

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 25 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass John Collins R.I.P.
Sun 26 th	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass Joseph Welton R.I.P.	17th Sunday of the Year (A)
Tue 28 th	10:00am Mass A sick person	
Wed 29 th	12:45pm Funeral of Kathleen Wood R.I.P.	10:00am Mass Coffee Morning 10:30am Holy Souls
Thu 30 th		10:00am Mass Special Intention (SW)
Fri 31 st	6:00 – 6:55pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Mass	
Sat 1 st		10:00am – 12:30pm Five Saturday Devotion 5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass
Sun 2 nd	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass	18th 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 28th 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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St. John the Baptist RC Church & St. Paul's RC Church
Annitsford
Cramlington
NE23 7QR

Dewley
Cramlington
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Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle – St. Benet Biscop Partnership, Northumberland

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26th July 2026 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (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 July,
For respect for human life –
Let us pray for the respect and
protection of human life in all its
stages, recognising it as God's gift.**



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
26th July 2026

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly:

will be celebrated this 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. This worldwide celebration in the Universal Church shows it is a momentous achievement being Grandparents and / or the Elderly. 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 it 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.



GOD GIVES SOLOMON A WISE AND UNDERSTANDING HEART

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time The treasure of God's wisdom.

On the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, the readings help us see what is truly valuable. They remind us that wisdom, faith, and God's kingdom are worth more than anything else we could ever own. These gifts bring life, joy, and strength when we seek them with open hearts. In the First Reading, Solomon shows us what it means to ask for the right thing. Instead of power or wealth, he asks God for wisdom to guide his people well. God is pleased with his request and grants him understanding greater than anyone before or after. In the Second Reading God works for good in the lives of those who love Him. He calls people, makes them right with Him, and gives them glory. He shapes them to be like His Son. The Gospel continues this theme as Jesus tells three short stories. The kingdom of heaven is like a hidden treasure or a rare pearl—so valuable that people give up everything to have it. It is also like a fishing net that catches all kinds of fish. In the end, good and bad will be separated. Jesus says wise teachers use both old and new lessons and He tells us that when we see its worth, nothing else compares. On this the 17th Sunday we are reminded to seek what lasts forever, not what fades away and that God's wisdom and kingdom are more valuable than anything else. Those who seek them will find true purpose and lasting joy.



Five First Saturday Devotions:

The fourth of the five Saturdays will be held next Saturday 1st August, led by Fr. Stephen Watson, and they will then conclude with the final one being held on Saturday 5th September 2026.

The Schedule 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.

St. John's Parish News



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

Lately Dead: Kathleen Wood R.I.P. Kathleen's funeral will be held at St John's at 12:45 on 29th July 2026 followed by interment at Dudley Cemetery at 2pm. Please pray for Kathleen and all her family.



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 at a cost of £27,512.00 and the skip removed although some scaffolding remains. Please park with consideration, not taking up 2 spaces



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 both of the Parish Websites www.stjohnbaptist-rc.uk and www.stpauls-rc.co.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: Collection for 19th July £290.73.

St John's Children's Liturgy: There will be no Children's Liturgy over the Summer holiday. We will start again on Sunday 6th September 2026 at 9.30am Mass. Have a great holiday and we look forward to seeing you back there"

St. Paul's Parish News



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

25th July

Bidding Prayers

Welcomers

Readers

Coffee

Counters Team 1: Joe S, Averill R & Betty W

Cleaning Team 3: Stella S & Barbara B

Bulletin

Peter

1st August

Bidding Prayers

Welcomers

Readers

Coffee

Counters Team 2: Teresa K & Sheila H

Cleaning Team 4: Julie & Bob M

Bulletin

Mariela



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.

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 at church or on 07948 403341.

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

Parish Secretary: Our current Secretary Holly Garrett is moving on to pastures new and we thank her for her precious time she has spent with us over the past years. There will be an advert for a new secretary via the diocese.



Joint Parish News



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.



Please keep **Stephanie Hartas** in your prayers as she celebrated her birthday last weekend (Saturday) in Whitby with Fr. Manoj & Peter K.

Stephanie sends her prayers, greetings and best wishes to all her friends here in both our parishes.

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

World Apostolate of Fatima
England & Wales

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

10 - 17 SEPTEMBER 2027

Package Includes

- **ACCOMMODATION:** Domus Pacis Hotel (Fatima)
- **MEALS:** Half Board (Breakfast and Evening Meal with wine & water.
- **VISIT** to Sr Lucia's memorial and Coimbra / Santa Cruz Church.
- **ITINERARY INCLUDES:** Daily Mass, Nightly Rosary & Candlelight Processions, Way of the Cross and a visit to Aljustrel the homes of the three seers and St Anthony's church.
- **OPTIONAL DAY TRIP TO LISBON:** (additional cost). Refer to trip details for more information.
- **TRANSPORT:** Coach transport for all transfers and excursions in Portugal.
- **FLIGHTS EXCLUDED:** Pilgrims are responsible for booking their own flights from London (Heathrow, Gatwick, Stanstead) Manchester, Bristol or Newcastle. Booking assistance is available for a £25 fee.

More Information

07834780288 - Contact Patrick Cunningham tel or text to express your interest or seek further details

npresident@waf-ew.org.uk

Book Your Place Now

£568 pp sharing. Excluding Flights/booking fee and optional day. Prices quoted subject to exchange rate at time of payment and confirmed number of pilgrims

£759 pp single.

Voices in Tune CIC

presents **Cramlington Community Choir**
A Summer Concert - Songs We Like To Sing
Sunday 2nd August 2026

2:30 pm & 4:30 pm (Doors open at 2:00pm & 4:00 pm)
St. Paul's RC Church

Dewley, Cramlington, NE23 6EF

Tickets free: suggested donation of £5.00

Tea / Coffee available after both pe

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



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: Thanks to all those who came along to tea this Saturday at St. John's Hall. We trust you all enjoyed yourselves and that a good time was had by all.

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.

We pray that everyone who is going on holiday has a lovely time away and return home safely and refreshed.

LET US PRAY: As our country moves along with the forthcoming changes in government let us pray that our politicians, from all parties, can come together and work in harmony for the good of all, putting aside their differences to arrive at a consensus of opinion that we can all move forward with hope and expectation for a better future and all people may be able to benefit from the decisions they make.