

# This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>		10:00am – 12:30pm <b>First Five Saturday Devotion</b> 5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass <b>Jean &amp; Hughie Hall R.I.P.</b>	10:00am Mass <b>First Holy Communion Celebration</b> <b>The Body and Blood of Christ</b>
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Mass <b>Private Intention Teresa Brannigan</b>	
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>		10:00am Mass <b>Coffee 10:30am</b>
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup>		10:00am <b>School Mass Year 5</b>
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 – 7:00pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Mass <b>Private Intention (JL)</b>	<b>The Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>		5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Mass <b>1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Celebration</b> <b>Children &amp; families of F H Communicants</b>	<b>11<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 30<sup>th</sup> 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:** was held last Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7:00pm in Bedlington. Minutes of the meeting will be displayed on both Parish Notice Boards when made available.

**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'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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7<sup>th</sup> June 2026

## The Body and Blood of Christ [Corpus Christi] (A)

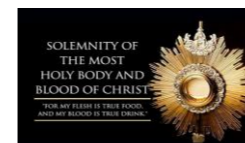
### Sacred Silence Please

*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 be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.**



### This 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.

**The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is also known as Corpus Christi,** which translates from Latin to "Body of Christ." This feast originated in France in the mid-thirteenth century and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264. This feast is celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday. While Holy Thursday recalls Christ's institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, Corpus Christi gives Catholics a joyful opportunity to honour our Eucharistic Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This includes public devotion apart from Mass. The Church celebrates Corpus Christi to profess and adore our Eucharistic Lord. Jesus is truly present body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Eucharist. The Feast of Corpus Christi calls us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist and the Church. The primary purpose of this feast is to focus our attention on the Eucharist. The opening prayer at Mass calls our attention to Jesus' suffering and death and our worship of Him, especially in the Eucharist. At every Mass our attention is called to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. The secondary focus of this feast is upon the Body of Christ as it is present in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his disciples. He expresses this in the gospels by using the metaphor of a body in which He is the head. This image helps keep in focus both the unity and the diversity of the Church.

The Feast of Corpus Christi acts as a sign of common faith and adoration. Our worship of Jesus in His Body and Blood calls us to offer to God our Father a pledge of undivided love and an offering of ourselves to the service of others. Additionally, it affirms the Church's teaching on transubstantiation and invites the faithful into deeper Eucharistic devotion.



### 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.

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

**Friday Mass Times:** has returned to 7:00pm preceded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6:00pm until 6:55pm

**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** to Support the Lay Training Fund will remain open until 14<sup>th</sup> June. For those who support the parish by Planned Giving, there is an envelope in the

Planned Giving envelope boxes. Thank you.



**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.

**Thanks to Councillor Paul Ezhilchelvan** for funding the work at the church drive entrance from his Councillor's budget.

**Children's Liturgy:** These will not be held in St. John's on Sundays 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> June due to the First Communion Masses in St. Paul's (7<sup>th</sup>) and St. John's (14<sup>th</sup>).

**The Coffee Morning** at St John's will not take place this **Sunday 7 June** but is to be moved to the following **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June on the day of the First Holy Communions.**

A celebration cake will be provided for the children but parishioners are invited to join them as a community event for cake and refreshments **after the 10:00am Mass - please note the amended time of Mass.**

**Finances:** April Collections **£1269.13** Easter Offerings **£327.00** Holy Places **£78.10**; NBF **£70.70**; Little Sisters Appeal **£99.80**

## 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:** 30<sup>th</sup> May Number 33 S Fletcher

**200 Club:** 1<sup>st</sup> No 56 J Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> No 73 G Hanson  
3<sup>rd</sup> No 74 J Espie

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.**



**Summer Raffle:** Tickets for our annual Parish Summer Raffle will go on sale from this weekend. Please do take and buy tickets to help raise funds for the running of 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

**6<sup>th</sup> June**

**Bidding Prayers** David S  
**Welcomers** Meg C & Barbara W  
**Readers** Barbara B & Teresa K (Wed Teresa C)  
**Coffee** Joyce & Malcolm G  
**Counters** Team 4: Maureen B, Meg C & Kathy O'R  
**Cleaning** Team 4: Julie & Bob M  
**Bulletin** Mariela



**13<sup>th</sup> June**

**Bidding Prayers** Teresa K  
**Welcomers** Julie & Bob M  
**Readers** Eddie L & Julie M (Wed Peter K)  
**Coffee** Victoria L & Pamela McG  
**Counters** Team 5: Stephanie N & Margaret H  
**Cleaning** Team 1: Stephanie N & Barbara W  
**Bulletin** Mariela

**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.**

### Diocesan Property Trustee Vacancy:

**Role:** Property Trustee. **Description:** The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a Trustee with property skills and experience. Chaired by the Bishop, The Board of Trustees provides leadership and determines the overall strategic direction of the organisation. Individuals with significant property, estates management and acquisitions experience and knowledge of charity law relating to land are encouraged to visit the Diocesan Website to download the role descriptor and application form.

**Closing Date:** 26 June 2026. **How to apply:** Please visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/diocesan-trustee/>

## Joint Parish News

### Five First Saturday Devotions:

The second of the Five First Saturday Devotions which commenced on Saturday 2nd May, was held on 6<sup>th</sup> June, being led by Fr. Stephen Watson. They will continue on 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



**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 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](mailto: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.**



**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.

**Little Sisters of the Poor Fundraising Night:** 50s and 60s night at St Joseph's Home, Newcastle. Live entertainment, Licensed bar, bingo. 7pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026. Tickets £7 from 0191 273 1279. All proceeds to St Joseph's Home