

# This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>		5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass <b>Deceased members of Welsh family</b>
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass <b>Christopher Maddison R.I.P.</b>	<b>Feast of Saints Peter &amp; Paul (A)</b>
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Mass <b>Ethel Brannigan R.I.P.</b>	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>		10:00am Mass Coffee Morning 10:30am <b>Kieran McIntyre R.I.P.</b>
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup>		10:00am Mass
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:00 – 7:00pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Mass <b>Holy Souls</b>	
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>		5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass <b>Paul Battersby R.I.P.</b> <b>Bob Lawson R.I.P.</b>
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass <b>Bob Connor R.I.P.</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (A)</b>

**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 5<sup>th</sup> July. 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### St. Paul's Parish, Cramlington

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Website: [www.stpauls-rc.co.uk](http://www.stpauls-rc.co.uk) YouTube: [www.youtube.com/c/StPaulsRCChurchCramlington](http://www.youtube.com/c/StPaulsRCChurchCramlington)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/stpaulscramlington](https://www.facebook.com/groups/stpaulscramlington)

### St. John the Baptist Parish House, Annitsford, Cramlington, NE23 7QR: Tele 01670 712476

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Website: <https://stjohnbaptist-rc.uk> YouTube: [www.youtube.com/c/StJohnTheBaptistChurchAnnitsford](http://www.youtube.com/c/StJohnTheBaptistChurchAnnitsford)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/StJohnTheBaptistAnnitsford](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnTheBaptistAnnitsford)



St. John the Baptist RC Church & St. Paul's RC Church  
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## 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### Feast of Saints Peter and Paul (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.**

### Saints Peter and Paul:

Peter, named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas which means 'Rock,'. He was the first to recognise that Jesus was "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death. He also made many mistakes such as losing faith when walking on water with Christ and betraying the Lord on the night of His passion. Yet despite his human weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God's flock. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith. He spent his last years in Rome and was martyred in the year 64, crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord. He was buried on Vatican Hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb. St. Paul, the Apostle of the Gentiles, with his letters in the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church. He was Saul, a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. As he travelled along the road, he was surrounded by a great light from heaven, blinded and fell off his horse. He heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" answering: "Who are you, Lord?" Christ said: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptised and his sight restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world. He was imprisoned, taken to Rome, and beheaded in the year 67. He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labours, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith."



### Five First Saturday Devotions:

The third of the five Saturdays will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> July with the reflection led by Fr. Manoj. They will conclude with the final one being held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Reflection for the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul:**  
**"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."**

It is significant that Peter's acknowledgement of Jesus as the Christ, which comes immediately before the commission quoted here, was in response to Jesus' question, "who do you say I am?" (Matthew 16:15). We all have a calling from God – sometimes we have multiple callings within the complex fabric of our lives. Any calling we do receive comes as God's response to our personal engagement with who Jesus is for us, not for anybody else. Where is our giftedness most apparent? At the Mass of Inauguration of his Petrine Ministry a year ago, Pope Leo XIV said that "the ministry of Peter is distinguished precisely by self-sacrificing love". In a world "that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalises the poorest", he called the Church to be a leaven of unity, communion and fraternity. The Pope's words give an indication of what he thinks the "gates of hell" might concretely represent in our world today, guiding us in our individual callings. How do we practically care for those who are poor and for the environment? How are we a leaven of unity, communion and fraternity? How is our action self-sacrificing? I do not find these questions easy to answer, but that is the point. Lord, guide us as we meditate on our calling to be better disciples, and help us to identify the space where our deepest hungers meet the hunger of the world. Amen.

## St. John's Parish News



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



### Planned Giving - Gift Aid 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 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026.

**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 pleasespeak 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.

**Drainage:** We are in receipt of a quotation of £24,906.24 to replace the existing Cesspit with a modern sewage treatment plant. Discussions are ongoing with the Contractor/Diocese/Local Authority. We have been advised that the process of Approval and Installation could take a few months.



**A retiring Collection will be taken today for "Peter's Pence". Envelopes are in the Planned Giving Boxes for those who support the parish this way.**

**Finances:** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June - £492.03

## 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:** 20<sup>th</sup> 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 no.

**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 Parish Summer Raffle are now on sale with the Raffle being drawn next Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Please do take and buy tickets** to help raise funds for the running of our parish and **return them by next Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July** so they can be folded ready for the draw. 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

27<sup>th</sup> 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

4<sup>th</sup> July

**Bidding Prayers** Jacqui H  
**Welcomers** Stella S & Marylyn  
**Readers** Malcolm G Gladys H (Wed Eddie L)  
**Coffee** Joyce & Malcolm G  
**Counters** Team 3: Bob & Julie M, Sheila H  
**Cleaning** Team 4: Julie & Bob M  
**Bulletin** Mariela



**Are you able to help in any of the above Ministries? If so please speak to Peter Killen on 07948 403341.**

## Joint Parish News



**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!**

**Moor Farm Roundabout:** National Highways have a consultation document available online at <https://nationalhighways.citizenspace.com/he/a19-moor-farm-junction-options-consultation/> with your response to be received no later than 11:59pm on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2026. The documents can be viewed at Cramlington Hub and John Willie Sams Centre (dates and times available on the poster in the Church Porch, please also see attachment with electronically distributed email). Plans of the two options are available in the hall today. It is IMPORTANT that you submit your opinion.



**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 1<sup>st</sup> August - 8<sup>th</sup> August; Week 5 Sat 15<sup>th</sup> August - 22<sup>nd</sup> August; Week 6 Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> August. If you are interested email Barbara Taws on her email address [barbarat@svp.org.uk](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org)

**Peace in our world:** Please pray for peace in all the war torn regions of our world, especially in Ukraine and the Middle East, that those in authority may be guided by the Holy Spirit to end the violence so that all peoples may be able to live in peace and harmony together following just settlements for all.

### Feast of Saints Peter and Paul:

Normally the feast is held on the 29<sup>th</sup> June and is a Holy Day of Obligation, but because this year it falls on a Monday, it will be celebrated this Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Attendance at the Vigil / Sunday Mass will fulfil your obligation to attend Mass to celebrate this Feast Day.

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..

**Youth Justice Volunteer:** Are you passionate about helping young people make positive changes and giving back to your community? Northumberland Youth Justice Service is looking for dedicated volunteers to join our **Youth Justice Panels** and help support young people to understand the impact of their actions, make amends, and build a brighter future. Help young people make positive changes, reduce reoffending, and build brighter futures in Northumberland. We're looking for compassionate, reliable volunteers aged 18+ who can listen, communicate effectively, support young people, and maintain confidentiality. You will gain valuable restorative justice experience, receive training and ongoing support, develop new skills, and be part of a team helping to improve community safety across Northumberland. To find out more information or to apply please visit - <https://thriving-together-northumberland.goassemble.com/opportunities/116573-ncc-youth-justice-volunteer-2026-05-28>

**Advance Notification:**

**Voices in Tune CIC**  
presents  
**Cramlington Community Choir**



**A Summer Concert**  
**Songs We Like To Sing**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2026**  
**2:30 pm (Doors open at 2:00 pm)**  
**4:30 pm (Doors open at 4:00 pm)**

**St. Paul's RC Church**  
**Dewley, Cramlington, NE23 6EF**

**Tickets free: suggested donation of £5.00**



**Cramlington Community Choir**

**Tea / Coffee available after both performances**

**Please see Marylyn Turton for your tickets or contact her on 07388 417073**

## 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](mailto: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.**

### 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/>

### 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.