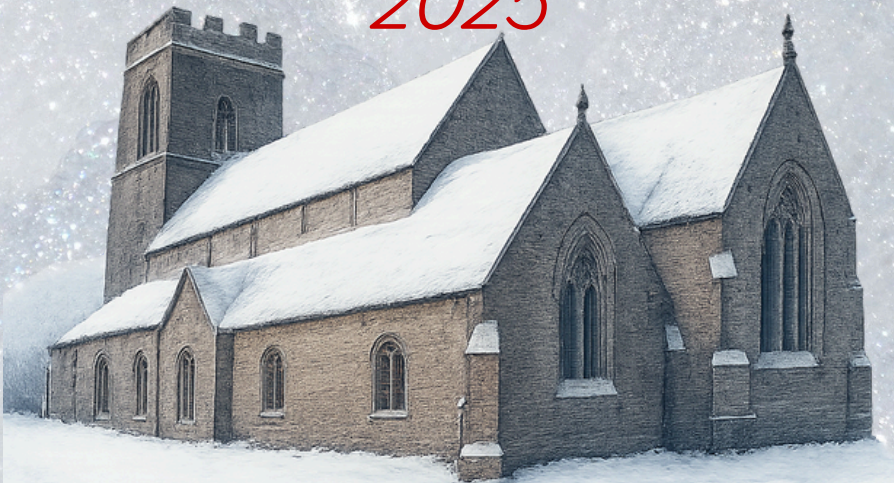




*The Sacred Heart & St Cuthbert  
and  
St Paul's  
Catholic Churches  
Christmas Bulletin,  
2025*



The background is a vibrant, multi-colored stained glass design. It features a central circular medallion depicting the Holy Family: Mary in a blue robe, Joseph in a red robe, and the infant Jesus in a white swaddling cloth. To the left of the infant is a golden lamb. The central scene is surrounded by intricate geometric and floral patterns in shades of blue, red, yellow, and green, all set against a dark, textured background.

## **Bless Our Family**

**Lord, we ask you to bless our family,  
those near and far away,  
especially those who find life hard and things  
difficult, those coping with ill health,  
with old age,  
with many cares and concerns.**

**May they know your blessing in their lives this  
Christmas.**

**Amen.**

*May the Lord fill you with peace and  
joy as you place your trust in Him.*

*Romans 15:13*

*St Paul's Catholic Church, Alnwick*  
*Rotas for the Christmas Period*

**Counters 22nd December**  
**Mary Frater; Frances Sinclair**

**Ministers of the Word for Sunday 28th December**  
**Marie Thomas, Barbara Dawson, Tony Wynn**

**Ministers of the Eucharist for Sunday 28th December**  
**Sally Williams, Gerard Egan, Susan Potts**

**Tea & Coffee Helpers 28th December**  
**Susan, Judith**

**Flower Arranger 28th December - Not required this week**

**Counters 29th December**  
**Edith, John**

**Ministers of the Word for Sunday 4th January**  
**Agnes Ade-Lawal, Diana Collins, Richard Boushell**


**Ministers of the Eucharist for Sunday 4th January**  
**Catherine Torgussen, Christine Hammond, Jo Taylor**

**Tea & Coffee Helpers 4th January**  
**Jo, James, Mary F**

**Flower Arranger 4th January**  
**Canon Stephen Watson**

**Counters 5th January**  
**John K, Stanley**

# Sacred Heart & St Cuthbert, Amble Mass Times and Intentions


 **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Exposition and Vigil Mass 5.00pm**  
**Veronica Sim**

*First Reading Prophet Isaiah 7:10-14, Psalm 24,*

*Second Reading St Pauls letter to the Romans 1:1-7, Gospel of Matthew 1:18-24*

Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus, the Son of God. He was born in Bethlehem in a humble stable, showing God's love for all people. Angels announced His birth to shepherds, and wise men came to honour Him. Jesus came as the light of the world, bringing peace, joy, and hope. His birth reminds us that God is with us and loves us deeply.

This day fills us with joy and gratitude. We celebrate with prayer, song, and family. The Octave of Christmas continues the joy for eight days, helping us stay close to Jesus. Each day reminds us of faith, love, and peace. Christmas calls us to welcome Jesus into our hearts and share His light with others.

 **Christmas Eve: 24th December**  
**Carols & reflection, 4.30pm**  
**First Mass of Christmas, 5.00pm**  
**George Middlemiss & Kathleen Griffin**

*First Reading Prophet Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm, 96,*


*Second Reading Letter of St Paul to Titus 2:11-14, Gospel according to St Luke 2:1-14*

**Christmas Day – No Mass at Amble**

**St Stephen's Day – No Mass at Amble**

# Sacred Heart & St Cuthbert, Amble

## Mass Times and Intentions

 **Saturday 27 December 2025**

**Feast of the Holy Family**

**Carols & Poems. 3.00 pm followed by Vigil**

**Mass of the Holy Family 5.00pm**

**Peter Davis**


First Reading: Book of Sirach 3:2-6,12-14, Psalm 128,

Second Reading Letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:12-21, Gospel of St Matthew 2:13-15,19-23


The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that Jesus lived in an ordinary family filled with love and faith. Mary and Joseph cared for Him and trusted God, even in hard times. Their simple home was guided by prayer and obedience. This feast teaches us that God works through family life and that love grows through patience, kindness, and daily care

 **Thursday 1 January 2026**

**Service of Word & Communion 10.30am**

 **Friday 2 January 2026 Mass 10.30 am**

**People of the Parish**


 **Saturday 3 January 2026,**

**Vigil Mass of Second Sunday after the Nativity 5.00 pm**

**Teresa McQuillen**

First Reading: Book of Sirach 24:1-2, 8-12, Psalm 147,

Second Reading: Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18 Gospel of St John 1:1-18

 **Monday 5 January 2026,**

**Vigil Mass, Epiphany of the Lord 5.00 pm**

**In Thanksgiving**

First Reading: Prophet Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72,

Second Reading: Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 13:2-3a,5-6 Gospel according to St Matthew 2:1-12

# Goodwill To Everyone

Lord, fill our hearts with goodwill towards everyone this Christmas.

Open our hearts to your loving kindness for your love is for us all, however unworthy we judge ourselves.

Bless our hearts that we may show kindness to others, especially to those in need.

Amen


# St Paul's Catholic Church, Alnwick

## Mass Times and Intentions



**Sunday 21 December 2025**

**Mass 10.00am**



**Tuesday 23 December 2025**


**Mass 6.00pm**



**Christmas Eve - Wednesday 24 December 2025**


**Carols 7.00pm followed by**

**Mass 7.30pm**




**Christmas Day - Thursday 25 December 2025**

**Mass 10.00am**



**St Stephen's Day - Friday 26 December 2025**


**NO MASS**



**Sunday 28 December 2025**


**Mass - Feast of the Holy Family 10.00am**

**Margaret Givens**




**Tuesday 30 December 2025**

**Mass 6.00pm**




**Wednesday 31 December 2025**

**Mass 10.00am**




**Thursday 1 January 2026**

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God 12.00 noon**




**Saturday 3 January 2026**

**Mass 10.00am**



**Sunday 4 January 2026**

**Mass 10.00am**



**Tuesday 6 January 2026**

**Mass - Solemnity of the Lord's Epiphany 10.00am**

## Other Feasts:

27 December 2025 - St John, Apostle & Evangelist  
28 December - Holy Innocents  
29 December - St Thomas Becket,  
1 January 2026 - Mary the Mother of God,  
2 January - Ss Basil & Gregory (Memorial)  
6 January 2026 - Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

## Northumberland Hospitals

If you, a friend or relative are admitted to hospital, a visit/Holy Communion/ the Sacraments can be arranged by the chaplaincy team.

Contact the chaplaincy via the hospital switchboard on 03448118111 and ask to be put through to the chaplaincy department. If the call is urgent, please ask the nurse to contact the Roman Catholic Priest on call.

## Jubilee Year:

Loving and Merciful God, as we bring this Jubilee Year to a close, we lift our hearts in gratitude for the graces received, the wounds healed, and the hope rekindled.  
Amen



## Pro-life update

2025 has been one of the most challenging and busiest years ever for the pro life movement in the UK, with the biggest battles on abortion and assisted suicide in over 50 years.

Thanks to the support of our parish, there has been a strong, coordinated response in Parliament, in the media and among the wider public. The 2025 Right To Life UK Year in Review sets out some of the key areas in which significant progress has been made this year.

Please visit <http://righttolife.org.uk/2025> to read the Year in Review to find out more about what we have achieved together for life this year

## **Nights of Light**

24th December Aurora Milanansen - RIP, Eileen Turnbull –  
RIP, Kathleen, Fred, Fred Jnr, Mary & Karen Robinson –  
RIP, John & Alma Bland – RIP, Tommy Stewart –  
RIP, Les, Eileen & Christine Storey – RIP, Elsa Brown –  
RIP, David Potts – Birthday; 29th December Frank Doherty –  
RIP; 1st January Harry Robson RIP

## **Sacred Heart & St Cuthbert's Justice & Peace Coffee morning**

Wednesday 7 January 2026 at 10.30 am in the Hall

## **St Paul's Catholic Church Knit and Natter**

The next meeting, will be in the New Year.

See June Etterley at St Paul's Catholic Church for details and Location.

## **Christmas Candles**

Once again, we will observe the custom of lighting red candles at Christmas in memory of our loved ones.

The candles will burn for nine consecutive days over the Christmas period. These can be purchased from Mary Sim at Sacred Heart & St Cuthbert Church, at a cost of £5.00 per candle.

## **Christmas Draw**

Sacred Heart & St Cuthbert Church Christmas Draw will take place in the Hall after the Vigil Mass on 20 December over tea/coffee and mince pies

## **Northern Cross**

December edition still available at the back of church,  
with the January issue on sale on 3 January 2026  
price £1.50

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The diocesan policy can be found on the noticeboard in the  
porch or online at <https://diocesehn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Safeguarding-Policy-1-Dec-2023.p>

## Peace on Earth

Lord, we pray for peace for our suffering world,  
a world full of anxiety caught up in so many  
bitter conflicts between nations and within  
nations.

We pray that one day, in spite of every barrier  
of prejudice and hatred in our world,  
everywhere on earth may know the peace that  
comes from You.

Lord, guide us all in the way of Your peace, a  
peace that passes all understanding.

Amen.

*Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled.*

*John 14:27*

Canon Stephen,  
together with all  
volunteers,  
wish all Parishioners,  
their families and friends  
of the  
Sacred Heart &  
St Cuthbert Amble and  
St Paul's Alnwick  
a joyful, holy and peaceful  
Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year

