

# This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	
	<b>8:30pm Easter Vigil</b>	6:00pm <b>Easter Vigil</b>
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 – 9:20am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass <b>Maureen Beadling R.I.P</b>	<b>Resurrection Sunday</b>
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Mass <b>John Gray R.I.P</b>	
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>		10:00am Mass <b>Coffee Morning 10:30am</b> <b>Theo Holden R.I.P.</b>
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup>		10:00am Mass <b>Holy Souls</b>
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 – 5:50pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass <b>Richard &amp; Mary Tadesco R.I.P</b>	
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>		5:30 – 5:50pm <b>Reconciliation and Exposition</b> 6:00pm Ma <b>Brendan Colohan R.I.P.</b> <b>&amp; Bob Lawson R.I.P.</b>
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 – 9:20am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass <b>John &amp; Ena Duffy R.I.P</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>

**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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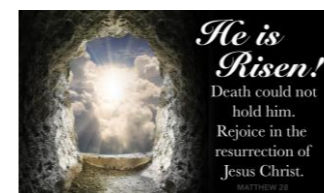
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**5<sup>th</sup> April 2026 Easter Sunday [A]**

### 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.



### Resurrection Sunday

Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is celebrated on Sunday, and marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, the last day of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year.

As we know from the Gospels, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day following his crucifixion, which would be Sunday. His resurrection marks the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead. Since Easter represents the fulfilment of God's promises to mankind, it is the most important holiday on the Christian calendar. In the Gospels, the precise details of the Easter narrative vary slightly, but none of these variances are critical to the main story. In fact, it is argued that the variances are simply matters of style and not substance. Despite the variances, the key aspects of the Easter story all match. Above all, they agree that the tomb of Christ was indeed empty, which is the most essential fact. In ancient times Mary Magdalene was given the name "apostola apostolorum" ("the apostle to the apostles"), because she is the first to see the Empty Tomb, just as she will be the first to meet the Risen Christ himself (in the subsequent verses of John's Gospel). On both accounts she is the one to tell the apostles what she has witnessed. Having told Peter and John about the tomb she is, for the moment, side-lined in what happens next. The two disciples go racing to the tomb and, on entering, both came to belief: John, "saw and believed," while both now began to understand about how the Scriptures say that Jesus, "must rise from the dead." The whole of St John's Gospel revolves around "belief", "life" and "love", as we have seen in previous extracts given us over the last few weeks. They act like a mantra, a meditation, which now comes to its climax.

### 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,

**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.

**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 29th March Offertory Collection £333.90

## St. Paul's Parish News

### Ministry Rota

	<u>Easter Vigil 4<sup>th</sup> April</u>	<u>11<sup>th</sup> April</u>
<b>Bidding Prayers</b>	Teresa K	Terry C
<b>Welcomers</b>	Margaret H & Linda T	Barbara B & Anne Marie L
<b>Readers</b>	1 Gladys H, 2 Teresa K 3 Eddie L, 4 Julie M 5 Malcolm G, 6 Peter K	Terry C & Teresa K (Wed Sue W)
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Barbara B & Teresa C	Rob M & Stephanie N
<b>Coffee</b>	Victoria L & Pamela McG	Victoria L & Pamela McG
<b>Counting</b>	Team 5: Stephanie N & Margaret H	Team 1: Joe S, Averill R, Betty W
<b>Cleaning</b>	Team 4: Julie & Bob M	Team 1: Stephanie N, Barbara W
<b>Bulletin</b>	Mariela	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 21<sup>st</sup> to finish off our theme.

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



The **Social Group** are holding a **Tombola Stall** after Mass on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April**. If anyone has any unused and unopened gifts they want to donate to the stall could they please bring them to church **by 4<sup>th</sup> April**. **Thank you.**

## Joint Parish News

**Grateful Thanks:** I wish to pass on my thanks to everyone involved in our Liturgical Celebrations during the Lent / Easter Triduum. To all in both our parishes who attended the various services, those who organised the Stations of the Cross, the Flower Arrangements, the Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Welcomers, Cleaners, Music arrangements, our two Deacons, those who ensured everyone was present to fulfil their Ministries. Without your dedication the running of the services in both our parishes would not have gone as smoothly and with such reverence. Please do continue in your Ministries to help both our parishes operate well.



### Five First Saturday Devotions:

**St. Paul's will again be holding the Five First Saturday Devotions on Saturday 2nd May, 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**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.

**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.

**Fun Quiz Night:** Challenge your knowledge and bring a friend to our Quiz Night on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7 pm in the Conservatory at the Benedictine Social Club. Entry fee is £3 We hope to see you there!

### 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](mailto:liturgy.formation@diocesehn.org.uk)



**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).

**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](mailto:bulletin@stpauls-rc.co.uk) **by 7:00pm on a Wednesday evening** otherwise **it may not be included** the following weekend's Bulletin.