

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 20 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass David T White R.I.P.
Sun 21 st	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass David Carr & Canon Alan McLean R.I.P.	12th Sunday of the Year (A)
Tue 23 rd	10:00am Mass Peter Laggan R.I.P.	
Wed 24 th	The Nativity of John the Baptist	NO MASS Coffee Morning 10:00am
Thu 25 th		NO MASS
Fri 26 th	6:00 – 7:00pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Mass Deceased members of Donoghue families	
Sat 27 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass Deceased members of Welsh family
Sun 28 th	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass Christopher Maddison R.I.P.	Feast of Saints Peter & Paul (A)

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 30th 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.

New to the Parish: If you are new to either parish please complete a "New to the parish" form available at the back of both churches, or via both parish Websites. You will then be able to receive important updates of parish activities etc. and an email copy of the weekly Bulletin.

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 for each individual parish otherwise **they may not be included** in the following weekend Bulletin.

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.

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 program 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 so our congregations can welcome our new parishioners. Thank you.

Little Sisters of the Poor Fundraising Night: 50s & 60s night at St Joseph's Home, Newcastle. Live entertainment, Licensed bar, Bingo. 7pm next Saturday 4th July 2026. Tickets £7 from 0191 273 1279. All proceeds to St Joseph's Home



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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21st June 2026

Twelfth Sunday of the Year (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 June 2026: For the values of sports - Let us pray that sports can be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



Five First Saturday Devotions:

The third of the five Saturdays will be held on 4th July with the reflection led by Fr. Manoj. They will conclude 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 can also visit our new Our Lady of Fatima Side Chapel.

Father's Day Blessings As we celebrate Father's Day, we offer our heartfelt prayers and best wishes to all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, and those who lovingly fulfil a father's role in the lives of others. Today we give thanks for the gift of fathers and for their love, sacrifice, guidance, and dedication to their families. Through their care and example, they help to nurture faith, hope, and compassion in the hearts of their children and communities. We remember with gratitude fathers who are no longer with us, entrusting them to the loving mercy of God. We also pray for those who find this day difficult, asking the Lord to grant them comfort, strength, and peace. May St. Joseph, the faithful guardian of the Holy Family, inspire and protect all fathers. May God bless them abundantly today and always. **Happy Father's Day!**

Twelfth Sunday Year (A). "Fear no one!"

If that feels challenging to us when we have a comfortable chair and food to spare, what about the rest of our neighbours on this planet? The World Inequality Report tells us that if the world population were 100 people, 50 would share 2% of the world's wealth; 40 would live on 23%; and the 10 most privileged (most of us) would enjoy 75% of it. Asking why puts us in the company of Jeremiah, who heard the mutterings of priests and others who wanted to shut him up. Jeremiaiah was troublesome and terribly inconvenient. He exposed and publicly denounced Israel's unfaithfulness, warning that it was leading to their destruction. Their solution? **Get rid of him!** Amazingly, Jeremiah proclaimed that the Lord was with him. It came only after he tried to wriggle out of his vocation by protesting that he was too young, complaining that no one would listen to him and, finally, accusing God of seducing him (Jeremiah 1:6-7, 6:10-11, 20:7-8). Jeremiah proclaimed that God would rescue the life of the poor from the power of the wicked. Eighty years passed before that prophecy began to be fulfilled. Jeremiah's style of faith and hope is a recurring scriptural theme. We call it hope because as we understand from Jeremiah, God does not parachute in to solve everything. God shares this hope with us, and God's hope is that we will follow the Spirit's inspiration to resolve the world's hopelessness.

Pope Leo XIV is standing up like Jeremiah. With a gentle prophetic voice, he has called the church to pray for people who still do not recognise the urgency of caring for our common home." Sounding more like Jeremiah, he has warned that we are growing accustomed to and indifferent toward violence. *In April*, he censured those who "turn a blind eye to the fact that billions of dollars are spent on killing and devastation, yet the resources needed for healing, education and restoration are nowhere to be found." He warns about becoming indifferent "to the deaths of thousands of people." In *Magnifica Humanitas*, Leo calls us to build "a new spiritual, ethical and political framework" and to disarm technology that "threatens to normalize an anti-human vision." It's no surprise that politicians, pundits and even some of his fellow Catholics find him inconvenient. Leo calls all of us who have food to spare to act on the Gospel before we destroy ourselves and our world.

Of whom, or what, should we really be afraid?

St. John's Parish News



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



PLANNED GIVING Gift Aid 26/27:

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 3rd July 2026.

Friday Mass Times: have returned to 7:00pm proceeded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6:00pm until 6:55pm

Presbytery Roof – Works are ongoing to replace the presbytery roof; scaffolding has been erected reducing the parking spaces 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.

We are also looking for Temporary Helpers to assist with preparing and caring for the Altar flowers. If you are willing to help please speak with Kathleen Harrison, tele: 07541 345110.



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: August, October & December. Group A: July, September & November.



Red Mission Boxes: mission box money can be left at any time. Please empty your box into a bag with your name and address and leave in the basket on St Joseph's altar. Your receipt will be ready for the following Sunday with your magazine.

Children's Liturgy: Will resume in St. John's this Sunday following the First Communion Masses in St. Paul's & St. John's.



Finances: Sunday 14th June - £369.91
Second collection this weekend will be taken for the Day for Life Fund.

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 who is in hospital.



Bonus Ball:

13th June Number 44 – G. Wilkins
The National Lottery now have 2 Draws. For our Bonus Ball Draw we will be using Round 1 for our Bonus Ball number.

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.



Summer Raffle: Tickets for our annual Summer Raffle are now on sale. **Please do take and buy tickets** to help raise funds for our parish. As usual **we would be very grateful for your donations of Spirits and Wine bottles as raffle prizes.** These can be handed in to the Piety Stall. Thank you in anticipation.

Ministry Rota

20th June

Bidding Prayers Malcolm G
Welcomers Russell & Stephanie N
Readers Peter K & Cynthia O (Wed Teresa K)
Coffee Joyce & Malcolm G
Counters Team 1: Joe S, Averill R & Betty W
Cleaning Team 2: Teresa C
Bulletin Peter K

27th June

Bidding Prayers Teresa C
Welcomers Margaret H & Linda T
Readers Teresa C & Margaret F (Wed Julie M)
Coffee Victoria L & Pamela McG
Counters Team 2: Teresa K & Sheila H
Cleaning Team 3: Stella S & Barbara B
Bulletin Peter K

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

2nd collection this w'end for the Day for Life Fund.

Joint Parish News

PLEASE NOTE: As Fr. Manoj will be away for two days next week there will be NO MASS celebrated next Wed 24th, or Thurs 25th June. Coffee Morning will be at 10:00am on Wednesday



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 should a medical situation occur in church. If you feel you are able to assist us in volunteering for this very important role in either of our parishes, please give your name and contact details to Fr. Manoj. ASAP. 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 email Barbara Taws on her email address barbarat@svp.org.uk or have a look at the website <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/ozanam-camp>. **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.

A Note of Gratitude We give heartfelt thanks to God for the beautiful celebrations of First Holy Communion in both our parishes. It was a joyful occasion as our children received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time, surrounded by the love and support of our parish communities. We extend our sincere gratitude to our catechists for their dedication, commitment, and careful preparation of the children throughout their journey of faith. We also thank Deacon Rob for his encouragement and support.

Our appreciation goes to the social groups of both parishes, the parish secretaries, and all who worked behind the scenes to help make these celebrations so special and memorable. We are also grateful to the staff of SS Peter and Paul School for their support and partnership in preparing the children.

A special thank you is extended to all parishioners who faithfully prayed for the children and their families during this important milestone in their faith journey. Finally, we thank the parents, grandparents, godparents, and all family members whose love, guidance, and example have helped nurture the faith of these young people. May God bless our First Holy Communion children and their families, and may they continue to grow in faith, hope, and love throughout their lives.

Feast of Saints Peter and Paul:

Normally the feast is held on the 29th June and is a Holy Day of Obligation, but because this year it falls on a Monday, it will be celebrated next Sunday 28th June. The Church celebrates the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, two of the greatest apostles and pillars of the Christian faith and though very different in personality and background, both men answered Christ's call with generosity and courage, becoming powerful witnesses to the Gospel. Saint Peter, the fisherman from Galilee, was chosen by Jesus to lead the Church. Despite his human weaknesses, including his denial of Jesus during the Passion, Peter repented and remained faithful, eventually giving his life for Christ in Rome. Saint Paul, once a persecutor of Christians, experienced a profound conversion on the road to Damascus. He became the great missionary to the Gentiles, travelling widely to proclaim the Good News and writing many of the letters found in the New Testament.

The feast reminds us that God works through ordinary people, transforming their lives and using their unique gifts for His mission. As we honour Saints Peter and Paul, let us pray for the Church, for our Holy Father, and for the grace to be faithful disciples of Christ in our own time.

Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us.

Weekly Bulletin: In an attempt to save on parish expenditure, and to be more environmentally friendly, we are asking parishioners, where possible, to access the Bulletin via either parish Websites, get an email copy (name and email address to Gerry or Peter Killen) or via St. Paul's WhatsApp Group Chat which can be accessed via Peter Killen..

The Day for Life under the theme "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb" will be marked this Sunday 21st June this year. The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. The bishops' message and prayers can be found on the Day for Life website: www.dayforlife.org. **The second collection this weekend will go towards the Day for Life Fund**, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also donate online via the Day for Life website." For those who support their parish by Planned Giving there is an envelope in the Planned Giving Envelope Box. Thank you.

Stop assisted suicide being brought back

Assisted suicide campaigners are trying to bring back the Leadbeater Bill. Not Dead Yet UK has launched a simple tool to help you email your MP about the risks this Bill poses to people with disabilities. Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today using the tool here: <http://action.notdeadyetuk.org/>

Stella Maris: (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is seeking one volunteer from each parish please to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 11/12 July this year) in our parishes. This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of each Mass that weekend. If you can kindly do this, please let Fr. Manoj know and contact roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org

Joint Parish News

Saints Peter & Paul School:

We, at Ss Peter and Paul's Catholic Primary School in Cramlington, are delighted to offer school places in a number of year groups, from September 2026. If you would like to make an appointment for a tour of our school, please contact us, call 01670 716343 or e-mail at office@ss-peterandpauls.co.uk.

Available spaces are as follows:

Reception & Year 1 - FULL:

Year 2 - 8 spaces; Year 3 - 3 spaces;
Year 4 - 1 space; Year 5 - 5 spaces
Year 6 - 3 spaces.

ST BENET BISCOP PARTNERSHIP: Diocesan Pastoral Strategy

The draft of the Diocesan Pastoral Strategy for our partnership is now ready for circulation ahead of its final submission. This document is the result of several meetings during which reports from parishes across the partnership were gathered and considered, helping to identify the key challenges currently facing our communities. We offer our sincere thanks to Michael Q, Partnership Chair, and to all stakeholders who have contributed to this careful and demanding process. The draft will be made available on our parish websites, and a small number of printed copies will also be placed at the back of the church. If you would like a copy, please contact the parish priest.