

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 2 nd		10:00am First Five Saturday Devotion 5:30 – 5:55pm Rosary 6:00pm Mass Peter Holland R.I.P. Kevin Robson R.I.P. Joseph R.I.P.
Sun 3 rd	9:00 – 9:20am Rosary 9:30am Mass Mr J J Bell and deceased family members	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Tue 5 th	9:30 – 9:55am Rosary 10:00am Mass Eddie & Patricia Cryan R.I.P. & Frank & Grace Mailey R.I.P.	
Wed 6 th		10:00am Mass Coffee Morning 10:30am Intention of Sr, Mary Michael
Thu 7 th		10:00am Mass School Mass Year 2 Michael Edward R.I.P.
Fri 8 th	6:30 – 7:00pm Rosary 7:00pm Mass Joseph Welton R.I.P.	
Sat 9 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Rosary 6:00pm Mass Pastoral Visit
Sun 10 th	9:00 – 9:20am Rosary Pastoral Visit 9:30am Mass Frank & Catherine Marshall and deceased family members.	Sixth Sunday of Easter

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.



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.

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.

Items for the Bulletin: If you wish to have items go into our weekly Bulletin, please send them **by 7:00pm on a Wed'day evening** via email to 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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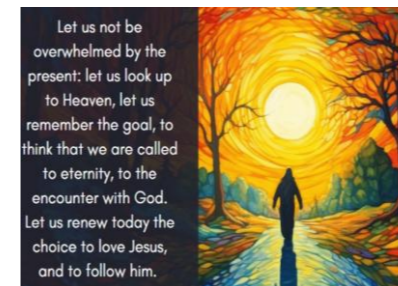
3rd May 2026

Fifth 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.



5th Sunday of Easter - Trusting the Way of Jesus.

The 5th Sunday of Easter, Year A, brings words of comfort and hope from Jesus. He tells His friends not to be afraid. He reminds them that He is the way, the truth, and the life. These words point us to the promise of being with Him forever.

The first reading shows the early Church learning how to care for its people. Leaders are chosen to serve so that the apostles can keep teaching and praying. This shows the value of working together and using our gifts for the good of others. The second reading calls us living stones, built on Christ the

cornerstone. We belong to God and are called to share His light.

The Gospel ties it all together, showing us the path to the Father through Jesus. On the 5th Sunday of Easter Year A, we remember that following Him leads us home. We are challenged to trust Jesus even when the path is unclear and to look for ways to serve others in our daily life through our action and care for those in need. Can we, this week, do one simple act of service for someone, especially someone who might be overlooked.

Verse to Remember: "I am the way and the truth and the life." (John 14:6)



Pastoral Visit by Bishop Stephen Wright:

We are pleased to announce the Pastoral Visit of Bishop Stephen Wright next weekend, 9th and 10th May. He will be visiting St. Paul's Church, Cramlington on the evening of Saturday 9th May at 5.30pm when the Rosary will be recited prior to our 6:00pm Mass which will be presided over by Bishop Stephen. After Mass there will be Tea / Coffee and refreshments when parishioners will have the opportunity to meet and interact with Bishop Stephen.

On Sunday 10th May he will visit St. John the Baptist Church, Annitsford 9.00 AM when the Rosary will be recited prior to our 9:30am Mass which will be presided over by Bishop Stephen. We will have a Coffee Morning with the Bishop from 10:30am-11:15am giving parishioners an opportunity to meet and interact with Bishop Stephen. At 11:15am there will be a Joint Meeting with Parish Council members of both St. Paul's and St. John's. At 12noon the Bishop will be taken out for lunch. 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 two parishes.

"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"

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.

St. John's Parish News

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

Lately Dead: It is with deep sadness we report the death of Peter Laggan on Friday evening. Peter was one of the dedicated gardeners who cared for St John's grounds. Please keep Peter, his wife Margaret and all his family in your prayers. **RIP Peter.**

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 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.

Mass Intentions: We now have Mass Intentions booked up to 15th May 2026.

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

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 20th 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.

Collection: Sunday 26th April £287.66

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.

PPC Meeting: Was held on Tuesday 28th April. Copies of the minutes have now been posted on the Notice Board.

Bonus Ball: 25th April Number 23 P Battersby.

Ministry Rota

	2 nd May	9 th May
Bidding Prayers	David S	Teresa K
Welcomers	Julie & Bob M	Stephanie & Russell N
Readers	Julie M & Eddie L [Wed Teresa C]	Cynthia O N & Peter K [Wed Peter K]
Eucharistic Ministers	Terri R & Linda T	Jimmy L & Rob M
Coffee	Victoria L & Pamela McG	Joyce & Malcolm G
Counting	Team 4: Maureen 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	Peter	Mariela

Joint Parish News

Lecture at Holy Name, Jesmond: From Francis to Leo: the Catholic Church in a Change of Era' - When Pope Francis died a year ago, the Cardinals elected a Pope who would continue and deepen his reform, which they said was key to evangelizing today's world. This is what Francis and now Leo call "the change of era" -- a new apostolic age. In his lecture at the Holy Name Church, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 3JX on Saturday 16 May at 11am, Pope Francis biographer and noted Catholic journalist and commentator, Dr Austen Ivereigh explains the nature of the Francis-Leo transition, how the Church is being called to change its way of operating, and why it matters for the future of faith in these islands. All are welcome, there is no charge and no booking is necessary.



Feast of Our Lady of Fatima: You are warmly invited to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Of Fatima on Wednesday 13th 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.

Little Sisters of the Poor Appeal: A special collection will now be held this weekend of **2nd / 3rd May at St. Paul's** for St Joseph's Home, Little Sisters of the Poor, Newcastle. The collection remains open at St. John's this weekend.. All donations will go to assist in the replacement of some specialised bathing units and also ongoing general refurbishment of the Home. If possible please use the envelopes handed out last weekend. If you are able to help in other ways, 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/ 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.

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.**

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.

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.

Diocesan 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.



Five First Saturday Devotions:

St. Paul's began holding the Five First Saturday Devotions which commenced this Saturday 2nd May, and will continue on 6th June, 4th July, 1st August and culminating 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.

National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse 2026: takes place on Tuesday 5th May 2026. The theme for this year's Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse looks at the scourge of domestic abuse which causes pain and fear that prevent its victims from living the life Jesus came to bring. The subject of Domestic Abuse was discussed in the recent Clergy training sessions. How to raise awareness of domestic abuse issues and how to make our churches feel like safe places for victims and survivors of abuse were topics that were covered. The decision to make domestic abuse the theme of this years National Day of Prayer for Survivors, presents an excellent opportunity for us all to support and reassure victims and survivors of domestic abuse in our communities and beyond.