

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
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 Moira & John Page R.I.P. Kevin Fox R.I.P. Maureen Beadling R.I.P.	28th Sunday of the Year (A)
Tue 13 th	10:00am Mass Private Intention [AT]	
Wed 14 th		10:00am Mass Coffee Morning 10:30am
Thu 15 th	St. Teresa of Avila	10:00am Mass School Mass Year 6
Fri 16 th	5:00 – 5:55pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass St. John's Gardeners, living and dead.	
Sat 17 th	St. Ignatius of Antioch	5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass
Sun 18 th	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Peter Laggan R.I.P.	29th 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.**

Please keep all Prison Chaplains, especially Tony Turner, in your prayers this weekend as we celebrate Prisoners Sunday.

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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11th October 2026 28th Sunday of the Year (A) Prisoners 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.'



28th Sunday of the Year A

God's Invitation to the Feast

Today's Readings reminds us that God invites everyone to share in His joy. The readings speak of abundance, welcome, and being ready to take part in what God

offers. Like a great feast, His love is open to all, but we must come prepared to receive it.

Isaiah tells of a feast on a mountain where sorrow and death are gone. God gathers all nations and wipes away tears. It is a picture of hope and comfort. This connects with the Gospel, where Jesus speaks of a wedding banquet that welcomes anyone willing to come.

Paul, in the second reading, teaches that strength and peace come from trusting Christ in every situation. Whether we have plenty or little, God provides what we need. The 28th Sunday reminds us that God's care never fails. God calls each of us to accept His invitation and live with thankful hearts. God welcomes everyone to His feast. He provides comfort, strength, and hope. We must accept His invitation with ready hearts. We are challenged to trust God in both plenty and need. To respond to His call with faith and to live in a way that shows you are ready.

Peace in our world today: As we continue to see the effects of war, famine and natural disasters continue to sweep across our world today we ask that everyone makes the effort to set time aside to pray for peace and harmony 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.**

Prisoners Sunday: is celebrated today and is the National Day of Prayer for prisoners. It is an opportunity for us all to direct our thoughts and prayers to the needs of prisoners and their families, and those who work to support those affected by the criminal justice system. The number of people in prison is increasing, and our prisons are in crisis. There are 4 prisons in our diocese and in our communities. there are children and families who have a loved one in prison and who may be struggling with stigma, isolation and hardship as a result. It is believed there are over 200,000 children every year who have a parent in prison. PACT is the national Catholic charity working to support prisoners, people with convictions and children and families. The work is deeply rooted in Catholic Social Teaching and continues to restore hope and dignity to thousands of people imprisonment. Staff and volunteers work in over 60 prisons across England and Wales with their care and practical support help people in prison stay connected with their families. By retaining strong family bonds prisoners are 39% less likely to reoffend. PACT supports families of prisoners through the prisoners family helpline which is a free confidential service offering practical and emotional support to anyone affected by imprisonment. There are envelopes available should anyone wish to help the work of PACT financially. Information can be found on the PACT website www.prisonadvice.org.uk or on the leaflet on the Notice Board.



The 6:00pm Mass this weekend at St. Paul's will be celebrated for the repose of the soul of Sr. Agnes who passed away on 12th October last year. We thank God for her life and contribution to our parish and school over many years and pray that she may now be at peace with her family and friends in the loving arms of our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Rest in peace, Agnes.

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: From last 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



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 4th Oct £418 CAFOD Fast Day £355 to date.

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

10th October

Bidding Prayers

Welcomers

Readers

Coffee

Counters Team 3: Bob & Julie M, Sheila H

Cleaning Team 2: Teresa C

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17th October

Bidding Prayers

Welcomers

Readers

Coffee

Counters Team 2: Teresa K & Sheila H

Cleaning Team 3: Stella S & Barbara B

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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: 3rd October - Number 33 S Fletcher

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

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.

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.



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, 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 paid to Fr. Manoj from this weekend**, 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 Communion 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 on the 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

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

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.



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.