

SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER 2019: 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A Cycle)
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH, WALKER, NEWCASTLE: PARISH PRIEST - FR. DAVID SMITH



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Mass & Service Times for St. Anthony of Padua & Francis & St. Columba's, Wallsend:

| DATE: | TIME: | ST. ANTHONY'S | INTENTION | MINISTERS | READERS | ST. COLUMBA'S WALLSEND |
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| Sun 22nd December | 11.00am | Sunday Mass | For Blackett Family | Christine Dixon & Sr. Pat Bains | Eleanor McAndrew & Janet Henderson <i>Bidding Prayers:</i> Janet Henderson | 9.30am Sunday Mass |
| MONDAY 23rd: No Mass or Service in either Parish today | | | | | | |
| Tues 24th CHRISTMAS EVE | 6.00pm 6.30pm | Christmas Carols Christmas Eve Vigil Mass | For all the Parish | Sheila Kenney & Margaret Patterson | Damon Rowe & Carolyn Close <i>(If required Bidding Prayers)</i> Carolyn Close | 4.30pm Carols 5.00pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass |
| Wed 25th CHRISTMAS DAY | 11.00am | Christmas Day Mass | For all the Parish | Sheila Thompson & Liz Allan | Chiara Okemefuna & Jennifer Richardson <i>(If required Bidding Prayers)</i> Jennifer Richardson | 9.30am Christmas Day Mass |
| Thurs 26th | | No Mass or Service today | | | | 10.00am Morning Mass |
| Friday 27th | 10.00am | Mass in Daily Chapel | For Mary, Billy & Violet Fellows | Sr. Sylvia Swift | Eleanor McAndrew | 10.00am Communion Service |
| SATURDAY 28th: No Mass or Service in either Parish today | | | | | | |
| Sun 29th December Holy Family | 11.00am Coffee Morning after Mass see notice | Sunday Mass | For Thompson, Kelly & Hutchinson Families | Eleanor McAndrew & Janet Henderson | Margaret Richardson & Alessio Okemefuna <i>Bidding Prayers:</i> Alessio Okemefuna | 9.30am Sunday Mass |

Please pray for all those who are sick at this time, including:
 Bernard Geeling, Rhoda Robertson, Alice Simpson, John Gourley, Mary Garrity, Doreen Graham, Pauline Lewis, Ann Jarvis, June Stephenson, Margaret O'Brien, Dorothy Milor & Elaine Clayton, Rosemary McIlvenna, Monica McKinnon & Martin Finchen, Rhoda Robertson and our **children and babies:** Joseph Relph (Fr. David's friend) Baby Josh Graham and Baby James Taylor

Please also remember in your prayers: Sheila Aridhi who has died and whose Funeral Service is Friday 3rd January 2020 at St. Anthony's at 12pm and for Billy Dolan (formerly of this Parish) May they rest in peace.

May I wish you all a very happy, peaceful Christmas. God Bless you all, Fr. David.

JOURNEY IN FAITH 2019 – 2020

This is now finished until after Christmas. We meet in term time only and will announce after Christmas when the next sessions resume.
Thanks, Sr. Sylvia Swift.

EPIPHANY LUNCH & ENTERTAINMENT



SATURDAY 4th JANUARY 2020

Please see the leaflet at the back of Church. If you would like to attend the lunch at the Lindisfarne Club, hosted by St. Columba's and St. Anthony's and are over 65 the tickets are £5 each on a first come first served basis. Event will begin at 11.30am with Mass & Anointing of the Sick, followed by lunch and entertainment.

Interested? Sign up now please. This is the last opportunity you will have to sign up, as we need to advise Lindisfarne about numbers. Thank you.

Christmas Memorial Candles.



Thank you to everyone who has Purchased Candles for the Altar at Christmas Time. These will be symbols of remembrance

of our loved ones & families past and present. The candles will be displayed around the Altar and will be a wonderful way to welcome the birth of Christ our Saviour 'The Light of the World'

FUNDRAISING COFFEE MORNING:

SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER
(Immediately after Mass in Community Centre.)



Christmas Coffee Morning

We would welcome your support at the Parish Coffee Morning next Sunday. With all funds raised going towards costs of our Parish Christmas Tree and Flowers for the Altar. Thank you, Fr. David.

Other Parish News:

- **ST. ALBAN'S:**
Next First Communion Children's Mass Sunday 19th January 2020
- **Parish Rota (Jan – March)** available NOW from the Church Porch Notice Board.
- **MISSION BOXES:** Raised **£320.58** in September. Thank you, especially from Jennifer Richardson (Organiser.)

PARISH WEBSITE: Launching soon, if you have any old photos of the 'interior' of the Church please see SIMON McGEE, thank you.

Walker & District FOODBANK:

We will resume our weekly collection for this cause in January. You can place your donations in the box at the back of Church thank you. (There is information on the notice board about the types of foodstuff required.) If you have any queries you can speak to our Representative – Denis O'Neil.

Bostey staff would like to thank you for the wonderful response to their 'Annual Christmas Hampers Appeal' for identified families who needed some help. The response was tremendous. This collection is now closed until next Christmas. Thank you.

PARISH 50-50 DRAW: Available before Mass on Sunday please see Margaret Richardson in Church Porch to enter.

IMPORTANT: FROM DIOCESE FOR ALL PARISHES:

Statement: Revised Diocesan Academy Policy

The Diocesan Academy Policy has been revised with the aim that our diocesan schools will become academies within one of four Diocesan education trusts by July 2022. Underpinning the Diocesan Academy Policy is the desire and need to ensure the promotion, preservation, protection and future development of Catholic education within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle so that it is fit for the mission of the Church. There are 156 schools in our diocese educating 53,600 children. 45 of our schools are currently academies. The implementation of this policy will happen in two stages:

Stage 1: consolidation of existing academies and trusts into one base trust

Stage 2: conversion of voluntary aided schools to academy status within their regional trust

Whenever voluntary aided schools convert to academy status, they will join their single regional trust as equal partners with all schools within the trust. All schools in the region will be included in the process from the outset. In establishing these trust structures and having a single system in our Diocese, we aim to ensure that the children and young people in our schools will continue to receive the very best educational opportunities and life fulfilling experiences, within communities which have the teachings of Christ and his Church at the very centre. A Catholic trust model where every school has its place will mean that no individual school will be left isolated or vulnerable in a rapidly changing environment. It will ensure that the uniqueness of each individual school is celebrated and the unique contribution of each is recognised and appreciated. In order for this policy to be fulfilled, the Bishop expects all schools to continue to work together as a Diocesan family for the good of Catholic education in our Diocese. Through the trust structures the aim is to facilitate greater sharing, adding strength and capacity to our system and ensuring that all schools are supported and included. In this way we will better fulfil the mission of Catholic education within the Church.

Partnership Event, sign up next week:

'YEAR OF THE WORD – 2020'

STUDY MORNING' led by Fr. Sean Hall, on Saturday 25th January 2020, 9.30am-12.30pm at St. Mary's Benton. To book please add your name to list next Sunday or email: welcome@holynamesmond.co.uk

