

# This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
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>
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Mass <b>Terry &amp; Michael Chatfield RIP</b>	
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>		10:00am Mass Coffee Morning 10:30am <b>Bob Lawson R.I.P.</b>
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup>		10:00am Mass <b>Special Intention for Ian &amp; Esme Wilkie [Health]</b> Reception Class
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 – 7:00pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Mass <b>Joyce Swan R.I.P.</b>	
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>		5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass <b>John Collins R.I.P.</b>
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass	<b>15<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 10<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. Thanks in advance



## 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.

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

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

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Website: <https://stjohnbaptist-rc.uk> YouTube: [www.youtube.com/c/StJohnTheBaptistChurchAnnitsford](https://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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Cramlington  
NE23 7QR



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

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5<sup>th</sup> July 2026

14<sup>th</sup> 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 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.**

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year (A).  
Theme: Rest in God's Gentle Care**

The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday shows us how God works in quiet and simple ways. The readings remind us that God does not always show strength in power or force. Instead, he shows his love through peace, mercy, and care for those who are weak or tired. They teach us about Jesus' kindness and the peace he brings and reminds us to trust him, follow his way, and find rest in him.

In the first reading, the prophet Zechariah speaks of a king who comes riding on a donkey. This king is humble and brings peace, not war. The psalm continues this message, praising God for lifting up those who fall and giving help to those in need.

Paul's letter to the Romans explains that life in Christ is guided by the Spirit. It is the Spirit who gives true life and freedom. Finally, in the Gospel, Jesus calls the weary to himself. He promises rest to all who trust in him and take on his gentle way.

On this 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, we are invited to see that God's care is close and simple. He is faithful and merciful, leading us not with heavy burdens but with kindness. This is the peace that Christ offers to every heart.



World Day  
for Grandparents  
and the Elderly  
26th July 2026

**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly:** will be celebrated this year on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> August and they will conclude with the final one being held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 now completed. If the scaffolding or skip has not been removed, until these are removed, Please will all drivers park with consideration (don't take up two 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 st 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.

**Finances:** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June -

**Discernment:** Three reports are available on the Parish Website [www.stjohnbaptist-rc.uk](http://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.**

### Afternoon Tea:

Both parishes are invited to an Afternoon Tea Party being held in St John's Church Garden on Saturday 25 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.

## 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:** 27<sup>th</sup> June Number 24 – B. Mitchell  
The National Lottery now have 2 Draws. For our Bonus Ball Draw we will be using Round 1 for our Bonus Ball no.

**200 Club Draw for 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026:** 1<sup>st</sup> No. 51 A Lake 2<sup>nd</sup> No 4 S Hedley - 3<sup>rd</sup> No 9 B Wilson.



**Summer Raffle:** will be drawn this Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have not returned any purchased tickets please ensure they are handed in before Mass tonight so they can be included in the Draw. A list of prize winners will be available for next weekend. Thanks go to everyone who bought tickets and donated prizes for the Raffle.

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**Jesus Christ Superstar:** Tickets priced at £60 with a £5 deposit required with your booking are available for the show on 17<sup>th</sup> March. Please contact Sheila Hedley on 07541 104055 to book your seats.

**Finance Committee Meeting:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

### Ministry Rota

#### 4<sup>th</sup> July

**Bidding Prayers** Jacqui H  
**Welcomers** Stella S & Marylyn  
**Readers** Malcolm & Gladys  
**Coffee** Joyce & Malcolm C  
**Counters** Team 3: Bob & Julie M, Sh...  
**Cleaning** Team 4: Julie & Bob M  
**Bulletin** Mariela

#### 11<sup>th</sup> 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

**Are you able to help in any of the above Ministries? 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.**

**Quiet Retreats for Adults this October:** During October half term, Castlerigg Manor is running a quiet retreat for individual adults who want to spend a few days of peace, relaxation and prayer in the Lake District. Each day there will be a talk, Mass, and evening prayer, and then a lot of time to explore the area, pray, or just simply relax. Book at [castleriggmanor.com/events](http://castleriggmanor.com/events) or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

## 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.



**Help Our Children Grow in Faith:** Dear Parishioners; As a Catholic school, one of our greatest hopes is that every child at SS Peter and Paul Academy could read, reflect on, and grow through God's Word. We are appealing to the generosity of our parish family to help us provide Bibles for our pupils to use in Religious Education lessons. Our aim is to purchase **98 Bibles**, at a cost of **£16** or **£18** each. Our ideal fundraising target is **£1,704**, although every donation, no matter how small, will bring us closer to this goal. You may wish to sponsor the cost of a Bible or simply contribute whatever you are able. As a lasting reminder of your generosity, each sponsored Bible will include a dedication bearing the name of the person or family you would like to be remembered. If you would like to support this appeal, please speak to our Parish Priest or place your donation in an envelope marked **"Bible Appeal – SS Peter and Paul Academy."** A sample copy of the Bible will soon be 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. May God bless you.

**Stella Maris** (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea): Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is next weekend, 12<sup>th</sup> 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 next weekend, by texting SEA to 70460 to donate 5 pounds. Or by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk). This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

### Catholic Holidays in the Lake District this summer:

During August and September, Castlerigg Manor in Keswick is opening its doors to families, groups of friends, or private individuals who are looking for an affordable stay in the Lake District. Breakfast and evening meal are provided, and Mass is celebrated on site. For more information contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) / 017687 72711 or visit us on [castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us](http://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us)

**Please pray for peace in our world today.**

**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>

**Venezuela Earthquake Appeal:** As part of the UK Disasters Emergency Committee, CAFOD is launching the [Venezuela Earthquake Appeal](http://www.venezuelaearthquakeappeal.org.uk) 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](http://cafod.org.uk/Venezuela) or call 0300 999 0030. Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> September: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept  
**In-Person Session** (choose one)

**Saturday 3 October**, 10.30am–3.00pm at Holy Rosary Church, Sidlaw Road, Billingham, TS23 2EP

**Saturday 10 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 or contact the parish office.**

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