

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 30 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Rosary 6:00pm Mass People of the parish
Sun 31 st	9:00 – 9:20am Rosary 9:30am Mass Ray Smith R.I.P.	The Most Holy Trinity
Tue 2 nd	10:00am Funeral Service and Burial of Peter Laggan	
Wed 3 rd		10:00am School Mass Year 4 Coffee 10:30am
Thu 4 th		10:00am Mass
Fri 5 th	6:00 – 7:00pm Exposition 7:00pm Mass Mary Foster & deceased members of Marshall family.	
Sat 6 th		10:00am – 12:30pm First Five Saturday Devotion 5:30 – 5:50pm Exposition 6:00pm Mass
Sun 7 th	9:00 – 9:20am Exposition 9:30am Mass Jean & Hughie Hall R.I.P.	10:00am Mass First Holy Communion Celebration The Body and Blood of Christ

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 9th June. 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

Parish Partnership Meeting: Following the meeting of the Parish Partnership held on Wednesday, 20 May, at St. Bede's Church to discuss the initial submissions presented by the various parishes within our Partnership where Mrs Joyce G. and Fr Manoj represented our parish communities. Following the points and observations from all the parishes having been collated, they have been presented to the parish communities so that everyone will have a clearer understanding of the thoughts and recommendations being taken forward to deanery level as part of our discernment process. On receipt these will be posted on the Notice Boards in both of our parishes. Please speak with Fr. Manoj if you require a personal copy. Next meeting on 3rd June at 7:00pm in Bedlington.

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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31st May 2026 The Most Holy Trinity (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.



This weekend, the Church celebrates The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity which is celebrated on the Sunday after Pentecost. It honours the central mystery of the Christian faith: that there is one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, consubstantial and coeternal, distinct in their relations of origin and one in nature, will, and operation (CCC 232-260).

Trinity Sunday is the climax of the season that began at Easter: the redemptive work of the Son sent by the Father has been completed in the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost, and the Church now contemplates the Triune God who has revealed himself in salvation history. Every liturgical action begins and ends with the Trinitarian formula (Matthew 28:19), and every blessing, sacrament, and prayer is offered to the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit.



DID YOU KNOW? – Receiving Holy Communion Reverently

Catholics are asked to fast from food and drink (except water) for one hour before receiving Holy Communion and to be properly disposed spiritually. When approaching for Holy Communion, bow your head as a sign of reverence. You may receive the Sacred Host either on the tongue or in the hand. The minister will say, "The Body of Christ," and the correct response is "Amen." Consume the Host immediately. If you receive Holy Communion in the hand, please always remember to place the Host (the Body of

Christ), into your mouth before you move away from the Minister. If receiving from the chalice, the minister will say, "The Blood of Christ," and again you respond, "Amen." Take a small sip and carefully return the chalice to the minister.

Please note that intinction (dipping the Host into the chalice yourself) is not permitted in the Catholic Church. This is because Holy Communion should always be received from the minister, and there is also a risk of spilling the Precious Blood. Even Deacons will have to receive the body and blood of Jesus directly from the minister [No intinction by them]. Receiving Communion under both species in both our parishes (Host and Chalice) are possible only when sufficient Eucharistic Ministers are available and willing to undertake the reverent cleansing of the chalices after Mass. Remember: whether receiving the Host alone or from the Chalice, you receive the full presence of Christ; Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.



Next weekend we celebrate the Feast of **The Body and Blood of Christ [Corpus Christi]**.

There will be an additional Mass celebrated at 10:00am in St. Paul's church where some of our children will receive Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We encourage as many parishioners as possible to attend this celebration to help support the children and their families as they take this important step in the growth of their faith.

St. John's Parish News



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

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



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. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on Friday coming, 5th June.



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, don't take up 2 spaces, 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.**



The Retiring Collection taken last Sunday 24th May to Support the Lay Training Fund will remain open until 14th June. For those who support the parish by Planned Giving, there is an envelope in the Planned Giving envelope boxes. Thank you.

St. Paul's Parish News



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



Bonus Ball: 16th May Number 20 – G Wilkins. 23rd May Number 35 C Ferguson

Collections for March 2026: Standing Orders £1253 – Offertory £596.79 – Easter Offerings £386.53. If you do not use our Planned Giving Scheme, or Gift Aid your donations, please speak with Sheila Hedley who will give you all the information should you wish to further assist your parish finances.

There will be no-one available at Mass on 6th June to collect Bonus Ball / 200 Club monies. Please try and ensure you are up to date with your payments by this weekend. Thank You.

Ministry Rota

	30 th May	6 th June
Bidding Prayers	Jacqui H	David S
Welcomers	Barbara B & Volunteer	Meg C & Barbara W
Readers	Jacqui H & Peter K (Wed Patrick C)	Barbara B & Teresa K (Wed Teresa C)
Coffee	Victoria L & Pamela McG	Joyce & Malcolm G
Counting	Team 3: Bob M, Julie M & Sheila H	Team 4: Maureen B, Meg C & Kathy O'R
Cleaning	Team 3: Stella S & Barbara B	Team 4 :Julie & Bob M
Bulletin	Peter K	Mariela



Are you able to help in any of the Ministries to help your parish run more effectively, especially as a Welcomer? If so, can you please speak to Peter Killen on 07948 403341. Thank you.

Joint Parish News



Five First Saturday Devotions:

The second of the Five First Saturday Devotions which commenced on Saturday 2nd May will continue next 6th June led by Fr. Stephen Watson. They will continue on 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.



If you are a trained Doctor or Nurse, we would be very grateful if you would be willing to offer your services as a volunteer when attending Mass to assist if a medical situation occurs in church. If you feel able to assist us in volunteering for this very important role please give your name and contact details to Fr. Manoj. ASAP. Thank you!

Holy Communion: Dear Parishioners, It is with great joy that I invite you to join our parish family in celebrating the First Holy Communion of 10 children from our parishes. These special celebrations will take place:

- Sunday, 7th June 2026 at 10.00 AM at St. Paul's Church Cramlington
- Sunday, 14th June 2026 at 10.00 AM at St. John the Baptists Church Annitsford

On these blessed days, our children will receive Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist for the very first time in their lives. This is a sacred and joyful moment not only for the children and their families, but also for our whole parish community. I kindly ask you to keep all our children and their families in your prayers during these days of preparation and celebration. Your prayers, presence, and encouragement are a beautiful witness of faith and love. I sincerely hope and pray that you will do your best to join in their joy by being present at these Masses as one parish family. Your participation will make these celebrations even more meaningful for our young communicants. May God bless our children abundantly as they take this important step in their journey of faith.



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

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.

Pilgrimage to Fatima: 8–15 September 2027

The World Apostolate of Fatima is organising a national pilgrimage to Fatima and is currently inviting expressions of interest. Travel for pilgrims from our diocese is planned direct from Newcastle Airport to Lisbon with easyJet, with accommodation at the Domus Pacis, just a short walk from the Sanctuary of Sanctuary of Fátima. The organisers hope to keep costs as low as possible. Further details regarding the itinerary and final costs will be available once numbers are confirmed. To register your interest, please contact Fr Manoj by 30 June 2026.



Pope Leo XIV's First Encyclical: Pope Leo XIV has published his first encyclical, titled *Magnifica Humanitas* ("Magnificent Humanity"), on 25 May 2026. The document focuses on safeguarding human dignity in the age of artificial intelligence and reflects the Church's concern for the ethical use of modern technology. The encyclical draws inspiration from *Rerum Novarum*, the landmark social teaching document issued by Pope Leo XIII in 1891 during the Industrial Revolution. In a similar spirit, Pope Leo XIV addresses the challenges posed today by rapid technological developments, especially artificial intelligence, and their impact on human dignity, work, justice, and peace. Through this important teaching document, the Holy Father invites the faithful and the wider world to ensure that technological progress always serves humanity and upholds the values of compassion, truth, and the common good. **The full document can be viewed on both of our parish websites.**

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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"