

This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

	St. John the Baptist, Annitsford	St. Paul's, Cramlington
Sat 31 st		5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass John Waterworth R.I.P.
Sun 1 st Nov	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Caterina Maria Marzella Love R.I.P.	All Saints (A)
Mon 2 nd	10:00am Mass Holy Souls R.I.P. followed by the Blessing of Graves	All Souls
Tue 3 rd	10:00am Mass Living & deceased members of St. John's parish	
Wed 4 th	St. Charles Borromeo	10:00am Mass 10:30am Coffee Morning Christine Turner R.I.P.
Thu 5 th	12:30pm Funeral service for William David (Billy) Sandcaster	10:00am Mass
Fri 6 th	5:00 – 5:55pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass Poor & needy of the world	
Sat 7 th		5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm Mass Jimmy Shaw R.I.P.
Sun 8 th	9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am The dead of the 2 World Wars & Mary Rikeard R.I.P.	32nd Sunday of the Year (A) Remembrance Sunday



Feast of All Souls

This year we will have Mass celebrated at St. John's next **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 15th 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.

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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1st November 2026

Feast of All Saints (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.



Clergy changes for both parishes:

Fr. Anthony, will be arriving from India on 14th November to assist Fr. Manoj and to begin his training about how we operate in our diocese. We hope that everyone will offer a warm welcome to Fr. Anthony to make him feel at home and help him settle into our parish life so, hopefully, he can have a trouble-free time with us.



Remembrance Sunday

Next Sunday is the Annual Remembrance Sunday when we are all asked to remember all who gave their lives in the defence of our nation. **We pray that they may all be at peace in our heavenly home and that the grief of their loss is tempered by the love of God for the loved ones they left behind.**

The Royal British Legion in partnership with the National Literacy Trust have created The Remembrance Assembly, a free online learning event which brings children together from across the UK on Armistice Day. With music, poetry, voices from the Armed Forces community, inspiring locations and plenty of creative ways to remember, it's the ideal way to help young students aged 9–14 connect with Remembrance and will be streamed via YouTube and Zoom from 10.25 – 11.05 on Wednesday 11th November. To register go to [Remembrance School Assembly: book now](#). Please continue to pray for all our armed service personnel during these uncertain times in our lives.



Pope Leo XIV's message for November:

The Lord is the refuge of the poor

Pope Leo XIV reflects on God as "the refuge of the poor," urging Christians to rediscover the central place of the poor and examine our commitment to justice, solidarity, and human dignity.

Feast of All Saints: The Solemnity of All Saints was instituted to honour all of the saints, both known and unknown, and to supply any deficiencies in the faithful's celebration of saints' feasts during the year.



Candles of Remembrance 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. **Memorial Candles** in memory of our departed family members, relatives and friends are still available from Fr. Manoj at £10 each. They will be **lit during the Vigil Mass this 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.** We 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.



Planned Giving - Gift Aid 2026/27:
Anyone who does not support the parish in his 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.



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

Blessing of the graves: following the 10:00am Mass on Monday we will have 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 lives and contribution to our families and congregation., and to pray that they may all be at peace in our heavenly home.

Tree Of Remembrance: During the month of November we will remember all your deceased loved ones. Please add their names to the tags available at the back of church and hang the tags on the tree.

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 18th Oct £268.70
Sunday 25th Oct £493.60

Coffee Morning: The monthly first Sunday coffee morning at St John's this month has been put back to next Sunday, 8th November.

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.

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 31st October

Bidding Prayers Teresa K
Welcomers Margaret H & Linda T
Readers Jeff & Christine S (Wed Teresa C)
Coffee Victoria L
Counters Team 5: Stephanie N & Margaret H
Cleaning Team 1: Julie & Bob M

7th November

Bidding Prayers Malcolm G
Welcomers Stella S & Marylyn T
Readers Margaret F & Teresa C (Wed Peter K)
Coffee Malcolm & Joyce G
Counters Team 1: Joe S, Averill R & Betty W
Cleaning Team 2: Teresa C



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 24th October – Number 13 A Fletcher



Christmas Raffle: Tickets at 50p each will go on sale next weekend in books of 10 with a 1st Prize of £100, 2nd Prize of £50, 3rd Prize of 2 Bottles of Spirits and numerous other prizes. **We are again asking parishioners for prizes to be donated for the raffle and to support their parish by buying books of tickets for themselves and their family members and friends.**

Rest in Peace: Norma Hansen: one of our parishioners who died on 14 October 2026. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Paul's Church on **Friday, 6 November 2026, at 12.30 pm**, followed by cremation at Cowpen Crematorium. We keep Norma and her family in our prayers during this time of sorrow. May the Lord grant her eternal rest and bring comfort and strength to all who mourn her loss. **Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen**

Wednesday Coffee Mornings: Having tried holding the Coffee Mornings for the past couple of weeks in the Café Area after the 10am Mass we feel it does not work as the area is too small to accommodate those stopping for coffee / tea and biscuits. We will revert back into the Back Room from next

Joint Parish News

Ministers of Holy Communion: An updated Training Session meeting for **ALL** Ministers of Holy Communion from both parishes is to be arranged and will be held in St. Paul's church in the coming weeks, date to be arranged, to enable reverent distribution of Communion under a fixed process for both parishes.

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 was taken last weekend for **Clergy Training** and 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

Safeguarding: Can all volunteers who have been asked to fill in the necessary paperwork for the ministries they do, and have not done so, **PLEASE** fill in the documentation and return it to the parish Safeguarding reps, Meg Cocks and Barbara Wareing.

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



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme is due to commence on Sunday 1 November in St John's parish hall following the 9.30am Mass. If anyone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic please contact Fr. Manoj as soon as possible. A full list of sessions leading to the Easter Vigil 2027 will be available at this first meeting and afterwards from Deacon Rob.

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). All names should now have been submitted so the relevant planning can be finalised.

Little Sisters of the Poor - Christmas Fayre

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 21st November 2026 at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle.

The Fayre is on from 12pm until 3pm. There will be a raffle, tombola, bottle stall, arts and crafts and other stalls. They will have a children's stall where everyone is a winner. Refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

VENITE AD ME: Considerations on the Transmission of the Faith in an Epochal Change. The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith has released following the outcome of the Synod of Bishops which was the call to reflect deeply on how we can effectively share our faith in the modern context. To read the full document please visit the parish Websites.

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.

Parish Appeal – Muhoroni Child Health & Nutrition

The Muhoroni People's Foundation, in partnership with St. Vincent de Paul Mission Hospital, is inviting small individual support donations to provide essential nutritional supplements and healthcare for young and vulnerable children aged 6-59 months in Muhoroni Sub-County, Kenya. Every small contribution helps us reach a child in need. Go to : <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/7XBPVSPSTVK68> to make a donation to this very worthwhile project.

Registered charity number: 1206194 (England and Wales)

St. Joseph's Leprosy Centre established in 1993 carries out surgery to reverse damage caused to hands and feet and supports people through faith and love. They provide counselling, self-care services etc to those affected by leprosy and are appealing for financial support. If you are able to help please go to donate.lepra.org.uk or see the poster on the Notice Board for further information