



Roman Catholic Registers

Records of many early Northumbrian Roman Catholic chapels or missions are held in The National Archives. However, many of these registers have been transcribed by The Catholic Record Society - several volumes of the publications of the Society are available for consultation in our searchrooms. Newcastle Central Library also holds a full series of the publications. In addition, microfilm copies of many of these early registers have been purchased by the Northumberland Archives and are available for consultation in the searchroom. Details of these have been included in the following list of registers.

Many of these early registers were transcribed by the late Dr. Annie Forster and these transcripts and many other papers relating to the history of Roman Catholicism in the north-east of England are in our care (ref: NRO 1954). The papers include a series of pedigrees of prominent north-eastern Roman Catholic families compiled from parish registers & other sources, a list of which is available.

Many of the chapels in Northumberland were established as missions prior to the re-establishment of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in England in 1850. Historical Notes On English Catholic Missions by Bernard Kelly (Michael Gandy, 1995) provides a short history of each church in existence in 1907. Michael Gandy's Catholic Missions and Registers 1700-1880: Volume 4 North East England (Michael Gandy 1993) & the companion volume Catholic Parishes In England, Wales & Scotland: An Atlas (Michael Gandy 1993) is useful for locating the dates of existing registers & the location of chapels/churches. However, it should be noted that since publication many of the older registers have been deposited with the Northumberland Archives. An annual publication Northern Catholic Calendar provides a list of all the extant parishes within the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle with the name & address of the parish priest who may be contacted with regard to registers in his custody.

The list provides details of all Roman Catholic registers held by the Northumberland Archives, in whatever format, register, microfilm copy or transcript. A separate list records material held at Berwick-upon-Tweed Record Office.

Records Held By Northumberland Archives.

	BAPTISMS	MARRIAGES	DEATHS/BURIALS
Alnwick, St Mary, Baillifgate	x.1794-1950.	m.1846-1938.	d.1856-1978.
Amble, Sacred Heart & St. Cuthbert.	x.1879-1929.	m.1886-2004	
Annitsford, St. John the Baptist.	x.1863-1919.	m.1873-1899.	d.1863-1937.
Ashington, St. Aidan.	x.1893-1922.	m.1896-2019	d.1897-1920.

Beaufront & Woodhead.	x.1774-1796.	m.1784-1795.	d.1776-1796.
Bedlington, St. Bede.	x.1876-1977.	m.1885-1922 m. 1979-2019	d.1881-1977
Bellingham, St. Oswald (Hesleyside).	x.1794-1941.	m.1841-2019.	d.1860-1943.
Berrington.	x.1793-1816.	m.1808-1817.	d.1758-1804.
Berwick, Our Blessed Lady & St. Cuthbert.	x.1793-1856.	m.1808-1840.	
Biddlestone.	x.1767-1955.	m.1767-1999.	d.1768-1950.
Blyth, Our Lady & St. Wilfrid.	x.1862-1947.	m.1863-1937.	d.1864-1993.
Callaly Castle.	x.1796-1839.	m.1801-1840.	d.1797-1881.
Capheaton.	x.1769-1785.	m.1769-1785.	d.1769-1785.
Cheeseburn Grange, St. Francis Xavier.	x.1775-1863	m.1787-1906.	
Cockshaw Grange.	x.1753-1832.	m.1807-1838.	d.1807-1832.
Cowpen, St. Cuthbert.	x.1811-1820. 1855-1907.	m.1856-1862	d.1856-1946.
Ellingham, Our Lady of The Rosary.	x.1771-1840.	m.1779-1796, 1812-1823. 1827-1838.	d.1780-1817. 1823-1833.
Felton Park, St. Mary.	x.1792-2004.	m.1858-2001.	d.1858-2004.
Haggerston.	x.1786-1840.	m.1791-1826.	d.1790-1909.
Haltwhistle, St. Wilfrid.	x.1860-1900.		
Haydon Bridge, St. John of Beverley.	x.1875-1944.		
Hexham, St. Mary.	x.1679-1826. 1832-1926.	m.1716-1752. 1842-1953.	d.1715-1754. 1833-1963.
Hexham (Dominican Mission).	x.1715-1826	m. 1716-1952.	d. 1714-1755.
Longhorsley, St. Thomas of Canterbury.	x.1848-1950.	m.1848-1865.	
Minsteracres, St. Elizabeth.	x.1766-1840.	m.1772-1836; 2002-2015	d.1765-1839.
Morpeth, St. Bede (later St. Robert).	x.1780-1926.	m.1808-1967; 1984-1990.	d.1801-1982.
Newcastle, St. Andrew.	x.1765-1825.		d.1765-1806.
North & South Shields.	x.1807-1809.		
Ponteland, St. Matthew.	x.1870-1923	m.1828-1906.	d.1899-1990.
Prudhoe, Our Lady & St. Cuthbert.	x.1870-1918.	m.1877-1967.	d.1877-1981.
Rothbury.	x.1724-1811.		

Stonecroft.	x.1737-1821.	m.1737-1821.	d.1774-1796.
Swinburne.	x.1828-1859.	m.1830-1845.	d.1833-1849.
Thropton, All Saints.	x.1769-2008.	m.1772-2002.	d.1797-2008.
Tynemouth, St. Cuthbert.	x.1784-1790. 1807-1809. 1821-1840.		
Whittingham, Our lady Immaculate.	x.1881-1940.		d.1881-1962.
Witton Shields.	x.1789-1803.		d.1796-1801.
Woodhead.	x.1774-1796.	m.1789-1795.	d.1776-1796.
Wooler Mission (Ellingham).	x.1820-1839.		
Wooler, St. Ninian.	x.1856-1887.	m.1856-1870	d.1851-1884.

County Durham [In Microform Catalogues]

Birtley.	x.1745-1840.	
Bishopwearmouth.	x.1809-1829.	
Darlington.	x.1783-1824.	
Darlington & Stockton.	x.1783-1840.	
Durham, Old Elvet (Jesuit).	x.1768-1827.	
Durham, Old Elvet (Secular).	x.1739-1821.	m.1739-1769, 1801.
Hardwick.	x.1774-1839.	
Pontop.	x.1778-1827.	

Records Held At The Berwick upon Tweed Record Office.

Berwick, Our Blessed Lady & St. Cuthbert.	x.1793-1946.	m.1808-1946.	d.1856-1918.
Haggerston.	x.1786-1840.	m.1791-1826.	d.1790-1909.
Wooler, St. Ninian.	x.1856-1887.		d.1851-1884.

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