

Service/Mass Times

Mass at St Paul's, Alnwick

Tues 16th Dec	6:00 pm Mass
Weds 17th Dec	10:00 am Mass followed by Lectio Divina
Fri 19th Dec	10:00 am Mass
Sun 21st Dec	10:00 am Mass followed by Reconciliation

Mass Intentions

14th Dec	Andy Dunn, RIP
21st Dec	Jack Deeble

Mass at Sacred Heart & St Cuthbert

Sat 13th Dec	5pm Vigil Mass
Tues 16th Dec	10.30 am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Thurs 18th Dec	10.30 Mass
Sat 20th Dec	3pm Reconciliation followed by Adoration then Refreshments in the Hall. 5:pm Vigil Mass

All midweek services are preceded by the rosary for World peace.

Mass Intentions

13th December	Audrey & Bob Straker
18th December	Rodney Burge

Ministers of the Word for Sunday 21st Dec (4th Sunday of Advent)

Damian Burke; Vincent Cowley; Mary Fratert

Ministers of the Eucharist for Sunday 21st Dec

Joanna Dassen; Louis Dassen; Yvonne Douglas

Counters

15th Dec	Team 1	Vincent and Roisin Cowley
22nd Dec	Team 2	Mary Frater; Frances Sinclair

Tea & Coffee Helpers : 21st December Chris; Frances and Cecelia

Flower Arranger : 21st December Canon Stephen

Feasts of the Week

14th December St John of the Cross

St Paul's Church is open daily for Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament between 5pm and 6pm. Please join us even for a few minutes

Third Sunday of Advent

14th December 2025

St Paul's Newsletter



Welcome to St Paul's Church!

The deadline for items for the newsletter is 9pm Wednesday,

Items to be sent to

newsletter.stpaul.alnwick@diocesehn.org.uk

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Changes to the Weekly Parish Bulletin & the Parish Website

A small team are currently working on the development of an updated and improved version of the Weekly Parish Bulletin which should be available early in the New Year. We are also working on a significant upgrade to the Parish Website which will provide an invaluable on-line resource for both existing parishioners and visitors and for those seeking to learn more about our faith.

Please note there will only be a single newsletter covering the festive fortnight commencing 21st Dec, jointly published with Amble Parish.

Help Needed

With the lead up to Christmas volunteers are needed to help shine the church brass. For more details please contact Jaqui Bettell or Fr Stephen

Refreshments served every Sunday after Mass. Everyone is welcome

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

Gift Aid Thankyou

A huge thankyou to all who support the parish via gift aid . We have received £5631.15 from the government for the tax year 24/25. Your continued support is much appreciated. Donor acknowledgement letters are available from the diocese . Should you require a copy could you please let me know via the

New Readers' Rota for Year A

Copies of the new Readers' Rota for Year A are now available. If you haven't received a copy please see Tony Wynn at the Choir Stalls after Mass

Knit and Natter

The next meeting, will be in the New Year. See June Etterley for details and

Thoughts for the day

Remember to be gentle with yourself and others. We are all children of chance!
Kent Nerburn

There is only one terminal dignity – love. And the story of love is not important – what is important is that one is capable of love.

Helen Hayes

Re-Imaging Pastoral Councils

There are a series of Zoom meetings open to all about the future of Pastoral Councils Please book via the Diocesan Website. The next session is on the 16th December at 7 pm,. Look for [whats-on/event/reimagining-pastoral-councils](https://www.diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/reimagining-pastoral-councils)

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.

Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency(CSSA) and the Diocese's policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Pam Slater 07976851470 and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0191 2433305 or at safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk. 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-Dec-2023.pdf>