

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 29 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass Charlotte R.I.P. and family members
Sun 30 th	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass Terry Fox R.I.P.	22nd Sunday of the Year (A)
Tue 1 st Sep	10:00am Mass Judith Dodds R.I.P.	
Wed 2 nd		10:00am Mass Coffee Morning 10:30am Intention of Sr. Mary Michael
Thu 3 rd	St. Gregory the Great	10:00am Mass Charlotte R.I.P.
Fri 4 th	6:00 – 6:55pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Mass World Peace	
Sat 5 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass David Thompson White R.I.P.
Sun 6 th	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass Arthur Brannigan R.I.P. and deceased family members	23rd Sunday of the Year (A)



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.



A better world needs all of us

let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. We hear Jesus say that if we want to follow him, we have to deny ourselves and take up our cross. How many times have we felt this is much easier said than done? This gospel made me ask myself, "In my life, am I following Jesus or am I asking him to follow me?" I realised that actually I want Jesus to lead me, I wondered: "What are the ways I can deny myself and take up my cross?" This is why I like the idea of a Benedictine monk, of the cross as "a signpost: it marks the parting of the ways." Jesus is asking us to depart from a path driven by worries and self-preoccupation, to choose the path he leads, sustained by compassion and action on behalf of our brothers and sisters. Can we bear witness as we walk the road Christ calls us to travel. **We pray:** May we have the courage to leave what we know behind and devote ourselves to knowing God through the Cross of his Son. Amen.

Reflection:

"Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me,

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 13th September.** 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 may have as to how you think they could be improved by the addition of any useful information.

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30th August 2026 22nd Sunday of the Year (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 Sept Care For Water.

For just and sustainable management of water so all may have access to this vital resource.



22nd Sunday of the Year (A)

The readings this weekend invites Christians to embrace humility, self-denial, and courage in following God's call.

Through the readings of Jeremiah, Paul, and Jesus, we are reminded that spiritual growth often involves challenges, but steadfast faith and obedience lead to true life and eternal reward.

The prophet Jeremiah expresses the inner conflict of speaking God's word despite ridicule and opposition. He describes the message of God as a "burning fire" within him that he cannot contain, emphasizing the compelling nature of divine calling and the courage required to proclaim it.

Paul urges Christians to offer themselves as living sacrifices, emphasizing spiritual transformation and discernment of God's will. The passage calls for a renewed mindset that resists conformity to worldly values and embraces God's guidance.

Jesus predicts His suffering, death, and resurrection, teaching that true discipleship requires self-denial and taking up one's cross. He rebukes Peter for misunderstanding God's plan, highlighting the tension between human expectations and divine purpose. The passage concludes with the reminder that worldly gain is insignificant compared to the value of the soul.

We are called to prioritise God's will over personal pride or societal expectations, recognising that true honour comes from the heart, not status or appearance. Following Christ may involve struggle, loss, or suffering, but it leads to eternal life. The readings encourage embracing challenges as part of our spiritual growth with Romans 12 emphasising renewing the mind and living in a way that reflects God's values rather than worldly pressures.



Five First Saturday Devotions:
Next Saturday 5th September
we will conclude the Five First Saturday Devotion in St Paul's commencing at 10:00am.

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.

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.
£759 pp single. Prices quoted subject to exchange rate at time of payment and confirmed number of pilgrims

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 next Sunday 6th September 2026 at 9.30am Mass. We hope you have a great holiday and look forward to seeing you back then"



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.

Parking: Please will all drivers park with consideration for others on the church drive. (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 assist and 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 A: September & November. Group B: October & December

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 as the Diocese require a second quotation before authorising the work.

Sunday 23rd August Collection - £469.22

IMPORTANT NOTICE: There appears to have been the scattering of Ashes onto an existing grave. A reminder that the scattering of Ashes over an existing grave is forbidden 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. You must then await written permission before arranging with the Parish approved Gravedigger to prepare the plot for the burying of the ashes in a plot. Thank You.

St. Paul's Parish News



Remember in your prayers: Please pray for Jean Espie, Christine Elliott, Aidan, Chris Garrett, and Glynis Mayes who are unwell.

Lately dead: Leo Cartwright R.I.P., son of Selwyn & Maisie. Funeral on 9th September in Ballarat, Australia

Ministry Rota
29th August
Bidding Prayers Malcolm G
Welcomers Meg C & Barbara W
Readers Peter K & Jacqui H (Wed Sue W)
Coffee Malcolm & Joyce G
Counters Team 1: Joe S, Averill R & Betty W
Cleaning Team 4: Julie & Bob M
Bulletin Mariela

5th September
Bidding Prayers Teresa C
Welcomers Julie & Bob M
Readers Julie & Eddie L (Wed Patrick C)
Coffee Victoria
Counters Team 2: Teresa K & 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, submit your name and arrange for someone to nominate you **by this weekend**. 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 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. We are also in need of people to volunteer for a variety of Ministry roles as shown in the Rota list shown above? If you can help please speak to Peter Killen at church or on 07948 403341.

Bonus Ball: 15th August Number 7 D Cocks

No 57 will be spare from 12th Sep; if you would like to join t's £1 per week with a chance to win £40 pounds. See Sheila H.



Sponsorship: It's many years now since I did a fund- raising challenge, but myself, two of my daughters Catriona and Siobhan and my cousin Kath are doing the **MACMILLAN MIGHTY HIKE** on 5th September. It involves walking from Alnwick Castle to Bamburgh Castle via Alnmouth...a distance of 26 miles. I've still been training very hard this past week, even during my holiday in Ireland and it would be great if anyone was able to support us in this very worthwhile cause. **We have set up a Just Giving page under the heading Norfolk and Chance, with sponsor forms at the back of church** for anyone who would prefer to give that way. If you don't want to sponsor, a few prayers for a good day wouldn't go wrong. **Thank you. Barbara Beaney.**



Joint Parish News



Bible Appeal – SS Peter and Paul Academy." 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. We will close up the appeal this weekend so speak to Fr. Manoj if you wish to donate.

Urgent: Stop Assisted Suicide

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise Assisted Suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on 11th September.

Please ask your MP to vote NO to the revived Assisted Suicide Bill at the Second Reading on 11 Sept! Please email your MP now – it takes 30 seconds. using this very easy link: <https://righttolife.org.uk/9p1z>

A powerful and well researched letter.

Please do contact your MP to oppose the Bill.

Living Our Sunday Faith Throughout the Week: The Sunday Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life, but our faith is meant to shape every day of the week. As we gather around the Lord's table, let us renew our commitment to live the Gospel in our homes, workplaces, schools, and communities. Through daily prayer, reading the Scriptures, receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation when needed, and serving our neighbours with love, we become authentic witnesses of Christ in the world.

Archbishop Sherrington welcomes Prime Minister's support for palliative care

Archbishop John Sherrington, Archbishop of Liverpool and Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Bishops' Conference, has welcomed Prime Minister Andy Burnham's call for palliative care services to be properly funded. The Prime Minister has stated that palliative care and social care funding need to be "fixed" so that vulnerable people can have "peace of mind" about the care that they receive towards the end of their life. Archbishop John Sherrington said: "It is highly significant that the Prime Minister has confirmed his position about the need for proper palliative and social care ahead of the Second Reading of the fundamentally flawed *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill* in September. People who are dying are vulnerable and need compassionate care and spiritual accompaniment until their last breath."

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 N'land. 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>



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!

NEPAL Flooding: Please keep the people of Nepal in your prayers, praying for the repose of the souls of all those who have died, for those affected by the disaster and that the world may provide the necessary aid for the survivors affected by this disaster.

Diocesan Safeguarding: The Annual Safeguarding Report demonstrates our ongoing commitment to safeguarding and highlights the important work that is being undertaken to ensure that our parishes are safe places for everyone to worship. **Safe people. Safe places. Safe practices.**

The report is available to read or download on the Diocesan Website or via the following link - [Chairs-annual-report-to-Trustees-June-2026.pdf](#). Should you have any concerns regarding the safeguarding of anyone, child or vulnerable adult please do not hesitate to speak with our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Meg Cocks, Fr. Manoj or contact the Diocese directly.

Emmaus Village Woodland Adventure Day, 10:00am on Saturday 5th September 2026: Emmaus Youth Village, Allensford, DH8 9BA

Join us at the Emmaus Youth Village for a celebration of nature In addition to activities including bushcraft and archery we will also be presenting a talk on Care of Creation and also a Rosary Walk for those who wish to participate.

As a diocese we are committed to caring for our common home – this free, family friendly event is the ideal opportunity to learn more about Laudato Si' and explore our 7,800 tree woodland and orchard project.

GCE results in diocesan schools: We are delighted to congratulate the thousands of young people in our diocesan schools who have received their GCSE results this week. Their hard work, commitment and resilience have been rewarded with an excellent set of achievements, and we celebrate all that they and their teachers have accomplished.

Across our four Catholic Education Trusts, the collective performance of our secondary schools continues to be a source of pride. This year, 24.1% of GCSE entries achieved Grades 9 to 7, (equivalent to the former A* to A grades). This represents a further improvement on last year's figure of 23.9%, reflecting the sustained dedication of students, staff and families across our diocesan school communities.

These results are particularly significant when viewed against the wider regional picture. While the North East average for top grades stands at 17.7%, diocesan schools collectively achieved a figure 6.4 percentage points higher. Our schools also exceeded the national average for England of 22.0%, demonstrating that young people in our school communities continue to thrive and achieve at the highest levels.

As our students prepare for their next steps, whether in sixth form, further education, apprenticeships or employment, we offer them our congratulations and prayers for the future. Together, we continue to demonstrate that faith, aspiration and community can transform lives, enabling our schools to remain beacons of hope throughout the North East.