poverty, injustice and conflict? What flavour and depth is God asking us to put into our work?

PRAYER:

Lord, we thank you for your grace and love, for being the brightest light that shines before us. Search our hearts and send the Holy Spirit to guide us in serving you and our neighbours with love and mercy. 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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8th February 2026 Fifth 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.



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



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.

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 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.

We welcome the family of Aoife Jones who is to be baptised at St John's on Sunday 8 February. May Aoife grow in the peace and love of Christ.

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.

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 1st February Offertory Collection £294.00

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

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.

Veronica James: It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Veronica James on Thursday 22nd January 2026. Her Funeral Service will be held in St. Paul's Church at **11:45am next Friday 13th February** followed by her Committal at Cowpen Crematorium, Blyth. Please do try to attend to pray for the repose of her soul and to support her family following their sad loss.

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.

First Holy Communion Children: The Saturday evening Mass this weekend is to be a Family Mass for the children from both parishes who are participating in the 2025 / 26 Program. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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: 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: Result for 31st January is No 11 - C Ford

Ministry Rota

	7 th February	14 th February
Bidding Prayers	Teresa C	Jacqui H
Welcomers	Julie & Bob M	Russell & Stephanie N
Readers	Julie M & Eddie L (Wed Teresa K)	Cynthia O N & Jacqui H (Wed Julie M)
Eucharistic Ministers	Rob M & Jimmy L	Stephanie N & Barbara B
Coffee	Victoria L & Pamela McG	Joyce & Malcolm G
Counting	Team 2: Maria H & Kathy D	Team 3: Bob, Julie M & Sheila H
Cleaning	Team 4: Julie & Bob M	Team 1: Stephanie N & Barbara W
Bulletin	Peter	Mariela

Theresa Weatherall is now in her new flat and Sheila Hedley is going to send her some flowers. There will be an envelope in the piety if anyone would like to contribute..

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.

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 will 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@diocesehn.org.uk

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Sunderland: Please see the publication from Bishop Stephen regarding the use of the church being reduced to Secular but not unbecoming use due to the amalgamation of 3 parishes into one.

PPC Meetings: Minutes of the meetings held at St. Paul's on 20th January and at St. John's on 25th January have been posted on the respective Notice Boards in church.

St. Bennet Biscop Partnership: A meeting was held on Wednesday at Bedlington where matters on parishes activities, pastoral life and deliberation on various matters of faith life were discussed. On behalf of our parishes Fr. Manoj and Joyce attended the meeting.

Marriage and Family Life: "On Saturday 14 February the diocese celebrates a Marriage and Family Life Mass in St Mary's Cathedral at 12 noon. All are welcome. Full details can be found on the noticeboards."



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 on 18th February** when Ashes will be distributed during the usual 10:00am Mass in St. Paul's church. 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 on w'end 21st/22nd** 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.