

# This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>		5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass <b>Nancy, John &amp; Keith McCarthy R.I.P.</b>
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass <b>Moira &amp; John Page</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 – 9:55am Rosary 10:00am Mass <b>Deceased of St. John's Parish</b>	
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>		10:00am Mass Coffee Morning 10:30am Special Intention (Sue Williams)
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup>		10:00am Mass School Mass Years 1 & 4 <b>Holy Souls</b>
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> May	6:00 – 6:50pm Rosary 7:00pm Mass <b>Private Intention of Ann Webb</b>	
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>		10:00am <b>First Five Saturday Devotion</b> 5:30 – 5:50pm Rosary 6:00pm Mass <b>Peter Holland (TC)</b>
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 – 9:20am Rosary 9:30am Mass <b>Mr J J Bell and deceased family members</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>

**Mass Intentions** - We offer the facility to have Mass celebrated for your own Intention. There are quite a few dates available at St. Paul's with St. John's booked till 15<sup>th</sup> May. 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.

**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.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The scattering of Ashes over an existing grave is not permitted in St John's Graveyard; 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 and then, await written permission before arranging with the Parish approved Gravedigger to prepare the plot.

**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.

**Items for the Bulletin:** If you wish to have items go into our weekly Bulletin, please send them **by 7:00pm on a Wednesday evening** via email to [bulletin@stpauls-rc.co.uk](mailto:bulletin@stpauls-rc.co.uk) otherwise **it may not be included** in the following weekend's Bulletin.

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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**26<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter [A] - Good Shepherd 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.



### Five First Saturday Devotions:

St. Paul's will again be holding the Five First Saturday Devotions commencing next **Saturday 2nd May, then 6<sup>th</sup> June, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 to visit our new Side Chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima.

The First Five Saturday Devotion is based on Our Lady's Fatima Messages to the three small children, Lucia dos Santos, Francisco Marto and Jacinta Marto. In the apparitions which occurred in Fatima, Portugal and commenced on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1917 and continued on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of each consecutive month for the next five months. Part of the Fátima message is that God is asking us to make reparation for the sins of the world. The Angel in 1916 taught the children prayers of reparation and asked them to do penance. The Blessed Virgin also called for prayers and acts of reparation, and, on July 13, 1917, she promised that she would return to request a special kind of reparation. She did this in 1925, appearing to Lucia, now a novice in a Spanish community. "Look, my daughter, at my Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce me every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console me and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

This is a request that is ongoing, and one as needed today, if not more so, than in 1925. It is also one within the reach of every Catholic. And in fulfilling it, we please Our Lord, who like any son is pleased by others coming to the defense of his mother's honour.

**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.

**"Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA):** We are looking for parishioners to join a group to support people who are looking to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church with a view to Easter 2027. Whether you are a cradle Catholic or were received later in life your experience will be invaluable as you journey with them. We are drawing up a programme of meetings to join regularly to share our personal journeys as they discern theirs. Christ will always play a central role as we gather together in our Father's name.

There are four people already who are taking an active part in liturgy at the start of their journey. If you are interested, please speak to Fr Manoj or Deacon Rob Wareing. Let our congregations welcome our new parishioners. Thank you"



**Pastoral Visit by Bishop Stephen Wright:** We are pleased to announce the Pastoral Visit of Bishop Stephen Wright on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May. He will be visiting St. Paul's Church, Cramlington on the evening of Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30 PM, and St. John the Baptist Church, Annitsford 9.00 AM on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May. A pastoral visit is always a special time for us as a parish community to meet and spend time with our Bishop. It offers a valuable opportunity to share in fellowship, listen, and discuss any matters of concern or interest within our parish. We warmly encourage all parishioners to take part in these occasions and make the most of this time with our Bishop.

## St. John's Parish News

**Sick List - remember in your prayers:** Anne Hall, Karen Mackie, Anna Shinwell, Peter Laggan, Chris Garrett

**PLANNED GIVING – 2026/27:** There are a few uncollected boxes at the back of the church, please can you check them, if you live close to anyone, it would be helpful if you could deliver the boxes to them. 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.

**Mass Intentions:** We now have Mass Intentions booked up to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

**Friday Mass Times:** Now that we have lighter nights, Friday night Mass will return to 7pm preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 6.60pm

**Church Cleaning Rota:** The church will be cleaned on the first Saturday of the month. Group B: June, Aug, Oct, Dec  
Group A: 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.**

**Northumberland County Council:** have provisionally planned to alter the Church Drive Entrance (to prevent rainwater flooding the drive) on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May therefore there will be no access to the church drive that day.

**Foodbank:** we have received a letter of thanks for 26.15 Kg of donations to the foodbank delivered 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026. Please continue to support this excellent charity. A copy of the letter is displayed on the noticeboard.

**Parish Council:** There will be a short Parish Council Meeting today (Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April) following the 9.30am Mass.

**Collection:** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April £245.20

## 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, Aidan, Chris Garrett, Glynis Mayes who are unwell and also Alec Evans who is very unwell in hospital.

**Spirituality and Formation Group:** The group kindly invites parishioners to their meetings taking place at 7pm, on April 21<sup>st</sup> to finish off our theme of 'Faith.. All are most welcome to come along to join us.

**Thank You:** Kathleen Don and family would like to thank Fr. Manoj and parishioners for the prayers, cards and texts sent during a very difficult time before and following the death of Peter. Your kind thoughts helped us immensely; may God continue to bless you all.

**Tombola Stall:** Thanks to everyone who supported the stall. We managed to raise £55.80 for parish funds.

**Parish Quiz Night:** This was deemed to be a great success with an enjoyable night being had by all who attended the quiz in the Benedictine Social Club Conservatory on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April.. There were 7 teams who entered the 4 rounds of questions and prizes handed out to the top 3 teams. A profit of £71.00 was raised for parish funds and we hope that further quizzes will be organised in the near future. Grateful thanks goes to the Social Group for organising the event. Watch this space for the future dates for the quizzes.

**PPC Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 6:30pm. If there are any issues you wish to be discussed, please ensure they are handed in to Fr. Manoj by Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

**Rota List:** A new list has been drawn up covering 25<sup>th</sup> April – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026, A copy has been sent out via email and is also on both Notice Boards, and in the Piety Stall. Please check and if you are unable to fulfil your Ministry let Peter Killen know so alternative arrangements can be arranged.

**Bonus Ball:** 18<sup>th</sup> April Number 48 P Quinnin

### Ministry Rota

	25 <sup>th</sup> April	2 <sup>nd</sup> May
<b>Bidding Prayers</b>	Jacqui H	David S
<b>Welcomers</b>	Meg C & Barbara W	Julie & Bob M
<b>Readers</b>	Peter K & Jacqui H (Wed Patrick C)	Julie M & Eddie L (Wed Teresa C0)
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Teresa K & Christine E	Terri R & Linda T
<b>Coffee</b>	Joyce & Malcolm G	Victoria L & Pamela McG
<b>Counting</b>	Team 3: Bob, Julie M & Sheila H	Team 4: Maureen B, Meg C & Kathy O'R
<b>Cleaning</b>	Team 3: Stella S & Barbara B	Team 4: Stella S & Barbara B
<b>Bulletin</b>	Peter	Peter

## Joint Parish News

**Fr Manoj:** On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April Fr Manoj will be celebrating 27 years of his Ordination to the Priesthood. We thank God for his ordination, pray for his good health and thank him for all his efforts in serving both St John's and St Paul's Parishes.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Sunday, 26 April:** Bishop Stephen invites us all to pray for vocations this Sunday. Please pray particularly for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Please pray every day that people will respond to the Lord's call to serve Him in ordained and consecrated life. They are intimate adventures in God's love. In our parishes and churches and schools and chaplaincies, please offer regular time in prayer for vocations. Pope Leo encourages us to offer time for Eucharistic adoration and to meditate faithfully on the Word of God. Prayer leads to vocations. This is not a last resort; it is the essential first resort. For more information, prayer resources, and for enquiries please contact: [vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk) [vocationspriest@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:vocationspriest@diocesehn.org.uk) [vocationsdeacons@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:vocationsdeacons@diocesehn.org.uk)

**Pastoral Strategy - Message from Bishop Stephen:** Thank you to all parishes who have completed and returned their reflections as part of our diocesan pastoral strategy. I, together with others, look forward to reading and praying through your discernments in the Spirit. We next move to a second phase as we invite local parishes to discern together in their partnerships, or with others in their neighbouring area. Information and updates will be shared on our website. Please keep this discernment in your prayers as we seek to respond to the Lord's call to worship Him and serve our communities in a flourishing and sustainable manner. The returns have been submitted to the Diocese for both parishes and copies are available on both of the parish Websites. Should anyone who is unable to access the Websites and requires a copy please speak with Fr. Manoj.



**Feast of Our Lady of Fatima:** You are warmly invited to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Of Fatima on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026 in St. Paul's Church, Cramlington. Please do join us as we come together in prayer and devotion to honour Our Lady. The Celebration will commence with reciting the Rosary at 9:30am followed by Holy Mass at 10:00am. This is a special opportunity for our communities to gather together in faith, seek Our Lady's intercession and to grow spiritually together. All are most welcome to come along. We look forward to sharing this meaningful celebration with you all.

**Mother Mary's Floral Devotion – May 2026:** During the month of May, we warmly invite all parishioners to take part in a special Floral Devotion to Our Blessed Mother. You are welcome to offer flowers in honour of Mother Mary for your dear ones, or for any personal intentions. These floral offerings will be displayed throughout the month of May as a sign of love and devotion. A Holy Mass will also be celebrated for all the intentions entrusted through these offerings. The cost for each floral offering is £5, and all contributions will go towards the upkeep of the parish. If you would like to participate, please contact the parish office or place your request with the parish team. Let us come together in prayer and devotion to Mother Mary during this special month.

**Little Sisters of the Poor Appeal:** A special collection will be held this weekend of **25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> April** for St Joseph's Home, Little Sisters of the Poor, Newcastle. The collection will assist in the replacement of some specialised bathing units and also ongoing general refurbishment of the Home. If you are able to help, donations can be sent by cheque, payable to Little Sisters of the Poor, to: St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Alternatively, secure online donations can be made by visiting: [www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/](http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/) No gift is too small. Every act of kindness helps to ensure that residents continue to receive the care, dignity, and love they so deeply deserve. Thank you.

**Sick & Retired Priests Collection:** This will remain open until 26th April. Those with Planned Giving Envelopes will find a specific envelope in their box.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi:** Led by Bishop Stephen. 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2027. £1725 per person. Places are limited to 50 pilgrims and will be allocated on a first come first served basis with payment of the deposit securing your place. The itinerary and booking details can be found on the diocesan website [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) or alternatively via the parish office.

Claire Ford, the mother of Rebecca Ford who you will know as an altar server for many years, has advised me that her dad, Alec Evans, is poorly in hospital having had a stroke. Please remember him, Claire and family in your prayers.

**New Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training:** This involves some input and opportunities to reflect upon our understanding of the gift of Holy Communion and the call to serve. Part of the programme allows future extraordinary ministers to practise in person essential aspects of this ministry and then be commissioned. Those who train to be new Extraordinary Ministers can follow one of two pathways: a) In person - gatherings of two evenings (2 hours each) and a day (4.5 hours including a lunch break). This will lead to a commissioning at the end of the day session. or b) a mixed programme of three online sessions (1.5 hours each and an "in person" day session (4.5 hours including a lunch break). This will lead to a commissioning at the end of the day session. Alternative dates are provided for the day session. Please see the information leaflets on the Notice Boards for full details of the dates and venues.