

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 12 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass Patrick & Eleanor Killen R.I.P.
Sun 13 th	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass Kevin Fox R.I.P.	24th Sunday of the Year (A)
Tue 15 th	10:00am Mass Charlotte Mills-Murray R.I.P.	Our Lady of Sorrows
Wed 16 th	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	10:00am Mass Coffee Morning 10:30am Jean Brown R.I.P.
Thu 17 th		10:00am Mass School Mass Year 5
Fri 18 th	6:00 – 6:55pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Mass	
Sat 19 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass
Sun 20 th	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass Barry Hall, David & Paul Seghini R.I.P.	25th Sunday of the Year (A)

CAFOD Reflection: “Should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?” We are often very good at spotting the faults of others and less so at recognising our own failings. Peter, who often misunderstood Jesus and will need forgiveness when he denies him, is the one who asks how many times he must forgive. But we're not perfect, we're all too human. As Jesus says in the story of the woman caught in adultery: “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone.” Sometimes it is not easy to forgive. We can bear grudges and bring up the fault again and again, but by so doing we imprison both ourselves and the wrongdoer and can find it difficult to move on. Forgiveness liberates and gives both parties a fresh start. In our world today. Many poorer countries are imprisoned by crippling debt like the debtors in the parable. Rather than using money to fund health and education they are forced to make debt repayments at extortionate interest rates to private lenders. CAFOD is calling on the UK to use its presidency of the G20 to bring fast, fair and effective debt relief for countries in crisis so that they can be liberated from their burden and make a fresh start.

WE PRAY: God of mercy, forgive us our debts as we forgive those who are in debt to us. Amen.

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 of the individual parishes. Thanks in advance

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 15th 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.



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.

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.

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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13th September 2026 24th 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.



24th Sunday of the Year A Understanding forgiveness

In today's Gospel Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another.

Peter proposes a reasonable

number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.



A better world needs all of us

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest

We have set Friday 2nd October aside as our actual Parish Family Fast day. Please try and do without a meal that day and then donate the savings or any monies to our **Family Fast Day** parish collection which will be taken over the weekend of 3rd / 4th October. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens.

Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call **0303 303 3030**.

Peace in our world today: As we continue to see the effects of war, famine and natural disasters continue to sweep across our world today we ask that everyone makes the effort to set time aside to pray for peace and harmony in our world. We pray that leaders across all countries may work strenuously to ensure that peoples may be able to live in peace without fear of harm or persecution.

Friday 11th September 2026: The *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill* failed after Second Reading in the House of Commons by 270 (Yes) votes to 286 (No) – a majority of 16. **We thank everyone who contacted their MP to attend Parliament and to oppose this legislation. Bishop Stephen writes:** “I welcome the House of Commons vote rejecting the Assisted Dying Bill. Our Parliamentary representatives have been able to look again at this very flawed Bill and have rightly rejected it. The Bill was contrary to dignity of the human person and very alarmingly failed to safeguard the vulnerable. As a society we should be concentrating resources on caring not killing. In thanking all who voted against this Bill, I also thank all the House of Lords members and medical organisations who argued so persuasively of the dangerous inadequacy of this proposed legislation.”

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.

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 6th September Collection: to be published in next weekend's Bulletin

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.

PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Sunday 20th September following the 9.30am Mass. Should any parishioner wish to have an item discussed, please submit it in writing to Fr Manoj a.s.a.p.

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: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jim Malloy who sadly passed away on Tuesday 25th August. His funeral arrangements are as follows: Funeral Service at St. Paul's RC Church, Cramlington at 11:45am on Tuesday 29th September followed by his Committal at Blyth Crematorium at 1:00pm.

Please also keep the family in your prayers during this sad time.

Ministry Rota 12th September

Bidding Prayers Jacqui H
Welcomers Russell & Stephanie N
Readers Barbara B & Teresa K (Wed Teresa C)
Coffee Joyce & Malcolm G
Counters Team 3: Bob, Julie M & Sheila H
Cleaning Team 2: Teresa C
Bulletin Peter



19th September

Bidding Prayers David S
Welcomers Stella S & Marylyn T
Readers Christine & Jeff S (Wed Jeff S)
Coffee Victoria L
Counters Team 4: Maureen B, Meg C & Kathy O'R
Cleaning Team 3: Stella S & Barbara B
Bulletin Peter



Volunteers Needed: We are in need of people to volunteer for serving Tea/Coffee ((Sat evenings), Cleaners, Welcomers, Parish Council

members. If you can help in any way please speak to Peter Killen at church or on 07948 403341.

Bonus Ball: 5th September - Number 36 P Dixon No 57 is now spare if you would like to join it's £1 per week with a chance to win £40 pounds. See Sheila H.

Lourdes: Marylyn Turton is going to Lourdes on 10th October and will take with her any petitions parishioners wish to send. Please see Marylyn if you want any petitions taken.



MACMILLAN MIGHTY HIKE

Thank you all for your support over my Walk last weekend. The preparation for and actual event were a challenge, but also for me proof that I could get out there and do it; whilst raising funds for such a good cause. I will let you know the final sum raised next week after collecting the remaining sponsorship monies.

Rota List: There were a few changes needed so I have issued a new Rota List and would be grateful if anyone who needs any amendments could let me know please either in person or by telephone, (07948 403341) Thanks. Peter.

Jeff Sutcliffe: We welcome the new Parish Finance Chair Jeff, who has expressed his wish to volunteer to this important job of the parish. He will also be a member of the Parish council representing the Finance Department. Welcome Jeff.

A note of gratitude to Joyce & Malcolm G: The Parish would like to thank Joyce and Malcolm for purchasing 2 coffee tables for the Back Café and appreciate Joyce and Paula B's ongoing efforts to modify the Cafe area.

Prayer for the Month: Lord Jesus, give me the courage to accept the crosses of my daily life. Teach me to put you before myself, love before comfort, forgiveness before resentment, and service before selfishness. When my strength fails, remind me that I do not carry my cross alone. You are walking with me.

Forthcoming Special (Retiring) Collections

13th September - Catholic Education

20th September - Mission Sunday (Evangelii Gaudium)

Home Mission Sunday: On Sunday 20th September, we will celebrate Home Mission Sunday, a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate our faith in these lands, and our shared commitment to communicate the beauty and the joy of knowing Jesus Christ. Celebrating the Holy Father's first encyclical, the theme for this year is "Magnifica Humanitas" as the heart of mission. We can celebrate together the call the Holy Father has placed before us to live out our authentic humanity which finds it's fullness in Christ. More details about this can be found on the Bishops' Conference website - [Home Mission Sunday - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

The Second Collection next weekend is to support the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Through the Mission Directorate, we support our Church in a wide field of service and mission here in England and Wales. Please hold this important work in your prayers and give as generously as you can. Thank you.

School Mass: A Mass will be celebrated at **9:15am in school on the first Friday of the month**, replacing the previous Thursday, whilst the remaining Thursday school Masses will continue in church.

Memorial Candles for November / Remembering Our Dearly Departed:

November is a special month in the Church when we remember and pray in a particular way for our departed loved ones. The Church reminds us that death does not end our communion with those we love. We continue to commend their souls to the loving mercy of God and cherish the gift of their lives and the memories they have left with us.

Following the beautiful response we received last year, the parish will once again organise **Memorial Candles for the month of November** in memory of our departed family members, relatives and friends. Last year's Memorial celebration was a truly prayerful and moving occasion, with an overwhelming participation from our parishioners.

The Memorial Candles will be **lit during the Vigil Mass on Saturday, 31 October**, and will remain as a visible sign of our prayer and remembrance throughout the month of November. **Masses will also be offered during November for the repose of the souls of our departed loved ones.** If you would like to have a candle offered in memory of someone special, please provide **your name and the name(s) of the person or persons you wish to remember. The cost of each Memorial Candle is £10**, and all proceeds will go towards the upkeep and maintenance of St. Paul's parish. Let us take this opportunity to remember with gratitude those who have gone before us and to entrust them once again to God's loving mercy. **May their memory be a blessing, and may our prayers unite us with them in the hope of the resurrection and eternal life.**

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."

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 please give your name and contact details to Fr. Manoj. ASAP. Thank you!

Harvest Appeal for 2026: I am writing on behalf of Cramlington Foodbank to thank you for your congregation's continued support of our work. Unfortunately, the number of people in our local community who require emergency food are still incredibly high. During the last year, Cramlington Foodbank has provided 1520 emergency food parcels, fed 2850 people and distributed 29000kg of food to people who can't afford the essentials. Churches like yours are already vital partners as we seek to end hunger in Cramlington today, but there is so much we can explore as Harvest approaches together. As well as ending hunger today, our vision is to end hunger together with our communities and end hunger forever by building more just systems. This vision echoes, for us, God's call in Micah 6:8: to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly. It's about supporting people today when they are in crisis, seeking justice by influencing people in power, all while serving one another humbly, and including as many people as possible. If you would like more information on the work of our foodbank please contact us, for the attention of Lorraine Alexander - Project Manager, via: info@cramlington.foodbank.org.uk Thank you again for all that you do to support us. Yours sincerely, Alan.

The Diocesan Department of Formation and Mission: details of our **next face to face** Liturgical Formation Course for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion The course is shaped for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, but existing ministers may take part in the course as a refresher.

The course involves two evenings and one Saturday of face-to-face training – **please note that participants must attend all sessions to be commissioned in this ministry.**

Venue: St Mary's, Dockendale Lane, Whickham, NE16 4EN

Dates:

Session 1: Tuesday 3rd November 7pm-9pm

Session 2: Tuesday 10th November 7pm-9pm

Session 3: Saturday 14th November 10:30am-3pm*

*Participants to bring a packed lunch for the day event – tea and coffee provided.

Cost: £20.00 per participant

Booking Deadline: Friday 23rd Oct 2026

If you would like to attend, please discuss this with your parish priest and then he (or the parish secretary) can complete a registration form on your behalf. email: liturgy.formation@diocesehn.org.uk for further info.

Christmas Market Trip to Edinburgh: Our parishes are organising a 24-seater bus trip to Edinburgh Christmas market Trip @ 52. Since our parishes did not have any recent joint trips, it would be a lovely way to begin the joint activities. If you are interested kindly let us know your desire whereby, we could plan out the logistics without much delay. We will place a list at the back of the churches where you could write your name and contact number. Thanks

St. Paul's Parish Council: Minutes of the recently conducted parish council held on September 8th, 2026, is now on the Notice Board for your reference.