

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 11 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass John Collins R.I.P.
Sun 12 th	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass Sea Farers	15th Sunday of the Year (A)
Tue 14 th	10:00am Mass World Peace	
Wed 15 th		10:00am Mass Coffee Morning 10:30am Dorothea & John Cunningham R.I.P.
Thu 16 th		10:00am Mass Whole School - Leavers Mass
Fri 17 th	6:00 – 6:55pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Service of Word and Communion	
Sat 18 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass John Collins R.I.P.
Sun 19 th	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass Deceased members of parish	16th Sunday of the Year (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 up to 12th 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.

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. Thanks in advance

Reconciliation Service
Facilities to attend Reconciliation is available prior to every daily Mass. You can also request Reconciliation at your convenience with Fr. Manoj at a prior agreed time.

Venezuela Earthquake Appeal: As part of the UK Disasters Emergency Committee, CAFOD is launching the [Venezuela Earthquake Appeal](#) to raise vital funds for communities affected by the devastating earthquakes in Venezuela. They are already working with trusted Church partners in Venezuela who are the first responders and are working closely alongside communities and Church leaders. They have allocated £100,000 from CAFOD funds to help provide emergency water, food and hygiene kits to people affected. You can help our neighbours affected by the 24 June earthquakes with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives. PLEASE Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030. Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers.

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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12th July 2026 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) [SEA SUNDAY]

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 July 2026:
For respect for human life – Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year (A). Theme: Discern God's Word

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in Matthew's Gospel. Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the Sower, which appears rather straightforward. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil. Jesus then explains his use of parables and seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. We must reflect in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way the parable models the point of the Sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit. To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the Sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the way each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
26th July 2026

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: will be celebrated this year on Sunday 26th July, the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus with the theme "I will never forget you" chosen by Pope Leo.

It is a momentous achievement being Grandparents and for the Elderly, and we hope it reassures them that they are loved and that they are needed. It reminds us that God's unwavering love is the ultimate answer to the isolation and neglect so often experienced by the elderly. It brings comfort and hope, assuring us that the Lord knows each of us personally, forgets no one, and loves us unconditionally, even through the frailties of old age. Since its creation in 2021, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly has grown into a cherished tradition that teaches our communities to truly value the elderly, not through occasional gestures, but as a permanent, central part of our lives. This celebration helps us appreciate older generations as vital keepers of our history, witnesses to our faith, and teachers for our lives. This year, we want to place a special emphasis on closeness to others. We ask communities to reach out directly to those who live alone, are staying in care homes, or have no visitors. Let this Day be a tangible opportunity for everyone, especially young people, to spend time with their grandparents, the elderly in their families, and most importantly, those who are completely isolated. The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is a beautiful highlight, a privileged moment of the Church's broader ongoing pastoral care towards our older brothers and sisters, and is not designed to replace the continuous, rich pastoral life that must animate Christian communities throughout the year. The true spirit of the prophet's words comes alive in our ordinary daily routines — through weekly visits, patient listening, and shared prayer.



Five First Saturday Devotions:

The fourth of the five Saturdays will be held on 1st August and they will conclude with the final one being held on Saturday 5th September 2026.

The agenda is as follows:

10:am 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.

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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.

Presbytery Roof: Works are now completed. If the scaffolding or skip has not been removed, please will all drivers park with consideration (don't take up two spaces), leaving space for as many cars as possible until these are removed.



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.

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.

Discernment: Three reports are available on the Parish Website www.stjohnbaptist-rc.uk in the section Hexham & Newcastle Pastoral Strategy. **READ ME** is the Parish Return, **READ ME A** gives the Full Diocesan Pastoral Strategy completed on behalf of the St Benet Biscop Partnership which has been sent to the Deanery for their consultation and comments before submission to the Bishop, then **READ ME B** is a one page scenario detailing Mass Locations with the reducing number of priests. **Please note: this is a consultation document to be discussed by the Deanery Clergy. Please give your comments, preferably in writing, to Fr Manoj.**

Finances: Sunday 5th July £361.00

Wedding at St John the Baptist:

Saturday 11th July 2026 between Gabrielle Fisher and Owen Mulgrew. We wish this couple a long and blessed marriage.

Baptisms at St John the Baptist:

Sunday 12th July: Euan Kindley (after Mass)
Sunday 19th July: 11:00am - Lewis Bullerwell
1:00pm - Adelaide Pilton

We welcome these three children as they come into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

A Retiring Collection will be taken this weekend, Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th July to support the work of "The Apostleship of the Sea" (Sea Sunday), Parishioners with Planned Giving Envelopes will find an envelope in their box of envelopes.

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Remember in your prayers: Please pray for Christine Elliott, Aidan, Chris Garrett, Glynis Mayes who are unwell, also Alec Evans who is in hospital.

Ministry Rota

11th July

Bidding Prayers David S
Welcomers Barbara B & volunteer
Readers Peter K & Jacqui H (Wed Sue W)
Coffee Victoria L & Pamela McG
Counters Team 4: Maureen B, Meg C, Kathy O'R
Cleaning Team 1: Stephanie N & Barbara W
Bulletin Mariela

18th July

Bidding Prayers Teresa K
Welcomers Meg C & Barbara W
Readers Teresa K & Barbara B (Wed Patrick)
Coffee Malcolm & Joyce G
Counters Team 5: Stephanie N & Margaret H
Cleaning Team 2: Teresa C
Bulletin Peter

Parish Pastoral Council – Volunteers Needed: We currently have **at least two vacancies** on the St Paul's Parish Pastoral Council and warmly invite parishioners to consider serving in this important ministry. If you would like to put your name forward, simply submit your name and arrange for someone to nominate you **before the end of August**. The Parish Pastoral Council usually meets **four to six times a year** to discuss matters relating to the spiritual life of the parish, social and fundraising activities, finance, and maintenance. Council members also help to carry forward agreed actions between meetings for the benefit of our parish community. If there are more nominations than available positions, some current members may step down to make way for new members. However, it is unlikely that a ballot will be required on this occasion. Please prayerfully consider whether you are being called to serve in this way. Your time, ideas, and commitment can make a valuable contribution to the life of our parish.

A Heartfelt Thank You to Andrew Clark: We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Andrew Clark for his dedicated service as Chair of Finance. His faithful stewardship, thoughtful leadership, and commitment have been a tremendous blessing to our church. Andrew's careful oversight and willingness to serve have helped ensure the responsible management of our financial resources, enabling our ministry to continue its work with confidence. Please join us in thanking Andrew for the time, energy, and expertise he has generously shared in this important role. We are deeply grateful for his service and wish him God's continued blessings in all that lies ahead.

Thank You to Pamela M and Teresa K: We extend our heartfelt thanks to Teresa and Pamela as they step down from the Parish Pastoral Council after many years of dedicated service. Their faithful commitment, generous sharing of time and talents, and thoughtful contribution to the life and mission of our parish have been greatly appreciated. Through their wisdom, care, and willingness to serve, they have helped guide and support our parish community in countless ways. We are sincerely grateful for their long-standing membership on the Council and thank them for all they have done. Please join us in expressing our appreciation and praying that God will continue to bless Andrew, Teresa and Pamela in the years ahead.



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Thank You for a Successful Summer Raffle:

A sincere thank you to **Teresa R** and **Teresa K** for their hard work and dedication in organizing this year's Summer Raffle. We are also deeply grateful to everyone who generously donated prizes and to all who supported the raffle by purchasing tickets. Your generosity and enthusiasm have made it a wonderful success. Thanks to your combined efforts, an impressive **£400** has been raised for the Church Fund. This achievement reflects the generosity and spirit of our parish community. We sincerely appreciate the time, effort, and commitment of everyone involved. Thank you for helping to support the life and mission of our parish.

Recent works done: Tress around the church have been shaped and pruned at the cost of £ 600.

Pending works: Church outer roofing and front portion repairs and maintenance.

Volunteers: We are also in need of people to volunteer for a variety of Ministry roles Are you able to help in any of the Ministries shown in the Rota list shown opposite? We need more volunteers to act as Welcomers by welcoming people into church, handing out Hymn Books and Bulletins on a Saturday evening, along with the various other ministries. If you can help please speak to Peter Killen on 07948 403341.

Minute of the Finance Meeting & Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting: Minutes of both meetings are made available at the back of the church for the reference of the parishioners. Kindly go through the same and make a note to us if there is any matter in it which needs considerations.

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Bible Appeal – SS Peter and Paul Academy."

A sample copy of the Bible has been made available at the back of the church for you to view. Thank you for your kindness, your prayers, and your continued support of our school. Your generosity will help place the Word of God into the hands and hearts of our children for many years to come.

Stella Maris: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is this weekend, 12th July, and it is when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in the collection this weekend, by texting SEA to 70460 to donate £5. or by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

Moor Farm Roundabout:

[https://nationalhighways.citizenspace.com/he/a19-moor-farm-
junction-options-consultation/](https://nationalhighways.citizenspace.com/he/a19-moor-farm-junction-options-consultation/) is where National Highways consultation document is available to view. Your response to be received no later than 11:59pm on 28th 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 St. John's Church Hall today. It is IMPORTANT that you submit your opinion.

Please continue to pray for peace in our world today, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine.

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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!

Afternoon Tea: Both parishes are invited to an Afternoon Tea Party being held in St John's Church Garden on Saturday 25th July from 2 pm onwards. Tickets are £10 adults, £5.00 for children and are available from the Social Group and Fr Manoj or you can ring Linda Turnbull on 07751802799. We hope you'll come along and join in the fun.

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 of our parish Websites, get an email copy (name and email address to Gerry or Peter Killen please) or via St. Paul's WhatsApp Group Chat which can be accessed after your name and mobile number has been given to 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>

New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: The Diocese is offering a **Liturgical Formation Course** for those who wish to become **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**. Existing ministers are also welcome to attend as a refresher. The course combines **three online evening sessions** with **one in-person formation day**. To be commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, participants must attend **all three online sessions** and **one** of the in-person sessions.

Online Sessions (7.00pm–8.30pm)
Tuesday 15th September: Tuesday 22nd Sept: Tuesday 29th Sept
In-Person Session (choose one)

Saturday 3rd October, 10.30am–3.00pm at Holy Rosary Church, Sidlaw Road, Billingham, TS23 2EP **Saturday 10th October**, 10.30am–3.00pm at St Hilda's Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY.

If you feel called to serve our parish in this important ministry, or would like to find out more, please speak to Fr. Manoj.

Let us thank God for all the staff at Saint Peter & Paul's Academy for their dedication, praying that they and all the children will have a lovely summer holiday break.