# St. John the Baptist RC Church & St. Paul's RC Church

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29TH NOVEMBER 2026 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

## 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.

## This week's Mass Times, Services and Intentions

| | St. John the Baptist, Annitsford | St. Paul's, Cramlington |
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| **Sat 28th** | | **5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**<br>**6:00pm Mass Mary Farrar** |
| **Sun 29th** | **9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**<br>**9:30am Deceased members of the Love, Donoghue & Miley families. R.I.P.** | **1st Sunday of Advent (B)** |
| **Tue 1st** | **9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass**<br>**Deceased Clergy of St. John's Parish** | |
| **Wed 2nd** | | **9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass 10:30am Coffee** |
| **Thu 3rd** | **10:00am Funeral Service of Joseph Anderson** | **10:00am Mass** |
| **Fri 4th** | **5:00 – 5:55pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**<br>**6:00pm Mass Living & deceased members of St. John's Parish** | |
| **Sat 5th** | | **5:30 – 5:50pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**<br>**6:00pm Mass** |
| **Sun 6th** | **9:00 – 9:20am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**<br>**9:30am Mary Patricia (Pat) Love R.I.P.** | **2nd Sunday of Advent (B)** |

## ST. JOHN'S PARISH NEWS

**Sick List - remember in your prayers:**
Anne Hall, Karen Mackie, Anna Shinwell, & Chris Garrett.

**Lately Dead:** Joseph Osborne Anderson (Josie) and Maureen Heal, R.I.P. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

**Tree Of Remembrance:** During the remaining part of November we will remember all your deceased loved ones. Please also remember St John's Parishioners who made the Ultimate Sacrifice during the two World Wars.

**Baptism:** Please keep Lyle Charles Sevenoaks (and all His family) who will be baptised on Sunday 29th Nov in your prayers

**Collections:** Sunday 15th November £378.41 LEPRA £550.00
Sunday 22nd November £354.75 Clergy Training £217.30

**Mass Intentions** - We offer the facility to have Mass celebrated for your own Intention. 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.

**Red Mission Boxes:** Please empty your Mission Box, empty into a bag with your name and address and leave in the basket on St. Joseph's Altar for St. John's and in the Piety Stall for St. Paul's. Your receipt and magazine will be ready for you the following week.

**Friday Evening Mass: 6:00pm during winter months.**

## ST. PAUL'S PARISH

**Remember in your prayers:** Please pray for Linda Hoff, Jean Espie, Christine Elliott, Aidan, Chris Garrett and Glynis Mayes who are unwell.




**Christmas Raffle:** Tickets at 50p each are now on sale 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 short of bottles of spirits for the raffle, so if you are able to donate one, we would be very grateful. Please support your parish by buying tickets for yourselves, family members and friends.**

**Bonus Ball** 28th November – Number 3 P Young

**Candle & Gift Sale after Mass: 5th December 2026**
All donations for Parish funds & matched for CAFOD.
Teas/Coffee & Cakes.

**Rota list:** This is displayed on the Notice Boards with a copy in the Piety Stall. Please check when you are scheduled & let me know if you cannot fulfil your ministry. Peter K [07948 403341].

**School Carol Service** will be held in St. Paul's church on Friday 11th December from 1:30 – 3:00pm. Please get there early

**Appointment:** We welcome to the Diocese, **Fr Antony Kaithaparambil SAC** who will serve as Assistant Priest to Fr Manoj Punchakunnel at Cramlington and Annitsford.

**Lamb House, East Cramlington** is a refuge for any vulnerable people, irrespective of sex or age. During Advent we would invite you once again to please, donate, no matter how small, to help make Christmas a little more cheerful for those less fortunate than ourselves. We will begin our collection this weekend, Saturday 28th November, and your donations will be delivered to Lamb House on Tuesday 22nd December to arrive before Christmas. Please place all donations on the table at the back of church. Our normal collection of items for the Food Bank will resume after Christmas. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

## CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

***THIS CHRISTMAS, GIVE A GIFT THAT CHANGES A LIFE***

**What do you buy someone who has everything?**

This Christmas, why not give a gift that makes a real difference? With CAFOD World Gifts, you can buy something truly special – from providing clean water and emergency food to supporting farmers, educating children and helping families rebuild their lives. Your loved one receives a beautiful gift card explaining how their present is helping someone in need.

**A gift for someone you love. A lifeline for someone who needs it. MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS COUNT!**

**worldgifts.cafod.org.uk**

**Marriage Preparation Days:** An updated poster is displayed on the Notice Board for the 2027 Day Courses.

**Weekly Reflections & Daily Readings for Advent:** *Members of our diocesan writing team have produced a series of weekly reflections providing prayerful reflections* with *daily readings and will conclude with a reflection for Christmas Day by Bishop Stephen via the diocesan website.* https://bit.ly/DHNAdvent2026

**St. Paul's PPC Minutes**: At the back of the church

**Discernment report submitted for both St. John's and St. Paul's:** at the back of both the churches.

**Christmas Cards:** There is a selection of Christmas Cards available for sale in the Piety Stall at St. Paul's.

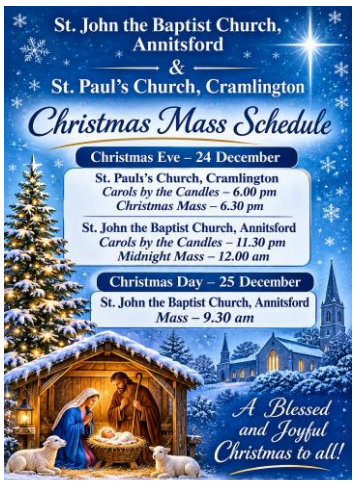


**Pope Leo's December Prayer Intention: "for Christians living in areas of war or conflict that they may become "seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope."**



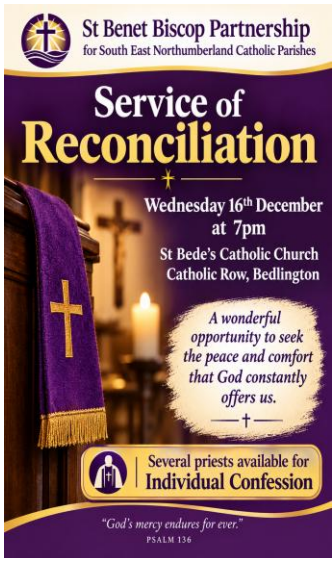
**Advent:** This weekend is the start of the season of Advent, a time of preparation for the birth of Jesus. Our Advent Wreath has 3 purple, 1 pink and 1 white candles. The first purple one, known as the ***PROPHECY CANDLE***. is lit this weekend and symbolises ***HOPE***. The second purple one, known as the ***BETHLEHEM CANDLE*** lit next weekend symbolises ***PEACE***. The 3rd candle to be lit is the Pink one, known as the ***SHEPHERDS CANDLE*** symbolises ***JOY*** and marks Gaudete Sunday, expressing joy as Christ's arrival draws near. The 4th candle lit is purple and symbolises ***LOVE***. The White candle lit on Christmas Eve, known as the ***CHRIST CANDLE*** signifies Christ, the Light of the World.




Adoration for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Partnership will be for one hour this **Sunday 29th November 2026.** Can ALL MINISTERS please attend if at all possible. See the poster below for further information.

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