

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 19 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass People of the Parish
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)
Tue 22 nd	10:00am Mass St. John's Gardening Team, living & deceased members	
Wed 23 rd	St. Padre Pio	10:00am Rosary & Mass Coffee Morning 10:30am
Thu 24 th	Our Lady of Walsingham	10:00am Mass School Mass Year 3
Fri 25 th	6:00 – 6:55pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Mass Derek Harrison R.I.P.	
Sat 26 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass
Sun 27 th	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass Peter Laggan R.I.P.	25th Sunday of the Year (A)

CAFOD Reflection: God's generous measure.

Who decides what is fair or unjust? The labourers who found that the others had been paid as much as they had, even though they had toiled all day. It didn't feel fair to them and we can probably identify with that. Yet they earned what they had been promised. Do we even spare a thought for the people who stood in the market square all day? They had the heat of the sun beating down on them, the despair of not getting a job or earning money to feed their families or simply stay alive, and the ignominy of not being chosen. Who are those today who find it hard to find work, or work but are paid unjustly? What about the homeless, those who don't have access to basic hygiene, fresh clothing, or the means to prepare for job interviews? That really does not seem fair! Who decides what is fair and what we deserve? The answer is very clear in this parable: **God loves us all.** He wants the best for each of us and desires to be generous to us, while teaching us to be generous to one another. We thank you God, that you love each one of us unconditionally. We pray to put aside earthly perceptions of what is fair and tune into you, Lord, who shows us how to love each other generously and value each other's dignity. Amen.

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 27th 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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20th September 2026

25th Sunday of the Year (A)

HOME MISSION SUNDAY – EVANGELII GAUDIUM

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.



**25th Sunday of the Year A
EVANGELII GAUDIUM**

*Proclaim the unique message of
the Gospel that brings joy to all
people who receive it with an
open heart.*

Those with long memories will be familiar with *Home Mission Sunday*. It is the title given to the day we ask our parishes to pray for the work of evangelization and to support this vital work through a [second collection](#). A few years ago, this day was re-named *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* after Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation the 'Joy of the Gospel'. Now, in 2026, we revert to using the original name – *Home Mission Sunday*. On *Home Mission Sunday*, the bishops of England and Wales ask the faithful of our countries to look for ways in which we can all do our part in sharing the beauty and joy of knowing Jesus Christ. When we speak of 'Home Mission' we are not neglecting our sisters and brothers around the world (*World Mission Sunday* gives due attention to this important work), but we recognize that we are called to witness to Christ in our homes, at work, in our friendships and in every aspect of our daily life. Being part of the family of God means we should feel 'at home' but this also challenges us to be missionary disciples in England and Wales so that we can make a home for all who hunger and thirst for the God who loves them and wants them to come home to him. In this section, you will find resources to help you celebrate the day. [Our main reflection comes from Abbot Hugh Allen O.Praem](#), Director of Mission for the Bishops' Conference. If you feel you are able, you can make a [secure online donation](#) to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Please hold this important work in your prayers. *The work of encounter and evangelization is promoted through the Directorate for Mission. Through this directorate, the vision of the Holy Father is embraced in a fuller way and promotes the whole ideal of proclamation, evangelisation, dialogue and catechesis.*

CAFOD

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.



**A Mass to Celebrate the 800th Anniversary
of St. Francis of Assisi**

**St. Wilfrid RC Church, Waterloo Road, Blyth,
NE14 IDE – September 30th 2026 at 7:00pm.**

Celebrate the life and legacy of St. Francis.

**"We praise you Lord for Sister Earth who
sustains us..."**

**St Francis, joyful steward of creation teach us
to live with less, to give and not take.**

St. Francis – pray for us.

All welcome – please join us.



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

Recently Dead: Aiden Fox R.I.P. Aiden died Monday 14th September. Please keep Aiden and all his family in your prayers.



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: November. Group B: October & December

Northern Catholic Calendars: We have been asked to place our order for the Catholic Calendars. This Year again they will only be supplied as ring binders Cost £4. We will only order a quantity to fulfil Parishioner's request. If you like a copy, please add your name to the list at the back of church. If you are unable to get to church, please email Gerry Killen on vol0040@diocesehn.org.uk or tele 07963 515190

Collections: Sunday 6th Sept £326.10 - 13th Sept £344.13 Catholic Education £55

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 4th SOctober 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.



Remember in your prayers: Please pray for Linda Hoff, 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
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

26th September
Bidding Prayers Teresa K
Welcomers Margaret H & Linda T
Readers Margaret F & Teresa K (Wed Teresa K)
Coffee Malcolm & Joyce G
Counters Team 5: Stephanie N & Margaret H
Cleaning Team 4: Julie & Bob M
Bulletin Mariela



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: 12th September - Number 26 G Wilkins

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

Once again, many thanks to all who sponsored me. I paid into the bank **£600** in cash, which along with our online donations brought our Team Total to **£2039**. More than any of us had anticipated. We are totally overwhelmed.

Rota List: there is an updated list on the Notice Boards and a copy in the Piety Stall. Please let me know if you are unable to fulfil any of your Ministries so a substitute can be arranged.

Life in the Spirit seminars: Join us for this opportunity to experience the new life we are promised through baptism in the Holy Spirit. Life in the Spirit seminars are being run by the Diocesan CHARIS group and you will be very welcome to attend. Many who have attended previous seminars have spoken of how it has given their faith a real boost and helped them experience God's love in tangible ways.

All are welcome to join us at St Anne's, Harlow Green, NE9 7UD on **24 September, 7.00pm** for an introductory session to hear how the seminars prepare us to open to a new life in Christ through the Holy Spirit. For further information about the other dates, please visit <https://bit.ly/LifeInTheSpiritCDSC>



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!

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

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.

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

Bible Fund for SS Peter and Paul Academy

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the generous parishioners who contributed to our appeal to provide Bibles for SS Peter and Paul Academy. Thanks to your kindness and generosity, we were able to collect **£861**, which is sufficient to purchase **60 children's Bibles** for the school. Just imagine how many young pupils will have the opportunity to discover, read and learn the Word of God through this simple yet meaningful contribution.

Your generosity is a wonderful expression of faith and concern for the spiritual formation of our young people. I would like to thank each and every one of you personally for your kindness and support. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity.

Forthcoming Special (Retiring) Collections

20th September - Mission Sunday (Evangelii Gaudium)

Home Mission Sunday: This weekend, 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 its fullness in Christ. More details about this can be found on the Bishops' Conference website - [Home Mission Sunday - Catholic Bishops' Conference](https://www.bishopsconference.org.uk/mission-sunday)

The Second Collection this 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.

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."