



**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2020: EASTER SUNDAY (Year A Cycle)  
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH, WALKER, NEWCASTLE**



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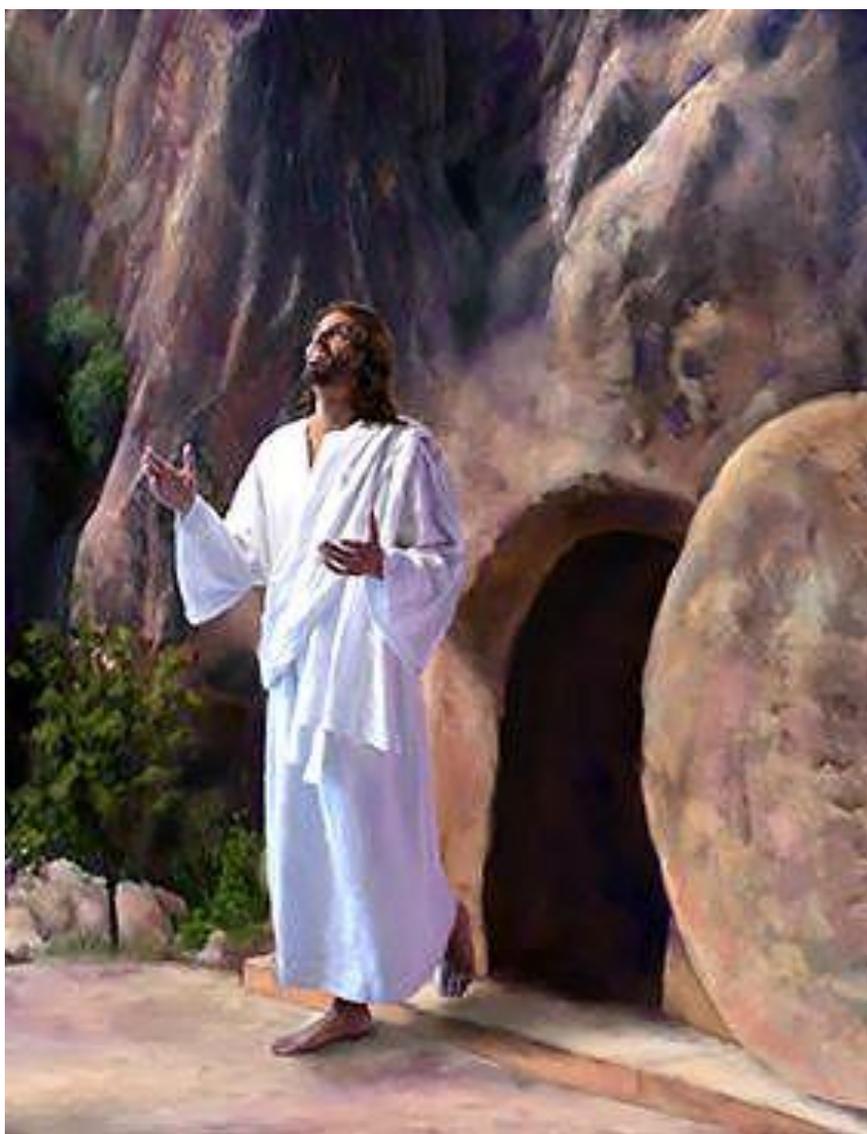
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(Parish Office is currently CLOSED due to Gov. Guidelines.

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

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**For our very 'up to date' information  
please refer to our Parish Website:  
[stanthonystfrancis.org](http://stanthonystfrancis.org).**

**The Website is updated very regularly**

**KEEP IN TOUCH:**

**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.**

**PLEASE GO TO PAGE 4  
OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR  
A WHOLE RANGE OF  
CATHOLIC 'ON LINE'**

**FACILITIES. THIS INFORMATION IS TAKEN  
FROM OUR WEBSITE, TO ASSIST  
YOU, ESPECIALLY OVER THE EASTER  
PERIOD. IF YOU KNOW A FAMILY  
MEMBER, FRIEND, PARISHIONER  
WHO DOES NOT HAVE INTERNET  
PERHAPS YOU COULD RING THEM WITH  
INFORMATION.**

**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 at the end of this Bulletin.) He is assuring everyone that  
where there are Mass intentions in the Diary that these will be offered as before.  
Therefore: Sunday 12th is offered for **FRS. MICHAEL & SEAN CONATY,**  
**AND ALL DECEASED PRIESTS (including those lost from Corona Virus.)****

*He is  
Risen!*  
Death could not  
hold him.  
Rejoice in the  
resurrection of  
Jesus Christ.  
MATTHEW 28



We pray for the Repose of the soul of **Father Owen Grant** who died on Friday 3rd April in Liverpool, due to Covid19 aged 80. Fr Owen was a Mill Hill Missionary Father and served for many years in Kenya as well as in other countries. He retired to the Mill Hill home for retired priests in Liverpool. We pray for his family too, who live in Gateshead.



## 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.**



**LOURDES BASILICA**

### 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.



**LISIEUX BASILICA**



After the 93 year old man in Italy got better in the hospital, he was told to pay for the ventilator for one day, and the old man cried. The doctor advised him not to cry over the bill.

What the old man said made all the doctors cry.

Old man said, "I don't cry because of the money I have to pay. I can pay all the money." "I cry because I have been breathing God's air for 93 years, but I never pay for it. It takes €500 to use a ventilator in a hospital for one day. Do you know how much I owe God? I didn't thank God for that before"

## GARABANDAL MOVIE: CIRCULATION ADVICE FOR EASTER:

**This Movie is available for viewing free of charge during Easter Weekend 2020, Fr. David.**

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.**

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE THE DAYS OF THE WEEK ARE NOW CALLED, Thisday, Thatday, Otherday, Someday, Yesterday, Today and Next Day !!**

*Are we feeling a 'little bit' like this at the moment?. Here are a range of 'on-line' Catholic Services which to keep us in touch. You can also find these on our Website.*

**Access our very own 'YOU TUBE' Channel for Mass and other Services:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-KkK3E9xbPn2t6s0Zrt-mQ>

**Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle:**

<http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/index.php>

**Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle Diocesan Newsletter:**

<http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/communications/communenewsarchive.php>

**St. Mary's Cathedral 'YOU TUBE' Channel, Mass 12.00noon daily and 11.30am on Sunday:**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC12EvW0Egq-cFT5i2y\\_EQw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC12EvW0Egq-cFT5i2y_EQw)

**Mass and Services streamed through the day from Churches in the UK and Ireland**

<https://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/>

**Daily Readings & Prayers for Mass:**

<https://universalis.com>

**Vatican News Services:**

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

**English Mass from various places throughout the day:**

<https://mass-online.org/daily-holy-mass-live-online>

**You can find a range of Liturgical & Prayer Resources here:**

[Isolated but not alone: resources for Catholics](#)

**OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM**

[at www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk)



**Oh Julie!!!! You really MUST get to grips with this social isolation !!!**

## 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](https://1drv.ms/v/s!Agg_z3ws8TuntFs3qwyR-wnlpLtX?e=0hMJBa)**

Second Reminiscence Video (new for this week)

**[https://1drv.ms/v/s!Agg\\_z3ws8TuntHOnHJreolz0eICR?e=HqPrXy](https://1drv.ms/v/s!Agg_z3ws8TuntHOnHJreolz0eICR?e=HqPrXy)**

If you would like a weekly video, please let me know by email **[lancashirememories@hotmail.com](mailto: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**





## 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](http://www.cafod.org.uk)**



# VATICAN NEWS



## EXTRA-ORDINARY PAPAL BLESSING:

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 11 million people tuned in to be joined in universal communion with Pope Francis. In this act Pope Francis performed the extraordinary Papal Blessing called 'Urbi at Orbi' reminding us all that Christ is our anchor and hope. You can view this moment in the midst of the pandemic on the '[Vatican News Facebook Page.](#)' Here is an extract from Pope Francis message: 'Dear brothers and sisters, from this place that tells of Peter's rock-solid faith, I would like this evening to entrust all of you to the Lord, through the intercession of Mary "Health of the People, Star of the Stormy Sea." From this colonnade that embraces Rome and the whole world, may God's blessing come down upon you as a consoling embrace. Lord, may you bless the world, give health to our bodies and comfort our hearts. You ask us not to be afraid, yet our faith is weak and we are fearful. But you, Lord, will not leave us at the mercy of the storm. Tell us again: **"Do not be afraid"** as we, like Peter **"cast all our anxieties onto you, for you care about us."**



## FIVE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYERS, WHEN YOU CANNOT ATTEND MASS.

*Since I cannot* now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O let nothing ever separate you from me. Let me live and die in Your love. Amen.

*O my Divine Jesus.* How great is my desire to receive your Sacred Blood! Come now into my soul. At least, by a Spiritual Communion. I give up my soul into your Divine Hands. Receive it into the bosom of your mercy. Amen.

*I wish, My Lord,* to receive you with the purity, humility and devotion with which your most Holy Mother received you with the spirit and fervor of the Saints.

*Soul of Christ,* sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me within thy wounds, hide me, suffer me not to be separated from thee.

*I desire to receive Thee* into the poor dwelling that my heart offers Thee. While waiting for the happiness of Sacramental Communion. I wish to possess Thee in spirit.

Come to me, O my Jesus. May they love embrace my whole being in life and in death. I believe in thee. I hope in thee. I love thee. Amen.

### ***A recent message from Pope Francis:***

Dear friends,

This evening I have the chance to enter your homes in a different way than usual. (Pope made a video recording of his Holy Week message, found on Vatican News) If you allow me, I would like to have a conversation with you for a few moments, in this time of difficulty and of suffering. I can imagine you in your families, living an unusual life to avoid contagion. I am thinking of the liveliness of children and young people, who cannot go out, attend school, live their lives. I have in my heart all the families, especially those who have a loved one who is sick or who have unfortunately experienced mourning due to the coronavirus or other causes.



These days I often think about people who are alone, and for whom it is more difficult to face these moments. Above all I think of the elderly, who are very dear to me. I cannot forget those who are sick with coronavirus, people who are in hospital. I am aware of the generosity of those who put themselves at risk for the treatment of this pandemic or to guarantee the essential services to society. So many heroes, every day, at every hour! I also remember how many are in financial straits and are worried about work and the future. A thought also goes out to prison inmates, whose pain is compounded by fear of the epidemic, for themselves and their loved ones; I think of the homeless, who do not have a home to protect them.

It is a difficult time for everyone. For many, very difficult. The Pope knows this and, with these words, he wants to tell everyone of his closeness and affection. Let us try, if we can, to make the best use of this time: let us be generous; let us help those in need in our neighbourhood; let us look out for the loneliest people, perhaps by telephone or social networks; let us pray to the Lord for those who are in difficulty in Italy and in the world. Even if we are isolated, thought and spirit can go far with the creativity of love. This is what we need today: the creativity of love. This is what is needed today: the creativity of love.

We will celebrate Holy Week and Easter Triduum in a truly unusual way, which manifests and sums up the message of the Gospel, that of God's boundless love. And in the silence of our cities, the Easter Gospel will resound. The Apostle Paul says: "And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him Who died for them and was raised again" (2 Cor 5:15). In the risen Jesus, life conquered death. This Paschal faith nourishes our hope. I would like to share it with you this evening. It is the hope of a better time, in which we can be better, finally freed from evil and from this pandemic. It is a hope: hope does not disappoint; it is not an illusion it is a hope.

Beside each other, in love and patience, we can prepare a better time in these days. Thank you for allowing me into your homes. Make a gesture of tenderness towards those who suffer, towards children, and towards the elderly. Tell them that the Pope is close and pray, that the Lord will soon deliver us all from evil. And you, pray for me. See you soon!



### **#PrayForPriests during Easter**

Cardinal Vincent Nichols is encouraging Catholics to pray for our priests, particularly on Maundy Thursday when we recall the Last Supper and the institution of the Holy Eucharist.

"We're asking priests to renew their promises, the promises they made at Ordination, in a personal and devotional way. And I ask you, please, to use the time after the Mass of the Lord's Supper to include prayers for your priests. They give their lives to the Lord in His service. "I ask you, please, this Holy Week – this Maundy Thursday – to pray for them – that they will be faithful and generous. And I know they are spending a lot of time in prayer for you. "Let's pray for our priests as we approach the Sacred Triduum and walk alongside Christ through his Passion, death and Resurrection."

**Let us say "Our Father, who art in Heaven ..."**

**Parish Day Trips: Due to current restrictions:**



**Ushaw College trip 4th June –  
Postponed until further notice**

**Holy Island trip 9th July –  
Postponed until further notice**



**COVID 19, OUR PARISH CHURCH CLOSED ON MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> 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.



MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH YOU

ALL A VERY HAPPY, EASTER

FR. DAVID.