

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
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)
Tue 8 th	10:00am Mass Poor & Needy in the world	The birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed 9 th		10:00am Mass Coffee Morning 10:30am
Thu 10 th		NO MASS
Fri 11 th	6:00 – 6:55pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Mass Patrick & Eleanor Killen R.I.P.	
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)



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.

CAFOD Reflection: "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." We all have unique qualities and perspectives. God calls each one of us to serve him as part of a wider body, his church. Although God intended to unite us through our differences, it is easy for us to allow this to result in divergence and dispute. Conflicts are made even more challenging when compounded with wrongdoing in the church. In today's gospel, Jesus outlines how to handle misconduct in the community. We are called to privately bring attention to the sin, before escalating the matter to a few additional individuals if a resolution is not reached. The wise counsel of the wider community is presented as the final remedy for the wrongdoing. Maintaining our moral integrity is important. As God's children we are called to be custodians of his commandments and hold each other accountable with humility and honesty. How do we react in the face of wrongdoing and injustice? Are our churches and global communities truly safe places of kindness, respect and dignity? Standing up for what is right can be frightening. Let us be courageous and remember that God is always with us.

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.

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 of the individual parishes. 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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6th September 2026 23rd 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.



23rd Sunday of the Year A Love and responsibility.

God calls His people to care for one another. Love guides correction, forgiveness, and prayer. Jesus is present when we gather in His name. We are challenged to speak truth with kindness when someone is going the wrong way. Seek peace when there is conflict. Let love guide our words and actions. Pray for someone you find difficult. Ask God to help you speak and act with love. This weekend's readings remind us that faith is lived in relationship with others. God does not call us to walk alone. We are asked to care for one another, to guide each other, and to live in love. These readings show how warning, correction, and forgiveness are all part of belonging to God's people.

In the First Reading, Ezekiel is told to be a watchman. His duty is to speak up when others stray. This shows that silence can also bring guilt. God's word is not only about comfort but also about responsibility. We are called to speak truth with courage, even when it is hard. The Second Reading tells us that love fulfills every commandment. To love our neighbor is to follow God's law. Love never harms, but instead brings peace and unity.

The Gospel shows how Jesus cares about relationships in the community. He teaches that when someone strays, the goal is not punishment but healing. The steps He gives are meant to bring people back together. They show that love and mercy should guide every action, even when it's hard to face conflict. The spiritual works of mercy carry this same spirit. They help us walk with one another by teaching, comforting, forgiving, and praying. These works remind us that faith is lived in community. We are called to guide, support, and forgive each other. In doing so, we make Christ present among us.



Five First Saturday Devotions:
The Five First Saturday Devotion in St Paul's concluded this weekend and was led by Fr. Shaun O'Neil

We thank the parishioners who came along during the five Saturdays to spend time in prayer and meditation, taking advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

St John's Children's Liturgy: We will start again this Sunday 6th September 2026 at 9.30am Mass. We hope you have had a great holiday and look forward to seeing you back here"



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 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 - £411.65

Coffee Morning after Mass this Sunday.

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.



Remember in your prayers: Please pray for Jjean 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

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

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



Volunteers Needed: We are in need of people to volunteer for a variety of Ministry roles as shown in the Rota list shown above. If you can

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

Bonus Ball: 22nd August - Number 3, P Young
29th August - Number 55, G Wilkins

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.

200 Club Result for 22.8.2026: 1st No 13 T Sutton
2nd No 14 A Clarke 3rd No 85 M Cocks



Sponsorship: Myself, two of my daughters Catriona and Siobhan and my cousin Kath are doing the **MACMILLAN MIGHTY HIKE** this Saturday, 5th September. It involves walking from Alnwick Castle to Bamburgh Castle via Alnmouth...a distance of 26 miles. This is the 3rd consecutive week not at our Saturday Mass, but hopefully when these bulletins are handed out I should be either at, or close to Bamburgh! Thank you to everyone who has sponsored me. I hope I have been able to live up to expectations (currently I am very apprehensive about it all.) **Sponsor forms are in the Piety Stall should anyone who has not sponsored so far wish to do so.** I will be at Mass next weekend to collect any outstanding monies and as soon as I have the total raised by our team I will let everyone know. Thank you once again for your support both practical and spiritual.
Thank you. Barbara Beaney.

Rota List: There are a few changes needed so I will be issuing a new Rota List next week and would be grateful if anyone who is on the list and needs any amendments could let me know please either in person, by telephone 07948 403341 or via email bulletin@stpauls-rc.co.uk. Thanks. Peter.

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.

Tuesday 8th September is the Feast of the Birthday of Our Lady and we invite parishioners from both parishes to come together at the 10:00am Mass in St John the Baptist to celebrate this feast.

Thursday 10th September: there will be **NO MASS** celebrated at St. Paul's as Fr. Manoj will be attending a funeral



Bible Appeal – Ss Peter and Paul School Academy.

Thanks to everyone who has donated towards the purchase of the bibles for the school, especially whoever it was gave a large anonymous donation. A total of £645 was raised and will be forwarded to the school enabling 46 bibles to be purchased for the pupils at a cost of £14 each.

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>, alternatively please send the card which was handed out last weekend.

A powerful and well researched letter.

Please do contact your MP to oppose the Bill.

Welcome to St John the Baptist and St. Paul's Catholic churches. We would like to thank you for coming to share in our celebrations with us.

Children are very welcome in our churches and whilst they are encouraged to be calm during Mass they are not expected to be silent or sit still throughout. We encourage children to join in with us as much as much of the Mass as they can manage. The Piety Stall at St. Paul's is available for your children to use it instead of staying in church should you wish. If you are not a Catholic you are most welcome here. Please join in with any parts of the Mass that you feel comfortable with, however there is no expectation to do so. During Mass we will be invited to offer the Sign of Peace to each other. At this point we shake hands with those near to us and say "Peace be with you" as a sign of peace. If you feel uncomfortable shaking hands you can wave to people instead. During Mass, Catholics who have made their First Holy Communion are invited to receive Holy Communion. Anyone who has not made their First Holy Communion or is not a Catholic is welcome at the same time to receive a blessing instead. To indicate you are coming for a Blessing and not receiving Communion please cross your arms across your chest. You are equally welcome to remain in your seat at this point in the Mass if you prefer to do so.

School Mass: 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.

St. Paul's PPC: the next meeting will be held at the usual time next Tuesday 8th September.



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 Little Sisters of the Poor are celebrating 160 years of service to the elderly in Newcastle. Mother Superior, **Sr Kathleen** shares a thank you letter to all supporters across the diocese. "Since arriving in the city in 1866, generations of Little Sisters have dedicated their lives to providing compassionate care, comfort and dignity to the elderly, guided by the spirit and vision of our foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan. "Over the past 160 years, 6,118 residents, countless families, staff, volunteers, benefactors and friends have become part of the St Joseph's Home family. Together, we have helped create a place where the elderly feel valued, respected, loved, cared for and truly at home. "As we mark this special anniversary and give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed upon St Joseph's Home throughout the years, we reflect with deep gratitude on the generosity of our benefactors, the dedication of our staff and volunteers, the friendship of our local community, and the prayers and encouragement of parishioners, clergy and supporters across the Diocese. Without this unwavering support, the Little Sisters would not have been able to continue our mission of caring for the elderly and upholding the dignity of every resident entrusted to our care. "Today, the challenges facing the elderly continue to grow, but our mission remains unchanged. Inspired by Saint Jeanne Jugan's example of humble service, we remain committed to providing a loving home where older people receive the care, respect and companionship they deserve. "As we celebrate this remarkable milestone, we offer our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has journeyed with us over the past 160 years. We pray for God's continued blessing and humbly ask for your ongoing prayers and support as we look to the future, trusting that, together, we can continue to bring hope, comfort and compassionate care to the elderly for many years to come. **"May God bless all who have helped sustain us in our work, and may He continue to guide and strengthen us in the years ahead."**