

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 1 st		5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass Rita Rasen R.I.P.
Sun 2 nd	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass Mary & Anne Marie Foster R.I.P.	18th Sunday of the Year (A)
Tue 4 th	10:00am Mass For a sick person	St. John Vianney
Wed 5 th	Dedication of St Mary Major Basilica	10:00am Mass Coffee Morning 10:30am
Thu 6 th	Transfiguration of the Lord	10:00am Mass
Fri 7 th	6:00 – 6:55pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Mass Special Intention	St. Sixtus
Sat 8 th	St. Dominic	5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass John Collins R.I.P.
Sun 9 th	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass Thanksgiving: Anna Shinwell's 90th birthday	19th 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 14th August.** 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

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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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 has launched 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.



St. John the Baptist RC Church & St. Paul's RC Church
Annitsford
Cramlington
NE23 7QR



Dewley
Cramlington
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2nd August 2026 18th 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's message for August. For evangelization in cities –

Let us pray for creative ways to proclaim the Gospel in urban areas, building community despite anonymity and loneliness



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jesus feeds the crowd.

Today we jump ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel to Chapter 14. Last week we heard Jesus conclude his discourse with the crowds about the Kingdom of Heaven. In Matthew's narrative, Jesus then leaves the crowds and returns to Nazareth, where he is rejected. Matthew then recounts the story of John the Baptist's arrest and execution at the hands of Herod. The reading begins at this point. Upon hearing the news of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus seeks to withdraw, but the crowds follow him. Jesus reaches out to them in compassion and heals the sick. At the end of a long day, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away so that they might find provisions for themselves. Jesus again responds with compassion for the crowd. Jesus tells his disciples to provide food for the crowd. The disciples reply with a report of the meagerness of their own provisions—five loaves and two fish. The result is the very familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Matthew's Gospel tells us that 5,000 men were fed, and this number does not even include the women and children. Jesus' blessing brought abundance from the meager provisions of the disciples. In this action, Jesus offers us a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that he has been teaching about in the parables. A feast results from the smallest of portions—remember the mustard seed and the yeast. In this miracle we witness an example for Christian life and ministry. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven. We find the story of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fish in each of the four Gospels. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus performs this same miracle on two separate occasions. The story of this miracle is an anticipation of the Eucharist in which we are fed by the abundant grace of God. The importance of the Eucharist has been a defining element of Christian life from the very beginning.



Five First Saturday Devotions:

The fourth of the five Saturdays was held on Saturday 1st August, led by Fr. Stephen Watson. They will 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 the last session along with anyone else who wishes to come along to do so. You can also visit our new Our Lady of Fatima Side Chapel.

Our Diocesan Overseas Priests



This week, Bishop Stephen met with the overseas priests in our Diocese, the first of what is to become a much-valued annual meeting. Gathered together at St. Matthew's in Jarrow, it was an opportunity for the clergy to come together, provide mutual support and talk about their ministry. Our Vicars General, Fr. Jeff Dodds and Fr. Mark Millward were also in attendance to hear of the challenges and also the opportunities across our Diocese and Vice-Chancellor Paula Henley provided visa and immigration advice. Bishop Stephen said; **"I am most grateful for the ongoing ministry of our overseas priests, the pastoral role they provide in the communities they serve and the impact they have across our entire Diocese."**

St. John's Parish News

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"



Sick List - remember in your prayers:

Anne Hall, Karen Mackie, Anna Shinwell, & Chris Garrett.

Lately dead: Kathleen Wood.



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. The skip and scaffolding have now been removed. **PLEASE PARK WITH CONSIDERATION LEAVING SPACE FOR AS MANY CARS AS POSSIBLE.**



We need YOU! **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.

Finances: Collection for 28th July £323.00.

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.

LET US PRAY: As our world continues to suffer from a variety of natural or manmade disasters, wild fires, earthquakes and floods we pray that all countries across the globe may look seriously at efforts to try and change the environment causing these issues to happen. We need to pray that we can all make subtle changes to our lifestyle so hopefully our world can recover from the constant slide to global warming.

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

1st August

Bidding Prayers Teresa C
Welcomers Russell & Stephanie N
Readers Teresa K & Barbara B (Wed Teresa C)
Coffee Joyce & Malcolm G
Counters Team 2: Teresa K & Sheila H
Cleaning Team 4: Julie & Bob M
Bulletin Mariela

8th August

Bidding Prayers Jacqui H
Welcomers Margaret H & Linda T
Readers Teresa C & Margaret F (Wed Teresa K)
Coffee Victoria L
Counters Team 3: Bob & Julie M, Sheila H
Cleaning Team 1: Stephanie N & Barbara W
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 above? If you can help please speak to Peter Killen at church or on 07948 403341.

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

Bonus Ball: 25th July No. 50 G Wilkins

200 Club: Result for 25th July Draw
1st No 18 Fr. Manoj; 2nd No 74 J Espie; 3rd No 14 A Clarke.



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.

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 trip 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

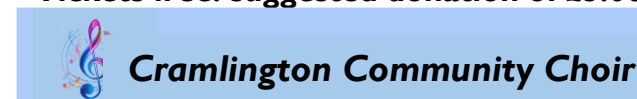
2:30 pm (Doors open at 2:00pm)

4:30 pm (Doors open at 4:00pm)

St. Paul's RC Church

Dewley, Cramlington, NE23 6EF

Tickets free: suggested donation of £5.00



Tea / Coffee available after both performances.
Please see Marylyn Turton for your tickets or contact her on 07388 417073

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!

Thank you and goodbye: Cynthia O who has been training as a doctor at NSEC and read in both parishes is moving on to pastures new for further training. We wish her well in her career and future life and thank God for her contribution to both of our parishes.



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.