

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 17 th	St. Ignatius of Antioch	5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass People of the parish
Sun 18 th	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Peter Laggan R.I.P.	29th Sunday of the Year (A)
Tue 20 th	10:00am Mass Derek Harrison R.I.P.	
Wed 21 st		10:00am Mass Coffee Morning 10:30am
Thu 22 nd		10:00am Mass
Fri 23 rd	5:00 – 5:55pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass Mrs. Mamie Grant R.I.P.	
Sat 24 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass Pamela Siddie R.I.P.
Sun 25 th	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am John Gray R.I.P.	30th Sunday of the Year (A)



Feast of All Souls

This year we will have Mass celebrated at St. John's on Monday 2nd November at 10:00am followed by the blessing of all the graves in the parish graveyard. This is a special time for us to remember all who have gone before us, to thank God for their life and contribution to our families and congregation., and to pray that they may all be at peace in our heavenly home.

**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon
them, 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 10th November.** 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 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 needs to contact Fr. Manoj. Both our parish Websites and Facebook Page details are shown. Please 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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St. John the Baptist RC Church & St. Paul's RC Church
Annitsford
Cramlington
NE23 7QR



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18th October 2026

29th Sunday of the Year (A) - Home Mission Sunday

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 message for October

For Mental Health Ministry

"let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses."



29th Sunday of the Year A

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes. Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favoured the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities. Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites and takes his response one step further. He asks that they examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God. Jesus' response suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and



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, 31st 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 this can be now be paid to Fr. Manoj.** 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."**

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. & George Gillon R.I.P.



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. **Will the parishioner with Envelope Number 26 please contact Gerry!**

Important – Mass Time Change: On Friday 9th October we commenced celebrating the Friday evening Mass in St. John's at 6pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5:00-5:55pm. These times will continue until 26th March 2027.



We need YOU! Appeal for Helpers: We are currently two helpers missing from our dedicated team to cut the grass in the church grounds.

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: December

Northern Catholic Calendars: St John's Parish order has been placed. The Calendars will be placed at the back of church when they become available.

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.

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.

DRAINAGE - We have received approval from the diocese to proceed with the replacement of the septic tank with a sewage treatment plant. We will advise you of the commencement and completion dates when they become available. Please note during this period the Presbytery and Hall toilets will be out of action.

Collections: Sunday 11th Oct £427.70

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.

Ministry Rota
17th October

Bidding Prayers Jacqui H
Welcomers Meg C & Barbara W
Readers Peter K & Jacqui H (Wed Sue W)
Coffee Victoria L

Counters Team 2: Teresa K & Sheila H
Cleaning Team 3: Stella S & Barbara B
Bulletin Peter

24th October

Bidding Prayers David S
Welcomers Russell & Stephanie N
Readers Teresa K & Jacqui H (Wed Patrick)
Coffee Joyce & Malcom G
Counters Team 4: Maureen B, Meg C, Kathy O'R
Cleaning Team 4: Stephanie N & Barbara W
Bulletin Mariela



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

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

Bonus Ball 10th October - Number 21 R Marshall

Live Streaming of Mass: When Live Streaming on YouTube there were major issues with the sound quality, which we could not address, We therefore resumed on our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/groups/stpaulscrmlington last Saturday 10th October 2026 at 6:00pm, and will continue to do so going forward, along with Major Feast Days (with these times to be advised).

Weekday Masses: The Wednesday morning Masses will continue to be celebrated IN CHURCH over the coming winter months with the Coffee Morning to follow in the Cafe Area. This decision was made due to the numbers attending Mass now being too many to safely fit in the Back Room, and to save heating the Back Room just for the Coffee Morning. Additional seating has been arranged in the Cafe Area to cater for those attending Mass. We hope this will not be an inconvenience and be acceptable to all concerned. Thursday morning Masses will be celebrated in church when the school children are attending but will now be celebrated in the Back Room for the winter period when they do not attend [watch the Bulletin for dates]. On the last Thursday of each month Mass will be in the Back Room as the school Mass is now being celebrated at 9:15am in school on the first Friday of each month during Term times.

Joint Parish News

Vacancy: Finance Assistant. **Contract:** Permanent
Salary: £3,653 pro rata per annum
Hours: Part-time 5 hours per week
Working Pattern: Able to be negotiated at interview.
Location: St Paul, Dewley, Cramlington, NE23 6EF and St John the Baptist, Annitsford, NE27 7QR **Apply:** <https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/finance-assistant-2/> **Closing Date:** 12:00 pm, 22/10/2026

Joint Parish News

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.

Retiring Collections: A retiring collection will be taken this weekend 17th / 18th October for **World Missions** and on the 24th / 25th October for **Clergy Training** (this collection will remain open until 15th November to receive your donation). For parishioners with Gift Aid Envelopes, there are envelopes in your Gift Aid Box of envelopes. Thank You

Remembrance Mass - Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage: A Remembrance Mass has been arranged for Friday 20th November 7.00pm at Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Washington is open to everyone, not just those who have been to Lourdes. Special candles to be burned at the Mass in memory of loved ones can be purchased at £3.00 each by contacting the Lourdes office at lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk

Red Mission Boxes: Please empty your box, enclose your name and address and leave in the Piety Stall at St. Paul's or in the basket on St Joseph's altar at St. John's Your receipt and magazine will be available the following week.

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 on the back page for each of the individual parishes. Thanks.



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.

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 by next weekend, 24th / 25th October** by writing your name and contact number on the list at the back of church. Thanks

Gift Aid Awareness: Across the Diocese, we want to encourage a greater understanding of Gift Aid and increase the number of eligible parishioners who choose to Gift Aid their donations. Every Gift Aid Declaration generates additional income for our **parishes at no extra cost to the donor**, helping to support the mission, ministry, and pastoral life of our communities. Our collective goal is simple: to increase Gift Aid participation across the Diocese and ensure that no eligible Gift Aid is left unclaimed. Even small increases at parish level can make a significant difference when multiplied across our diocesan communities. Likewise, even modest increases in individual giving can have a significant impact on a parish's ability to support ministry, maintain its buildings, serve the local community, and invest in future mission. PLEASE SPEAK WITH GERRY KILLEN (St. John's) OR SHIELA HEDLEY (St. Paul's) if you are a taxpayer and do not currently Gift Aid your donations to the parish.

Children's Christmas Party: is planned to be held on Saturday 12th December at 4:00pm in St. John the Baptist Church Hall. Envelopes are at the back of church for you to put your name, telephone number and number of tickets required (£5 / per child). Can you please fill in the relevant details and give the envelope to Fr. Manoj **by next weekend, 24th / 25th October** so the necessary preparations can be made. Thank you.



Please keep our Holy Father, Pope Leo, in your prayers as he continues his recuperation from his recent surgery that he may soon return to full health and be able to continue to lead us all on our faith journey. May God give him the strength and courage to help him on his recovery journey.