

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
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)
Tue 6 th	10:00am Mass Fred Forster R.I.P.	
Wed 7 th	Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary Coffee Morning 10:30am Vera Frazer R.I.P.
Thu 8 th		10:00am Mass School Mass Year 2
Fri 9 th	5:00 – 5:55pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass Davy Young R.I.P.	St. John Henry Newman
Sat 10 th	St. Paulinus of York	5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass Sr. Agnes Miller R.I.P.
Sun 11 th	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass Moir & John Page R.I.P. Kevin Fox R.I.P. Maureen Beadling R.I.P.	28th Sunday of the Year (A)



A better world needs all of us

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest

Was set aside last Friday 2nd October as our actual Parish Family Fast day. Hopefully you managed to do without a meal that day and can donate the savings, or any monies you wish to **donate, to our Family Fast Day parish collection which will be taken over this weekend, 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. Please Gift Aid your donation if you are a taxpayer by using 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.

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 1st 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 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 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
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4th October 2026 27th 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 message for October For Mental Health Ministry

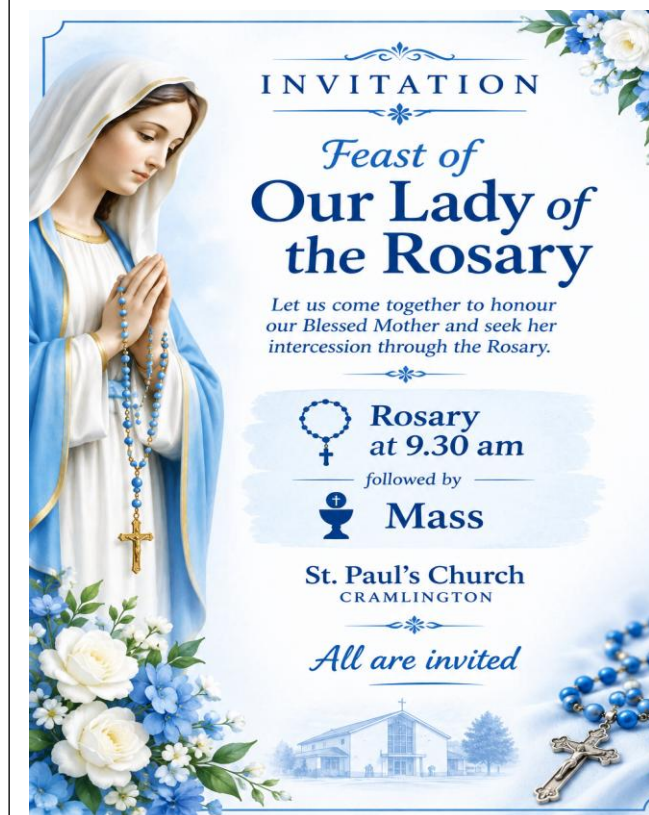
'let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.'



27th Sunday of the Year A

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son. After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent. In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary: Will be held next 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.



The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is a celebration of the Christian victory over the Turks at Lepanto in 1571, attributed to the praying of the rosary before the battle. May the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary remind us to take refuge in Our Lady pray the rosary, and contemplate the life of Christ through prayer.

Prisoners Sunday: celebrated next Sunday and the church asks us to reflect on the lives of those affected by imprisonment, those in prison, their families and children and to pray that the crisis of housing prisoners be sorted.

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.



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.

Important: From next Friday 9th October until 26th March 2027 the Friday Mass will be celebrated at 6pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5:00-5:55pm



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.

Collections: Sunday 20th Sept £417.50 – 27th Sept £295.23

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 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 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.

Coffee Morning after this Sunday's Mass.

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

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

10th October

Bidding Prayers Teresa C
Welcomers Julie & Bob M
Readers Eddie L & Julie M (Wed Eddie L)
Coffee Joyce & Malcolm G
Counters Team 3: Bob & Julie M, Sheila H
Cleaning Team 2: Teresa C
Bulletin Peter



We need YOU! **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: 26th September - Number 31 G Hanson

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.

Joint Parish News

Gift Aid Awareness Day: 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.

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.

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 at lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk

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.



Joint Parish News

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.