

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 26 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass Lillian Ebbs R.I.P. and Paul Battersby R.I.P.
Sun 27 th	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass Peter Laggan R.I.P.	26th Sunday of the Year (A)
Tue 29 th	10:00am Mass Arnie Masterson R.I.P.	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
Wed 30 th	1:00pm Funeral & Burial of Aiden Fox R.I.P.	10:00am Mass Coffee Morning 10:30am Kevin Kelly – for good health
Thu 1 st Oct	St. Theresa Of The Child, Jesus	10:00am Mass Sue Williams Special Intention
Fri 2 nd	6:00 – 6:55pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Mass Poor & Needy in the world	The Holy Guardian Angels
Sat 3 rd		5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass David Turton R.I.P. & Neale Cocks R.I.P.
Sun 4 th	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass Christopher Maddison R.I.P.	27th Sunday of the Year (A)



A better world needs all of us

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest

Next **Friday 2nd October** has been set 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 you wish to donate, 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 help 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 from church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call **0303 303 3030**

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 25th October.** 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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27th September 2026 26th Sunday of the Year (A)



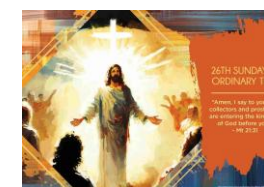
Sacred Silence Please.

*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.



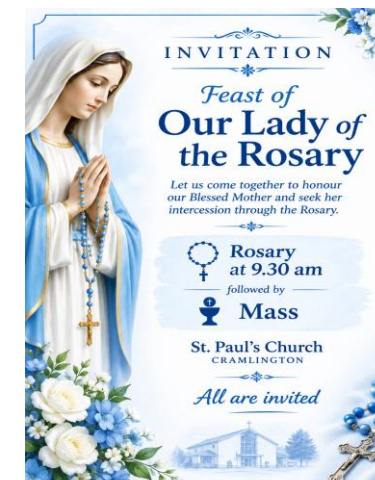
26th Sunday of the Year A

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name, for these religious leaders, the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognise the Kingdom of God. The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those we would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary: Will be held on Wednesday 7th October and we will recite the Rosary prior to the usual 10:00am Mass in St. Paul's church. All parishioners from both parishes are invited to attend.



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

St. Wilfrid RC Church, Waterloo Road, Blyth, NE14 1DE – Wednesday Sept. 30th 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.

St. John's Parish News



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



Recently Dead: Aidan Fox R.I.P. Aidan died on Monday 14th September and his Funeral & Burial is at 1:00pm this coming Wednesday 30th Sept. here at St. John's. Please keep Aidan 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 id 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 13th Sept £344.13 - Catholic Education £55 - 20th Sept figure to be published next week

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 October after the 9:30am Mass. Please submit any items to be discussed in writing to Fr. Manoj a.s.a.p.

St. Paul's Parish News



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, at 11:45am next 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

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

3rd October

Bidding Prayers Malcolm G
Welcomers Barbara B & Volunteer
Readers Malcolm G & Gladys H (Wed Julie M)
Coffee Victoria L

Counters Team 1: Joe S, Averill R & Betty W

Cleaning Team 1: Stephanie N & Barbara W

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.

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.

Bonus Ball: 19th September - Number 45 K Don

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.

Bible Appeal: As Acting Headteacher at Ss Peter and Paul's Catholic Primary School, I am truly humbled and overwhelmed by the generosity from the two parishes in supporting our Bible appeal. To support our new RE curriculum, 'The Way', we have been able to purchase 63 bibles, all through the kindness of those who donated from St Paul's and St John's RC Churches. Our children will benefit massively from this kindness. Thank you all and to Father Manoj for organising this collection. God Bless, Mr Stephen Anderson.

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.

Peace in our world: please pray for peace 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.**



Joint Parish News

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."

Children's Liturgy of the Word: The Liturgical Team have arranged to host a day of reflection and refreshment for leaders at St Hilda's Resource Centre on **Saturday 17th October**. Details are on the What's On section of the diocesan website along with a link to the booking form. The cost is £15 and is payable by either the parish or the attendee as appropriate. This is an opportunity for leaders to come together to learn and share their experiences of leading Children's Liturgy. Please speak with Fr. Manoj to arrange attendance of the event.

First Holy Communion Program 2027: First Holy Communions will take place at St John's on Saturday 15th May and St Paul's on Sunday 16th May 2027. Any parishioners aware of any children in Year 4 not attending Ss Peter and Paul's school please contact Fr Manoj Parish or Deacon Rob Wareing at rob.wareing@diocesehn.org.uk, 07841 530991 or at the weekly Masses for details to enable the children to join the program to make their First Holy Communion next year..



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 Fr. Manoj then he 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

Christmas Meal for December 18th at the Keel Row Pub. There is live entertainment too. There will be envelopes at the back of Church this weekend. Please take one if you wish to attend, list how many tickets you need and place the cash in the envelope. Each ticket is £35. The menu will be displayed at the back too. **ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE DELIVERED TO FR. MANOJ OR PLACED THROUGH HIS LETTER BOX NO LATER THAN October 8th.** The pub requires full payment (non-refundable) in order to make the booking. There will also be an announcement after Mass. God bless xx Paula Battersby.



During the meeting of the Partnership Council held on Wednesday 23rd September, a decision to put on Adoration for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Partnership was agreed. It will be for one hour on the First Sunday of Advent, **Sunday 29th November 2026**. Can ALL MINISTERS please attend if at all possible. See the poster opposite for further information.