



**SUNDAY 5th APRIL 2020: 5th PALM 'PASSION' SUNDAY (Year A Cycle)
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH, WALKER, NEWCASTLE**



CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Our Website: stanthonystfrancis.org.uk**

(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 our very 'up to date' information
please refer to our Parish Website:
stanthonystfrancis.org.**

**The Website is updated very
regularly.**



EXCITING ADDED NEWS:



**St. Anthony's & St. Columba's now
have their very own
'YOU TUBE' CHANNEL.**

**You can access the Channel by
going to our Parish Website (address
as above) and directly under the
photo of our Church there is a link
which takes you to our 'You Tube
Channel.' Here you will find
recorded Masses and other Services
appropriate for the Season.**

Also:

DIOCESAN WEBSITE

at www.rcdhn.org.uk to also follow the
Easter Services

**ST. MARY' CATHEDRAL, Ncle.
(Follow Cathedral's own 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.

**OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM
at www.walsingham.org.uk**

THE VATICAN

www.vaticannews or visit their You Tube
Channel



*Fr. David shares this poem with you all, which he received from his
friend in Kenya:*

KATHLEEN O'MEARA'S POEM:

**"AND PEOPLE STAYED HOME" WRITTEN IN 1869 AFTER
THE FAMINE:**

"And people stayed home and read books and listened and rested
and exercised and made art and played and learned new ways of
being and stopped and listened deeper. Someone meditated,
someone prayed, someone danced, someone met their shadow and
people began to think differently. And people healed and in the
absence of people who lived in ignorant ways, dangerous,
meaningless and heartless, even the earth began to heal. And when
the danger ended and people found each other, grieved for the dead
people and they made new choices. And dreamed of new visions and
created new ways of life, and healed the earth completely. Just as
they were healed themselves."

**Our NHS Doctors reiterate this message, below, please stay safe during
these times. (For ways to keep in touch with the Parish see next page.)**



**REFLECTIONS OF FR. DAVID AND MORE INFO., NEWS FROM
THE PARISH AND DIOCESE ON THE FOLLOWING 4 PAGES**



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.

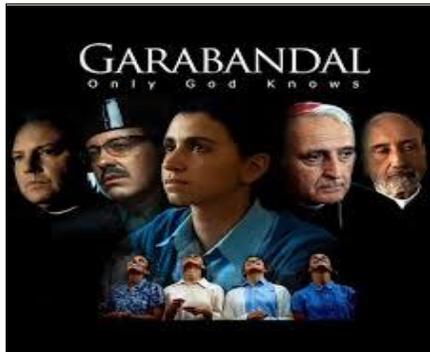


THERE HAVE BEEN PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE ASKED ABOUT THEIR WEEKLY OFFERINGS DURING COVID 19 CRISIS & CHURCH CLOSURE, WE ARE ADVISED BY THE DIOCESE AS FOLLOWS:

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 our Parish Audit Trails.)
Account Name: DHN Newcastle Ss Anthony of Padua & Francis A Registered Charity (Bank: 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 5th is offered for **THE SICK OF THE PARISH.***



GARABANDAL MOVIE: CIRCULATION ADVICE FROM FR. DAVID

The above Movie is available for viewing free of charge during Holy Week 2020

Dear Friends: The COVID-19 pandemic has brought about an immense health crisis and will most likely be joined by an economic and social crisis before too long. The suffering endured these days by so many families will also leave scars on a psychological and emotional level: many people are having to face near-death situations entirely alone, others are currently unable to accompany their loved-ones and have not had time to ask for forgiveness or make up for past wrongs. The list of sorrows continues to grow. In an entirely different way, **Garabandal, Only God Knows**, is also suffering the consequences of this epidemic.

When the coronavirus first reached Europe, the Garabandal movie was playing in theaters in France. More than 10,000 people had already seen it and many more were

expected to fill the theaters during the scheduled screenings in the months of March and April. All of this was cancelled when the theatres were forced to close. We also had to postpone the premieres planned for the month of March in Singapore, Switzerland and Australia and during April in the United Kingdom, Canada, Brazil, Portugal, and Holland. This was when we decided that perhaps the moment had arrived to upload *Garabandal, Only God Knows* to our YouTube channel to be seen free of charge around the world. Currently, however, we are unable to do so, because the distributors in the countries where we still have contracts in place hope to be able to premiere in theatres once the virus has passed. **Even so, we have found a solution that both respects the contracts and at the same time allows us to make the film available free of charge during Holy Week 2020. We are proud to announce that from April 3-12, 2020; that is, from the Friday before Holy Week through Easter Sunday, *Garabandal, Only God Knows* will be available for viewing online free of charge both in Spanish and English**

on the film's official webpage: <https://www.garabandalthemovie.com> *Garabandal, Only God Knows* came into existence to bear a message of hope to all humanity, a message that in these times is more necessary than ever. Our Lady came to Garabandal to tell us that she loves us and that she is very worried about our salvation. The current circumstances have, in God's providence, become an invitation to live the most memorable Lent and Holy Week of our lives, and this must lead us to a deep examination of conscience and a profound desire for true conversion. **Share this email with your family and friends and help to spread this message of hope and this call to conversion with the whole world.** In many places, due to the mandatory lockdowns, the faithful will not even be able to attend the Easter Triduum liturgies. Now, more than ever, our homes must become true domestic churches that learn from Our Lady of Sorrows to contemplate the mystery of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. May she extend her blessing upon you and your family in this time of need.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS FOR HOLY WEEK: FROM FR. DAVID:

(It would be lovely if you have a Palm Cross to place it in your window for others to see. You can follow the Easter Services on our YOU TUBE Site, follow links from our Website: stanthonyst.francis.org.uk or you can view at the Diocese: <http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/index.php>)



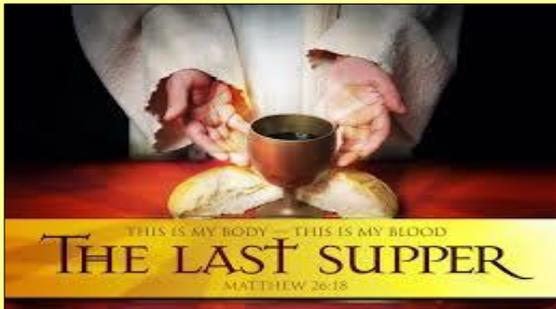
Hail, Son of David, our King and Redeemer of the world!

The Prophets foretold that you would come and save us.

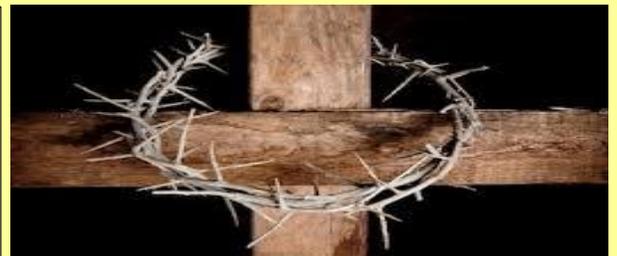
“You call me Master and Lord, and rightly so, I am. If I then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other’s feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.”



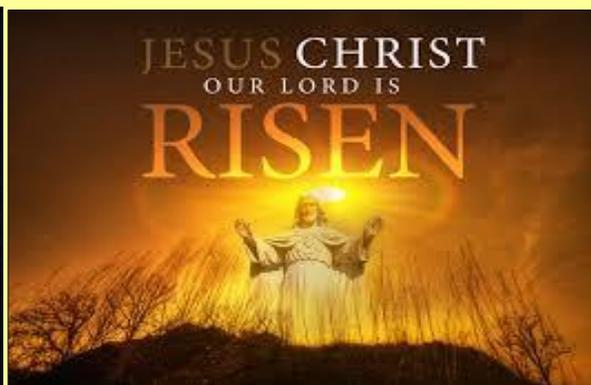
As they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when He had said the blessing, he broke it and gave it to his Disciples.



Christ the Son of God redeemed us with His Blood.
Come let us adore Him.



THE LORD HAS TRULY RISEN. ALLELUIA!!!



I wish all Parishioners a happy and Holy Easter 2020 and will be praying for all during these troubled times. Please keep in touch by visiting the Parish Website or by the ways shown in this Newsletter. God Bless, Fr. David.



A Prayer for Protection in a time of Pandemic

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

O Loving Mother, you know what we need, and what we are confident you will provide for us at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus. The Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the Will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrow so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection.

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God.

In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and Blessed Virgin.



AMEN

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.

TAGNEY TOURS HAVE ASKED FR. DAVID

if he will run a coach to

LOURDES AND LISIEUX NEXT YEAR, 2021,

which he has agreed to do.

Therefore, anyone booked for this year is welcome to leave their current booking in place with their deposit, which will be transferred to 2021.

This will come around very quickly.

If you do wish to cancel, however, for the 2020 scheduled trip then please feel free to do so.



LOURDES BASILICA



LISIEUX BASILICA

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, Josh Graham, James Taylor and little Aidan (whose immune system is not good and may have contracted Corona Virus, pray it is not the case and for his dad too who is a Nurse.)

*Let's pray for all of our courageous **NHS STAFF**,
our **ST ANTHONY'S CARE STAFF***

*& **BOSTE STAFF**, who are heroically going about their daily care roles, whilst having to observe the Gov. Restrictions. A 'huge' round of applause.*

*For **ALL FRONTLINE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS**
& not forgetting **OUR PRIESTS AND BISHOP***

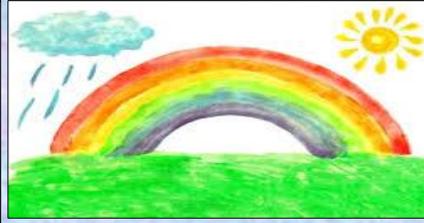
*who minister to our sick and dying. **Lord Hear Our Prayers.***





LET'S ALL PRAY TOO FOR OUR CHILDREN:

They have been encouraging us to 'Keep Safe' with their 'Rainbow Messages' and 'A Sign of Hope' which you will see, with an ever growing number, in lots of windows throughout our areas. A real symbol of unity as we get through these times. **"THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CHILDREN"**



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

Memories Jimmy O'Donnell who did the precious memories session enjoyed by many in the parish has sent us two online precious memories sessions for us to watch from our homes, thanks Fr. David

In these challenging times of social isolation, the need to stay connected with each other is perhaps more important than ever. Sadly, as I cannot provide sensory reminiscence sessions in care settings for the foreseeable future, my work over the last 4 years, I have branched out into producing **Weekly Reminiscence Videos**. My first **Reminiscence Video**, co-presented by my dog, Poppie-Margaret, has been well received in a number of care homes and by people in their own homes, connecting to people's memories and improving morale and wellbeing. I am attaching a link to my second video; there is a sporting theme, but it also includes lots of other things as well - comedy from Only Fools, Dad's Army, Two Ronnie's, music and songs, 50s and 60s photos etc. - for you to enjoy and share (control & click on the link -it can be streamed or downloaded to a device, including phone/tablet/iPad/laptop/cast to TV etc.) First Reminiscence Video (you may have already seen this)

https://1drv.ms/v/s!Agg_z3ws8TuntFs3qwyR-wnlpLtX?e=0hMJBa

Second Reminiscence Video (new for this week)

https://1drv.ms/v/s!Agg_z3ws8TuntHOnHJreolz0elCR?e=HqPrXy

If you would like a weekly video, please let me know by email lancashirememories@hotmail.com & it will arrive before Monday each week. I'm asking care homes to pay a subscription for the videos but for people in their own homes, it's a gift freely given and will continue to be so. That said, if you are able to afford it, I would like to ask for a small contribution towards my work, as sadly this is currently my only means of income, save for a few amplified 'Singing through Windows' reminiscence sessions from the end of care home gardens!

The link to my Go Fund Me page is <https://www.gofundme.com/f/sharing-precious-memories-during-coronavirus>. Or you may wish to make a small donation to a charity such as The Alzheimers Society, Defying Dementia, Age UK, Empowerment, or a charity of your choice, when you can afford to. Please tell anyone living in isolation about my reminiscence videos so they may be supported through this time. With very best wishes and thanks, Jimmy O'Donnell



COVID 19, OUR PARISH CHURCH CLOSED ON MONDAY 23RD MARCH AND WILL REMAIN SO 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.

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.se. **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.