

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 11 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass Bob Lawson / Brendan Colohan RIP
Sun 12 th	9:00 – 9:20am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass John & Ena Duffy R.I.P	Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday
Tues 14 th	10:00am Mass Rose & Ronald Cain R.I.P	
Wed 15 th		10:00am Mass Coffee Morning 10:30am Mary Fenwick RIP
Thu 16 th		10:00am Mass No Mass
Fri 17 th	6:00 – 6:50pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Mass In thanksgiving for the souls of the dying	
Sat 18 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Reconciliation and Exposition 6:00pm Mass Holy Souls
Sun 19 th	9:00 – 9:20am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass Maud Maddison R.I.P	Third Sunday of Easter Misericordia 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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12TH APRIL 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER [A] DIVINE MERCY 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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday becomes especially significant *at this particular time* immediately after Easter because it deepens and completes the meaning of the Resurrection Easter celebrates Christ's victory over sin and death, but Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on *what that victory means for humanity*: the offer of forgiveness, healing, and a new beginning. As taught through Saint Faustina Kowalska and later affirmed by Pope John Paul II, this timing is intentional. It reminds believers that the risen Christ's first gift to the world is mercy not judgment. This is also reflected in the Gospel readings for that Sunday, where Jesus appears to His disciples and brings peace, despite their fear and failure. The message is clear: even after betrayal, doubt, or weakness, God's mercy is still freely given. In today's world, this feast is particularly meaningful because many people experience uncertainty, guilt, conflict, and a sense of brokenness. Divine Mercy Sunday speaks directly to these realities by offering:

- **Hope in difficult times** – no situation is beyond God's compassion
- **Healing and reconciliation** – encouraging confession and spiritual renewal
- **A call to action** – not only to receive mercy, but to show it to others

So, its placement after Easter is not accidental it emphasizes that the Resurrection is not just a past event, but a present invitation to trust in mercy, start again, and live with compassion toward others.

Pope Leo XIV's message for April 2026

Pope Leo's prayer intention for April is for those going through moments of crisis, when loneliness weighs heavily, when doubt clouds their hearts, and when exhaustion seems stronger than hope.

Re-imagining Pastoral Councils Webinar Series

Webinars are from 7-8pm UK time. All past webinars are available from the Diocese webpage.

Past webinars

- Setting the Scene: What's all the fuss about parish councils? With guest speaker Avril Baigent, Director of Pastoral Development, Diocese of Northampton
- The Importance of Relationships and Keeping the Meetings Spiritual. With guest speaker Fr Shaun O'Neill, Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle
- Who does what (and why it matters): Roles, Remit and Recruitment. With guest speaker Sarah Adams, Director for the Department of Adult Education and Evangelisation, Diocese of Clifton.
- The way we work together: culture, constructive behaviours & not being a thorn in one another's side. With guest speaker Danny Curtin, Catholic speaker and facilitator.
- Letting the Holy Spirit Lead and Really Listening with guest speaker Fr Matthew Nunes, Archdiocese of Liverpool.
- Discerning and Casting a Vision that Responds to Local Needs. Guest speaker Jordan Kelly, UK Lead, Divine Renovation.

Future Webinars

- 21st April 2026 Making choices that serve others: Discernment, Decision-making and Decision-taking With guest speaker Austen Ivereigh, Catholic speaker and writer
- 12th May 2026 Disagreeing Well and Conflict Resolution. With guest speaker David Wells, Catholic speaker
- 16th June 2026 Not Forgetting to Celebrate, Evaluate and Give *Thanks*

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

Lately dead: Moira O'Fee. Moira's Requiem Mass will be held at 11am on Tuesday 14th April at Our Lady and St Wilfrid's, Blyth Please keep Moira and all the members of her family in your prayers,

Retiring Collection - A retiring Collection will be taken today (Sunday 12th April 2026) for Sick and Retired Priests. This will remain open until 26th April. Planned Giving Envelopes include a specific envelope for this collection.

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 currently 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.



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.

Change in the Mass timings

Kindly note that the summer schedule will come to effect from Friday 17, 2026 for the Adoration and Mass at St. Johns. Adoration at 6.00 PM / Mass at 7.00 PM

MOST WELCOME TO THE COFFEE MORNING AFTER TODAY'S MASS

Collection: Easter Sunday Offertory Collection £237.00

ST. PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

Ministry Rota

	11 th April	18 th April
Bidding Prayers	Malcolm G	Teresa C
Welcomers	Stella S & Marylyn T	Barbara B & Anne Marie L
Readers	Margaret F & Julie M (Wed Eddie L)	Malcolm G & Gladys H (Wed Sue W)
Eucharistic Ministers	Jimmy L & Teresa K	Meg C & Joyce G
Coffee	Joyce & Malcolm G	Victoria L & Pamela McG
Counting	Team 1: Joe S, Averill R, Betty W	Team 2: Teresa K & Sheila H
Cleaning	Team 1: Stephanie N, Barbara W	Team 2: Teresa C
Bulletin	Peter	Peter

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: 4th April No. 47 D Cocks.
200 Club

1st: 79 – D Cocks; 2nd: 31 – J Mitchell; 3rd: 103 – M Wallace
Lots of spare numbers are still available at £1 / week

JOINT PARISH NEWS

Pastoral Strategy – Today we are sharing a summary of the key points and suggestions that emerged from the previous two joint meetings of the parishes. It is desired that the whole parish community be aware of the final reflections that we will be forwarding to the diocese. Before any final decisions are made and presented to the Deanery, the wider parish community has an opportunity to add on to offer their own thoughts and reflections. We have provided the points along with some of the major questions at the back of the church. You may carry them home and return to the suggestion box on or before Sunday the 19th 2026. Thank you once again for your continued commitment, prayerful discernment, and dedication to our shared mission.

New Liturgical Leaders of Celebrations of the Word and Holy Communion (Lay Leaders) 20 April 2026—1 June 2026

An introductory course which helps new Liturgical Leaders of Celebrations of the Word and Holy Communion to begin learning about this ministry.

The programme consists of six sessions: Please note that participants must attend all sessions to be commissioned.

Venue: St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 7PY.

Dates: **Session 1:** Monday 20 April, 7.00 – 9.00pm.; **Session 2:** Monday 27 April, 7.00 – 9.00pm.; **Session 3:** Monday 11 May, 7.00 – 9.00pm.; **Session 4:** Monday 18 May, 7.00 – 9.00pm.; **Session 5:** Saturday 30 May, 10.00am – 3.00pm*; **Session 6:** Monday 1 June, 7.00 – 9.00pm (to include a Commissioning Service).

*Participants to bring their own packed lunch for the day event – tea and coffee provided. Cost: £30.00 per person

Booking Deadline: Wednesday 8 April 2026

If you would like to participate, please contact your parish priest to discuss with him and then he (or the parish secretary) can complete a registration form on your behalf.

For further information, please email: liturgy.formation@diocesehn.org.uk

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.

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. Entry fee is £3 We hope to see you there!

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 to do so. You will all be most welcome.



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.

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.