

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 16 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Rosary 6:00pm Mass Parishioners Floral Devotion Intentions
Sun 17 th	9:00 – 9:20am Rosary 9:30am Mass John Donoghue R.I.P & Private Intention of Teresa Brannigan	Seventh Sunday of Easter
Tue 19 th	9:30 – 9:55am Rosary 10:00am Mass Doreen & George Bell R.I.P.	
Wed 20 th		9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass Coffee 10:30am Parishioners Floral Devotion Intentions
Thu 21 st	Day of Prayer to end Abortion and Euthanasia	10:00am Mass School Mass Year 6 Parishioners Floral Devotion Intentions
Fri 22 nd	6:30 – 7:00pm Rosary 7:00pm Mass Private Intention A Todd.	
Sat 23 rd		5:30 – 5:50pm Rosary 6:00pm Mass Parishioners Floral Devotion Intentions
Sun 24 th	9:00 – 9:20am Rosary 9:30am Mass John Bennet-Gray R.I.P.	Pentecost Sunday

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 15th 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. **Thank you.**

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.



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.

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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Pastoral Strategy: There will be a meeting of the Benet Biscop Parish Partnership on Wednesday 20th May at 7:00pm at St. Bede's, Bedlington where the agenda is set by the need to complete the round of diocesan discernment now that the centre has received parish returns. The task is to synthesise the priorities identified across our Partnership parishes to form a putative plan of action over the next twelve months in furtherance of that synthesis. The deadline for this piece of work has now been extended from June 4 to July 15

Items for the Bulletin: If you wish to have items go into our weekly Bulletin, please send them **by 7:00pm Wednesday evening** via email to the addresses shown below 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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17th May 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter [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.



Pope Leo XIV's message for May 2026:



That everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Glorify the Father through the Son.

The 7th Sunday of Easter Year A comes between the Ascension of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It is a time when the Church remembers what it means to wait on God's promise. The readings show the disciples gathered in prayer, holding on to hope for what is to come.

In Acts, we see the apostles with Mary, and other followers staying together in Jerusalem. They are united, patient, and ready for the mission ahead. The unity of this Group reveals the early Church's reliance on prayer and fellowship. In Acts, such gatherings often precede major movements of the Spirit. On the 7th Sunday of Easter Year A, this reading reminds us that mission starts with faithful waiting and shared trust.

In the second reading, we are reminded that following Jesus can bring trials, but it also brings joy and hope. The theme in the First Letter of Saint Peter is Sharing in Christ's



Suffering. First Peter offers hope to believers facing trials. Here, suffering is seen as a way of joining in Christ's own experience, which will lead to joy when His glory is revealed. The letter often urges steadfast faith despite hardship, emphasizing that such endurance is part of the Christian calling. The passage also calls believers to live openly for Christ, even under persecution. On the 7th Sunday of Easter Year A, it aligns with the theme of trusting God while awaiting His work.

The Gospel shares the prayer of Jesus for His friends, asking the Father to keep them safe and united. It invites us to reflect on our own faith while we wait for God to act. It is a call to trust, to pray, and to stay close to others who share the same hope. It reminds believers to trust in God while they wait. It shows the importance of prayer, unity, and staying faithful in hard times. Prayer is an important part of faith, helping us grow closer to God. The 7th Sunday of Easter Year A shows the disciples gathered in prayer as they wait for the Holy Spirit. This reminds us that prayer is not just asking for things but also listening to God. Today's Gospel shows Jesus praying for His followers, asking God to keep them united. This teaches us that prayer is also about community and caring for others. Whether we pray alone, with family, or in a group, prayer strengthens our faith and connects us to God's will. Using different types of prayer can help us stay focused on Him and follow Jesus' example.



Bishop Stephen would like to pass on his thanks for the kind hospitality over the past weekend during his pastoral visit. He expressed that it was lovely to meet all the parishioners, and would like to extend his thanks to the Parishes' Council members for their generous sharing and the offering.

St. John's Parish News

Sick List - remember in your prayers: Baby Toby, Anne Hall, Karen Mackie, Anna Shinwell, & Chris Garrett.

Lately Dead: Peter Laggan [Funeral on 2nd June @ 10:00am] and Sheila Aston [Funeral on 27th May @ 10:00am]

PLANNED GIVING – 2026/27: Anyone who does not support the parish in this way but may wish to do so, please speak to Gerry Killen.

Mass Intentions: We now have Mass Intentions booked up to 31st May 2026.

Friday Mass Times: Now that we have lighter nights, Friday night Mass has returned to 7pm preceded by the Rosary being recited at 6:30pm during the month of May.

Northumberland County Council: have provisionally planned to alter the Church Drive Entrance (to prevent rainwater flooding the drive) on Monday 18th May therefore there will be no access to the church drive that day.



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.

Presbytery Roof: Works have started to replace the presbytery roof; scaffolding has been erected reducing the parking space available. **Please will all drivers park with consideration, leaving space for as many cars as possible.**



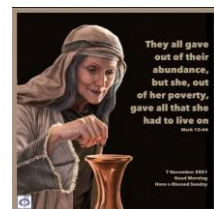
Appeal for Helpers: We are currently two Gardeners missing from our dedicated team. Anyone who is able and could spare a couple of hours (not necessarily every week), please give your contact details to Frank Swindle 07779 425610 (or Gerry Killen). A good way to keep fit while caring for the church grounds.



Church Cleaning Rota: We are looking for parishioners to volunteer to join the Cleaning Groups. If you can help, please give your name to Barbara Wareing. The church will be cleaned on the first Saturday of each month.

Group B: June, August, October & December.

Group A: July, September & November.



Collection: Little Sisters of the Poor **£927.50** an additional **£168** will be claimed from the completed Gift Aid declarations. Many thanks for all your generous donations. This has been sent to the Little Sisters.

Weekly Collection: Sunday 3rd May £409.60

St. Paul's Parish News

Remember in your prayers: Please pray for parishioners who are going through a very difficult time at present, Aidan, Chris Garrett, Glynis Mayes who are unwell and also Alec Evans who is very unwell in hospital.

Kath & Ken Ash have now moved on to pastures new in Killingworth after having spent around 50 years as parishioners here at St. Paul's. They would like to invite you to share a cup of tea / coffee, a piece of cake, to say a fond farewell and to thank you all for your love and support over the many years. Watch this space for the forthcoming date!



200 Club: Result for the last Draw is - 1st No 10 P Battersby; 2nd No 63 J George; 3rd No 26 V Lambert.

Bonus Ball: 9th May Number 5 – G Wilkins



Bidding Prayers
Welcomers
Readers
Coffee
Counting
Cleaning
Bulletin

16th May

Malcolm G
Margaret H & Linda T
Teresa C & Margaret F (Wed Julie M)
Victoria L & Pamela McG
Team 1: Joe S, Averill R & Betty W
Team 1: Stephanie N & Barbara W
Mariela

Ministry Rota

23rd May

Teresa C
Stella S & Marylyn T
Gladys H & Malcolm G (Wed Sue W)
Joyce & Malcolm G
Team 2 : Teresa K & Sheila H
Team 2: Teresa C
Peter K

Joint Parish News



A Retiring Collection will be taken this weekend Saturday 16th / Sunday 17th May to support World Communication Day. An envelope is available in all Gift Aid packs previously distributed.



2026 Marriage Preparation Days: The Diocese have dates for couples who are to be married to attend either in person or on-line. Please see the leaflet on the Notice Boards for further information.



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.



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"



Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi: Led by Bishop Stephen. 22nd – 29th 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 or alternatively via the parish office.



Stella Maris Holy Island Pilgrimage: Saturday 6th June 2026 – Prayers on the Green @ 12 noon; Mass @ 3:00pm. Safe Crossing times Sat 9:45am-6:00pm. See Notice Board for more information.



SVP Camp – Holy Island: Calling all young adults 18+. Do you have a week to spare to spend on Lindisfarne this Summer helping out at the Holy Island SVP Camp? Volunteers are needed to work alongside the children who stay in the SVP purpose-built centre on the island. Weeks, 3, 5 and 6 of the Summer have 60 children ready to have a great time rock pooling, walking, arts and crafting and enjoying outdoor activities but we need more helpers to ensure they have the best time! Week 3 Sat 1st August - 8th August;

Week 5 Sat 15th August - 22nd August: Week 6 Sat 22nd - 29th August

If you are interested have a look at the website <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/ozanam-camp> or email Barbara Taws on her email address barbarat@svp.org.uk **All helpers receive training and will need to be DBS checked.**



The Diocesan Church Music Association (DCMA) are holding a Day of Reflection, open to all our parishes on Saturday 27 June 2026 at Ushaw College, Durham. **Music Matters - A Day of Reflection for Musicians.** The DCMA invite all parish musicians to a day of reflection on the role of the liturgy and music in the Mass at the beautiful setting of Ushaw College, Durham, DH7 7DW. The day will be an opportunity to reflect the liturgy and the role of music in the Mass, and will be an opportunity to meet fellow musicians from across the Diocese. The day will be led by Fr Adrian Dixon (Diocesan Liturgy team), Philip Robinson (Diocesan Choir) and Alison McLean (DCMA). There is a £7.50 charge for the day, to book a place please email dcma@diocesehn.org.uk



On Thursday 21st May please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting contact The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740, or via www.goodcounselnetwork.com. "And the people of Ninevah believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least...God saw their efforts to renounce their evil ways. And God relented about the disaster which He had threatened to bring on them, and He did not bring it." (Jonah 3:5,10)



Five First Saturday Devotions:

St. Paul's began holding the Five First Saturday Devotions which commenced on Saturday 2nd May, and will continue on 6th June, 4th July, 1st August and will culminate with the final one being held on Saturday 5th September 2026.

The 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.