

## Service/Mass Times

### Mass at St Paul's, Alnwick

Sun 11th Jan 10:00 am Mass followed by Reconciliation  
Weds 14th Jan 10.00 Word and Holy Communion  
Fri 16h Jan 10.00 am Mass  
Sun 18th Jan 10:00 am Mass followed by Reconciliation

### Mass Intentions

Fri 16th Win O,Kane  
Sun 18th Jim & Agnes Storey

### Mass at Sacred Heart & St Cuthbert

Sat 10th Jan 5pm Vigil Mass  
Thurs 15th Jan 10:30 Mass  
Sat 17th Jan 5:pm Vigil Mass

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

### Ministers of the Word for Sunday 11th Jan (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Simola Chelaru; Gerard Egan; Jacqui Bettel

### Ministers of the Eucharist for Sunday 11th Jan

Yvonne Douglas; Joanna Dassen; Louis Dassen

### Counters

12th Jan Team 5 Tony Wynn and Kevin Collins  
19th Jan Team 6 Liz Harrison and Judith Francis

**Tea & Coffee Helpers :** 18th January Anne, Edith and John

**Flower Arranger :** 18th January Jacqui Bettel

## Feasts of the Week

Saturday 17 St Anthony, abbot

Refreshments served every Sunday after Mass.

Everyone is welcome. Stay for a chat.



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

The Baptism of the Lord

11th January 2026

# 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](mailto:newsletter.stpaul.alnwick@diocesehn.org.uk)

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## New Year's Resolutions

If you haven't already settled on a New Year's Resolution and are still looking for something, why not think about volunteering for one of the various support roles in the Parish. You could become a Reader or a Eucharistic Minister, a Welcomer or a Counter, a Flower Arranger or a member of the Tea and Coffee Team or become a member of the Choir or help out with the Children's liturgy Group. There is always a need for more helpers in all these roles and you will be made most welcome.

## Knit and Natter

The next meeting, will be Thursday 15th January 2pm to 4pm.  
See June Etterley for further details.

## Word and Holy Communion

While Fr Stephen is away please join us in celebrating Word and Holy Communion.

## 100 plus club

The 100 plus club has run for sometime with it's own independent bank account which allowed us to deposit and withdraw cash as needed. However, due to changes in policy we have had to close the account. All prizes for the 2025 draws have now been paid out. The remaining money due to the Church funds has been transferred to the Parish account. In future the money for 100 plus club will need to be paid into the parish account. This will meant that prize money will be paid out via cheque from that account rather than in cash. The draws would still take place at the end of the month with the winners details passed to Michelle (parish secretary) who would then draw up the cheques to be passed on. We have considered closing the 100 club down as not everyone now has the ability to deposit cheques. We would welcome any thoughts or opinions regarding the future of the 100 club. Mary Donaghey & Pam Slater

## 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 parish office or my number is 07821698937. Many thanks Chris Mcelhone

## Christmas fund raising

Thank you to everyone who donated prizes and bought tickets for the Raffle which raised £131. The hamper was won by Joanna and Louis, with Noreen winning a bottle of wine. A big thank you for those that attended, brought items for sale and helped out at the Winter Fair. A total of £550 was raised.

## Fr Stephen is on leave

Please note Fr Stephen is on leave Tues 6<sup>th</sup> January until Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> January.

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 31<sup>st</sup> July – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2026

*Celebrating 100 years since the First Diocesan Pilgrimage*

Bookings are now open for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

We travel on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July and return on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August. 2026 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the first Diocesan Pilgrimage took place led by Bishop Joseph Thorman. If you would like to book, or for further information, please contact Tangney Tours, our Tour Operator by going to their website <https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-hexham-newcastle/> or by calling 01732 886 666.

## 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](mailto: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>