

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 28 th		6:00pm Mass Andrew John Convery
Sun 29 th	9:30am Mass Holy Souls	Palm Sunday
Tues 31 st	10:00am Mass Joseph Welton R.I.P	
Wed 1 st April		No Mass or Coffee Morning. Fr Manoj will be at the Chrism Mass
Thu 2 nd	7:00 pm Mass of the Last Supper	10:00am Whole School Mass Maundy Thursday
Fri 3 rd	Good Friday	
	10:00am Stations of the Cross	3:00pm The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Sat 4 th	Holy Saturday	
	8:30pm Easter Vigil	6:00pm Easter Vigil
Sun 5 th	9:30am Mass Maureen Beadling R.I.P	Easter Sunday

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.



Reconciliation Service

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 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.

Details are shown below for anyone who would need to contact Fr. Manoj, for both our parish Websites and Facebook Pages which contain a lot of useful information for all our parishioners. Please do take some time to view these and let Fr. Manoj have your comments and any suggestions you have as to how you think they could be improved by the addition of any useful information.

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29th March 2026
Palm Sunday [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.



Palm Sunday

The final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the re-enactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect.

Palm branches are widely recognised symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday. The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war. A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on the first Easter. During Palm Sunday Mass, palms are distributed to parishioners who carry them in a ritual procession into church. The palms are blessed and many people will fashion them into small crosses or other items of personal devotion. These may be returned to the church, or kept for the year. Because the palms are blessed, they may not be discarded as trash. Instead, they are appropriately gathered at the church and incinerated to create the ashes that will be used in the follow year's Ash Wednesday observance. The colours of the Mass on Palm Sunday are red and white, symbolising the redemption in blood that Christ paid for the world.

Pope Leo XIV's message for March 2026

For disarmament and peace that nations move forward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Pastoral Strategy – Second Discernment Meeting:

In the coming weeks, we will share a summary of the key points and suggestions that emerged from our meetings. Before any final decisions are made and presented to the Deanery, the wider parish community will be invited to offer their own thoughts and reflections. Thank you once again for your continued commitment, prayerful discernment, and dedication to our shared mission.

Daily Reflections for Holy Week: The Diocesan Writing Team has compiled reflections based on the daily Gospels as we travel through Holy Week, beginning on Palm / Passion Sunday and ending with an Easter Sunday reflection by Bishop Stephen. These can be viewed and downloaded via the Lenten Resources on the Home Page of the diocesan website, www.diocesehn.org.uk.

Five First Saturday Devotions:



St. Paul's will again be holding the Five First Saturday Devotions on Saturday 2nd May, 6th June, 4th July, 1st August 2026 and culminating with the final one being held on Saturday 5th September 2026. The proposed Agenda is as follows: 10:00am Adoration / Reconciliation, 11:00am Holy Mass, 11:45am Rosary, 12:15pm Meditation (15mins). We encourage as many parishioners as possible to attend along with anyone else who wishes to come along.

Easter Egg donations: We're looking for donations of Easter Eggs that can be given to those children less fortunate. If anyone is able to donate please bring them along to Church where they will be collected and then delivered, in Holy Week, to the Cramlington Food Bank. If they can be dropped in by Palm Sunday please, your gift will no doubt be very gratefully received.

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, Peter Laggan, Chris Garrett and Maureen Cowan's friend.

Lately dead: Moira O'Fee. Please keep Moira and all the members of her family in your prayers,

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, phone and email) to Fr Manoj or Gerry Killen.

Planned Giving: The 2026-27 Boxes of envelopes are at the back of church, please collect your own (and anyone you know who cannot get to church). Anyone who does not current have a box of envelopes, who would wish to support the parish in this way, please speak to Gerry Killen. For parishioners who contribute by direct debit, there is a small bundle of Special Collection envelopes.

Friday Mass Times: During the dark winter nights, the Friday evening Mass time has been changed to 6pm. There is no evening Mass this Friday 3rd April as the Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord will be in St Paul's.

APPEAL for HELPERS: We are currently two Gardeners missing from our dedicated team. Anyone who is able and could spare a couple of hours (not necessarily every week), please give your contact details to Frank Swindle 07779 425610 (or Gerry Killen). A good way to keep fit while caring for the church grounds.

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 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 22nd March Offertory Collection £401.36

St. Paul's Parish News

Ministry Rota

	28 th March Palm Sunday	Good Friday	Easter Sunday 4 th April
Bidding Prayers	David S		Teresa K
Welcomers	Russell & Stephanie N	Volunteers	Margaret H & Linda T
Readers	Eddie L & Teresa K (Wed Teresa K)	Barbara B & Peter K	1 Gladys H, 2 Teresa K 3 Eddie L, 4 Julie M
Passion. Jesus - Fr. Manoj,	Narrator - Deacon: Speaker – Teresa C	Speaker: Jacqui H	5 Malcolm G, 6 Peter K
Eucharistic Ministers	Rob M & Stephanie N		Barbara B & Teresa C
Coffee	Joyce & Malcolm G		Victoria L & Pamela McG
Counting	Team 4 Margaret B, Meg C & Kathy O'R		Team 5: Stephanie N & Margaret H
Cleaning	Team 3::Stella S & Barbara B		Team 4: Julie & Bob M
Bulletin	Mariela		Mariela

Remember in your prayers: Please pray for Christine Elliott who is going through a very difficult and traumatic time at present, Aidan, Chris Garrett and Glynis Mayes along with any parishioner who are unwell.

Spirituality and Formation Group: The group kindly invites parishioners to their meetings taking place at 7pm, see dates below. All are welcome. We would love to see some new faces. The theme will be 'Faith.' We will begin again after Holy Week on April 21st to finish off our theme.

Bonus Ball: 14th March No. 59 L Turnbull.
200 Club: Lots of spare numbers are still available at £1 / week

Church Flowers: I will be doing the Flowers for Easter on Saturday 4th April. I would be grateful for anyone who wishes to help in any way if they could please join me from 10:00am. Please use the White Door next to the garage at the side of the church. Thank you in advance, Averill.



The Social Group propose to hold a **Tombola Stall** after Mass on **Saturday 11th April**. If anyone has any unused and unopened gifts they want to donate to the stall could they please bring them to church by **4th April**

Joint Parish News

Holy Week Services 2026



Palm Sunday 29th March
 Normal Saturday and Sunday
 Mass times in both parishes.



Good Friday 3rd April
 Stations of the Cross 10am St John's
 The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 3:00pm in St. Paul's



Maundy Thursday 2nd April
 Mass of the Last Supper at 7:00pm in St. John's,



Easter Sunday 5th April
 Vigil Mass at 6:00pm in St. Paul's
 & 8:30pm in St. John's.
 Normal 9:30am Sunday Mass in St. John's

Cramlington Council of Churches Good Friday Walk of Witness: Meeting at 7 Oaks Park opposite Manor Walks Mall at 11:30am then process through the Mall carrying the Crosses to the Hill where the Crosses will be erected. A short service will then be held at the bottom of the Hill before departing.

The Little Sisters of the Poor are grateful for used stamps, old coins foreign coins, broken silver and gold jewellery and medals. They are providing help with much needed funds to help with their work with the elderly. Please leave in the box at the back of St Johns. or the Piety stall at St Paul's.



APF red mission boxes Please empty your contents into a bag with your name and address and leave on St Joseph's altar at St Johns, and the piety stall at St Paul's, anytime.

Fun Quiz Night: Challenge your knowledge and bring a friend to our Quiz Night on Friday 17th April at 7 pm in the Conservatory at the Benedictine Social Club. We hope to see you there!

Job Vacancy – Assistant Cook: An exciting opportunity is available at St Joseph's Care Home (Little Sisters of the Poor, Newcastle) for an Assistant Cook. Hours available: 37.5 hours per week, including evenings and weekends. Please note, sponsorship for this role is not available and applicants must have the right to work in the UK, which will be checked if successful. For more information, please contact St Joseph's Home (Tel No. 0191 2731279).

Please do consider if you can assist in any way to help the construction of a place of prayer and service in Walsingham in the growth of their community.

Mary's House Appeal

Help us to establish a place of prayer and service in Walsingham, our spiritual home. Please support as we raise funds for the purchase of a mission house in Walsingham as our community continues to grow, visit the website to find out more. Any donation you can give is appreciated!



Items for the Bulletin: If you wish to have items go into our weekly Bulletin, 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's Bulletin.