



**SUNDAY 29th MARCH 2020: 5th SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A Cycle)
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH, WALKER, NEWCASTLE**



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(Parish Office is currently CLOSED due to Gov. Guidelines.

You can however contact the Parish Secretary on 07546 302832 During the normal opening times of Wednesday & Thursday 9am-2pm, Friday 9am-3pm.)

R.V.I. & FREEMAN HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN - CONTACT

FR. MARIADASS 0191 2733903

**FOR VERY UP TO DATE
INFORMATION ABOUT THE LIVE
STREAMING OF MASS
PLEASE REFER TO OUR PARISH
WEBSITE WHICH IS
UPDATED REGULARLY & ALSO:**

DIOCESAN WEBSITE

at www.rcdhn.org.uk

**ST. MARY' CATHEDRAL, Ncle.
(Cathedral's YouTube Channel.)**

Each day at 12.00 noon (Sunday at 11.30am) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and devotions live streamed at 5.00pm each day.

National Shrine of OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM

at www.walsingham.org.uk

THE VATICAN

www.vaticannews.com or visit their YouTube Channel

FOLLOWING GUIDELINES OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF ENGLAND AND WALES ABOUT COVID 19, THE PARISH CHURCH CLOSED ON MONDAY 23RD MARCH AND WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER ADVISED:

The Parish Priest will continue to celebrate Mass in the Parish without the Faithful (Parishioners) Deacons and Altar Servers. The continuing celebration of Mass ensures that the Faithful can join in Spiritual Communion with the Priests of the Church (*Catechism of Catholic Church 1364.*)

BAPTISMS: Baptisms will be deferred until such time that the Public Health Advice is that congregations can gather safely. In case of necessity, Baptisms should be celebrated with all the hygiene precautions that have been laid down by the Church in its COVID-19 advice. The Parish Priest will be contacting all Parishioners who have a Baptism booked in due course.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION: These celebrations are postponed until a time that allows for families and friends to gather safely within our Church. The Parish Priest and School Headteacher will confirm new dates as soon as it is safe to do so.

MATRIMONY: If possible, the celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony should be deferred until such time that people can gather in numbers safely. However, if this is not possible and only in the most pressing of circumstances, then those present for the marriage should be restricted to the Celebrant, Bride and Groom and immediate family, & if necessary, the legal Registrar. The Parish Priest will be in contact with any couples preparing for marriage.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION AT THE EASTER VIGIL: This will be dependent on the forthcoming decisions of the Bishops for the Holy Week ceremonies. The Parish Priest will be in touch with those preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation in due course.

CONFIRMATION: The celebration of Confirmation will be deferred until such time that the Public Health advice is that congregations can resume public worship.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: No pastoral visits will be made to people unless in an emergency. However, we will offer phone support (SEE NOTICE.) Anointing of the Sick will be carried out by the Priest, avoiding physical contact, adhering to the hygiene procedures set out. Visits to care homes/ hospitals will follow advice from the staff on infection control.

HOLY COMMUNION AND PASTORAL VISITS TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

As our Eucharistic Ministers are mainly over the age of 70 we are suspending visits for the time being & offering phone support, contact the Parish Office: 0191 2623817. The Priest and Funeral Directors will work together to support families who are experiencing bereavement.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions may be offered on request as long as hygiene and social distancing requirements are observed (e.g. a physical barrier between the Penitent and Priest, such as a grille and cloth.) The use of Rite II and Rite III of the Rite of Penance is not permitted as this, by necessity requires the gathering of people in our Churches.

THANKS EVERYONE, GOD BLESS AND STAY SAFE, FR. DAVID

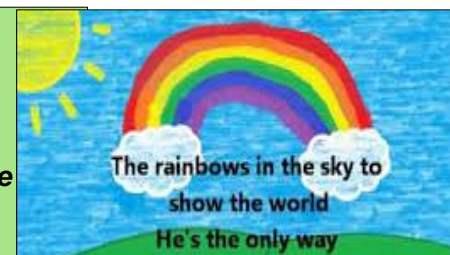


Fr. David Prays the Mass for us all in isolation. OR at least he thought he was on his own!! Pray for Him as he Visits Hospitals

Please pray for all those who are sick: Bernard Geeling, Rhoda Robertson, Alice Simpson, John Gourley, Mary Garrity, Doreen Graham, June Stephenson, Margaret O'Brien, Dorothy Milor, Elaine Clayton, Rosemary McIlvenna, Monica McKinnon, Martin Finchen Allison Maghie. **Children:** Joseph Relph & babies: Josh Graham and James Taylor

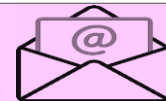
For all of our NHS staff, our ST ANTHONY'S CARE STAFF, and all frontline staff & volunteers & our Priests - they all deserve a round of applause.

Also pray for our children who are encouraging us to 'Keep Safe' with their 'Rainbow Messages' which you will see in some of their windows at home. Thank you.



Resources for children whilst at home: www.cafod.org.uk

WAYS TO KEEP IN TOUCH:



1. TO CONTACT FR. DAVID VERY URGENTLY please call 0191 2623882

2. ALSO - you can email or call the Parish Secretary (working from home due to Gov. guidelines) at any time during office hours on **07546302832**. Your query will be dealt with as soon as possible. If it is out of office hours you can email her on: **c.dixon@anthonycareservices.org.uk** this will be picked up very quickly. **Note: Some Parish volunteers have said that they are willing to chat on the phone to anyone who is isolated. If this applies to you then please don't hesitate to get in touch.**



3. WEBSITE ADDRESS: Check out our Website which is being updated regularly by Simon, please visit: **stanthonystfrancis.org.uk** if you have no access to the Internet and need information perhaps you could get a family member to do it for you, or phone another Parishioner who can give you the information you need.

4. ELECTRONIC COPY OF NEWSLETTER: If you'd like to receive our weekly Newsletter via email then contact us at **Newcastle.stanthonystfrancis@rcdhn.org.uk** and we'll add you to our mailing list.

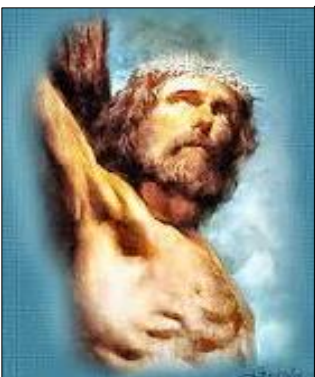
THERE HAVE BEEN PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE ASKED ABOUT THEIR WEEKLY OFFERINGS DURING COVID 19 CRISIS & CHURCH CLOSURE, WE ARE ADVISED BY THE DIOCESE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Keep your Weekly Offering or Gift Aid donations in your envelopes at home please, until this crisis is ended.
2. To set up a regular **STANDING ORDER** or to just make a one off donation. Please print off the 'Standing Order Mandate Form' attached with this newsletter which you will need to pass on to your own Bank.
3. If you have personal **ONLINE BANKING** you will be able to set this up yourself, you will just need the following information. (Please also be assured that all bank payments are accounted for in Parish Audit Trails.)
Account Name: Ss Anthony of Padua & Francis (HSBC)
(Sort Code: 40.34.45 and Account No. 61165089)
4. 'GIFT AID' for the first time and are a UK Taxpayer, you will need to download the attached 'Gift Aid Form' and send it back to the Parish Office as shown. Once everything is back to normal, because this is a legal document required by HMRC, the Office is required to forward it the Diocese. Please be assured that in completing this form mean that the Parish will receive a small percentage back from HMRC and it will NOT affect your own personal tax in any way.

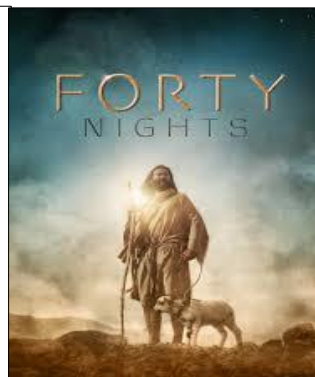


THE CHURCH OF Ss. ANTHONY OF PADUA WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL ADVISED.

Please note that Fr. David will be celebrating daily Mass without Faithful present (see the guidelines) he is assuring everyone that where there are Mass intentions in the Diary that these will be offered as before. Therefore: Sunday 29th is offered for Alan Lawler



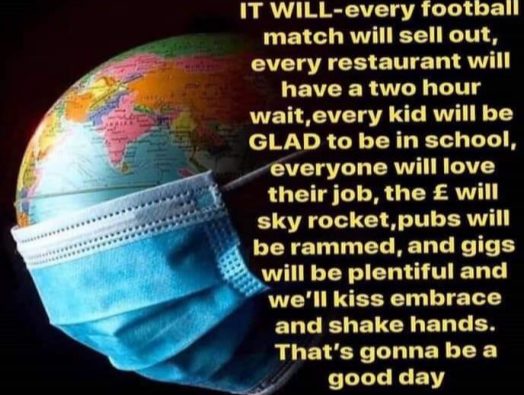
LENTEN PRAYER: By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, you Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever Amen.



OUR 50-50 CLUB WAS DRAWN LAST WEEK, DUE TO THE CURRENT SITUATION, AND WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE SAM LEE WAS THE WINNER OF £137.50. WE WILL RESUME AFTER CRISIS, THANKS MARGARET.

Statement regarding the H&N 2020 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Due to the Coronavirus COVID-19, it is with great regret that the Pilgrimage Core Group have decided to cancel the 2020 Diocesan Pilgrimage. Following current advice from our Tour Operator, the information given by statutory authorities in France and the United Kingdom, the ongoing uncertainties and the risks involved are too high to proceed. Bishop Robert Byrne shares our disappointment and fully supports this decision. Many people will be very disappointed, however, the health & safety of all pilgrims is of paramount importance. We pray to Our Lady of Lourdes & St Bernadette for all those who have been affected by the spread of this virus throughout the world. With regards to bookings made with Tangney Tours, they will be in contact with you over the course of the coming weeks. Please be patient with them at this difficult time. They have an Air Tour Operators Licence (ATOL) & are members of the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA). Your money is always 100% financially protected. **We look forward to the next pilgrimage when we once again gather in Lourdes.**



When this ends-AND IT WILL-every football match will sell out, every restaurant will have a two hour wait, every kid will be GLAD to be in school, everyone will love their job, the £ will sky rocket, pubs will be rammed, and gigs will be plentiful and we'll kiss embrace and shake hands. That's gonna be a good day

Hang in there, World.