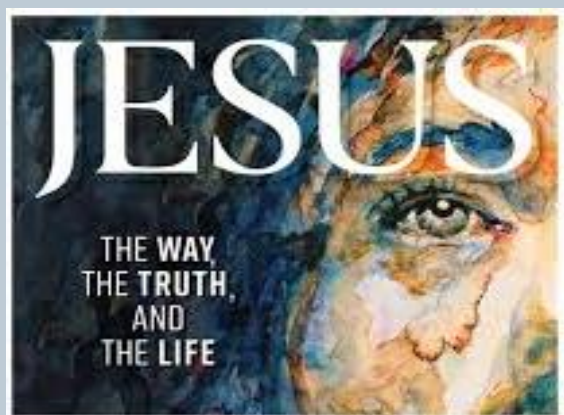


SUNDAY 10th MAY 2020: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year 'A' Cycle)

'World Day of Prayer for Vocations'

Ss. ANTHONY OF PADUA & FRANCIS PARISH, WALKER, NEWCASTLE



CONTACT INFORMATION:

FR. DAVID SMITH (Parish Priest) direct: 0191 2623882

Email: newcastle.stanthony@rcdhn.org.uk,

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

Laudato Si - 5 years on

It is incredible to think that 5 years have passed since this stunning document from Pope Francis was published. Across the world the Church is marking this anniversary. Please see the attached document entitled CARITAS to see the information from Bishop Robert, links to streamed services from within the Diocese to mark Laudato Si Week (Saturday 16 - Sunday 24 May) and some very good links to deepen your knowledge and encourage you to play your part.



Little Sisters of the Poor Home, Newcastle:

The Little Sisters of the Poor have launched a vital fundraising appeal, in response to the increasing pressures faced by St. Joseph's Care Home during the current COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic. See attached Document. Or Email: Fr. Adrian Tuckwell (email: evcaritas@diocesehn.org.uk)

THE CHURCH OF
Ss. ANTHONY OF PADUA WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER ADVISED
(see guidelines at end of Bulletin.)

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 who has a Sunday Mass intention in the Diary that these will be offered in the normal way.

Therefore: Sunday 10th May Mass is offered for: "THE PRIEST'S INTENTIONS"

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 (you will see some details of this on the front page of Bulletin.) 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.stanthony@rcdhn.org.uk** and we'll add you to our mailing list.

For our very 'up to date' information please refer to our Parish Website:

stanthonystfrancis.org.

The Website is updated very regularly.

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 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.



(Copy and Paste links into your Browsers)

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/commun_enewsarchive.php

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

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC12EvW0Egg-cFTh5i2y_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 Walsingham [at www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk)

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. Please be assured that because we are in unprecedented times, all measures will be taken to sort these envelopes out once the restrictions are lifted. Thank you.
2. To set up a regular **STANDING ORDER** or to just make a one off donation. Please print off the 'Standing Order Mandate Form' which can be found on our Website and attached to 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 AIDING' for the first time and are a UK Taxpayer, you will need to download the 'Gift Aid Form' which can be found on our Website and is also attached to this form. Please complete and send it back to the Parish Office as shown. Once everything is back to normal and 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 means that the Parish will receive a small percentage back from HMRC and it will NOT affect your own personal tax in any way.

Bishops proclaim hope in the Risen Lord as they recognise pain of Catholics who cannot pray in Church or receive Sacraments



Writing on behalf of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, the five Metropolitan Archbishops have addressed the COVID-19 pandemic and, specifically, the measures taken and restrictions imposed to combat the spread of coronavirus.

Writing of the life-changing conditions – especially changes in health and human interaction – the Archbishops point to the risen Lord as a beacon of hope in these challenging times and recognise that live-streamed Mass and other devotions help maintain the faith but are second-best to worshipping in Church:

“None of us would want to be in the situation in which we find ourselves,” they write. “While the live-streaming of the Mass and other devotions is playing an important part in maintaining the life of faith, there is no substitute for Catholics being able to physically attend and participate in the celebration of the Mass and the other sacraments. Our faith is expressed powerfully and beautifully though ‘seeing, touching, and tasting.’ We know that every bishop and every priest recognises the pain of Catholics who, at present, cannot pray in church or receive the sacraments. This weighs heavily on our hearts.”

However, the Archbishops write of the need to act in solidarity for the common good:

“It is right that the Catholic community fulfils its role in contributing to the preservation of life and the common good of society. This must continue until the restrictions applied by the Government are lifted.”

Re-opening Churches

The Archbishops make it clear that planning is underway for the re-opening of Catholic churches when restrictions are eased and that discussions with the statutory public health agencies and Government representatives are ongoing.

“As the Government’s restrictions are relaxed step by step, we look forward to opening our churches and resuming our liturgical, spiritual, catechetical and pastoral life step by step. This will also be of service to those beyond the Catholic Church who depend on our charitable activity and outreach through which much goodness is shared by so many volunteers from our communities...”

“Together with Catholics across England and Wales, we desire the opening of our churches and access to the sacraments. Until then, we are continuing to pray and prepare.”

A People who Hope in Christ

A Message from the Metropolitan Archbishops of the Catholic Church in England and Wales

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The radiance of the risen Lord shines upon us. At a time when so many shadows are cast into our lives, and upon our world, the light of the resurrection shines forever to renew and restore our hope.

In the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis: “In the midst of isolation when we are suffering from a lack of tenderness and chances to meet up, and we experience the loss of so many things, let us once again listen to the proclamation that saves us: he is risen and is living by our side.” (27 March 2020) **Cont’d**

The impact of COVID-19, both nationally and internationally, has been immense. So much of what we take for granted has changed. Our health and physical interaction, our capacity to travel and gather, have all been affected. There is uncertainty in our future, especially with work and the country's economy. As we know, very sadly, large numbers of people have died because of the coronavirus, and others have been or remain seriously ill.

Keyworkers, not least in the National Health Service and care sectors, are serving selflessly to sustain the life of our nation. Our hearts and prayers go out to everyone who is suffering because of COVID-19, and to all those battling to overcome its effects. May those who have died rest in peace and those who are bereaved find comfort.

When the Prime Minister announced the lockdown, this included places of worship and therefore Catholic churches. These measures were put in place to stem the general transmission of the virus. It is right that the Catholic community fulfils its role in contributing to the preservation of life and the common good of society. This must continue until the restrictions applied by the Government are lifted.

None of us would want to be in the situation in which we find ourselves. While the live-streaming of the Mass and other devotions is playing an important part in maintaining the life of faith, there is no substitute for Catholics being able to physically attend and participate in the celebration of the Mass and the other sacraments.

Our faith is expressed powerfully and beautifully though 'seeing, touching, and tasting.' We know that every bishop and every priest recognises the pain of Catholics who, at present, cannot pray in church or receive the sacraments.

This weighs heavily on our hearts. We are deeply moved by the Eucharistic yearning expressed by so many members of the faithful. We thank you sincerely for your love for the Lord Jesus, present in the sacraments and supremely so in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The bishops and priests of every diocese are remembering you and your loved ones at Mass each day in our churches as we pray 'in hope of health and well-being.' We thank our priests for this faithfulness to their calling.

As the Government's restrictions are relaxed step by step, we look forward to opening our churches and resuming our liturgical, spiritual, catechetical and pastoral life step by step. This will also be of service to those beyond the Catholic Church who depend on our charitable activity and outreach through which much goodness is shared by so many volunteers from our communities.

None of us knows, as yet, how or when the lockdown will end. There is likely to be a phased return to travelling and gathering. As a church, we are now planning for this time and our discussions with the statutory public health agencies and Government representatives are ongoing. Together with Catholics across England and Wales we desire the opening of our churches and access to the sacraments. Until then, we are continuing to pray and prepare.

We want to acknowledge with gratitude the service of our fellow bishops and priests, our deacons and religious, our families and lay faithful, together with all our parish and school communities, for the wonderful ways the life of the faith is being nourished at this time, especially in the home. We also pay tribute to the Catholic organisations and networks that are working to support the vulnerable and needy.

On that first Easter day, the disciples were in lockdown and the doors were closed. In their isolation the Lord Jesus came among them and said 'Peace be with you.' May the peace of the risen Lord reign in our hearts and homes as we look forward to the day we can enter church again and gather around the altar to offer together the Sacrifice of Praise.

We unite in asking the intercession of Our Blessed Lady and assure you of our prayers and blessing

Yours devotedly in Christ,

✠ **Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster**
✠ **Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool**
✠ **Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham**
✠ **George Stack, Archbishop of Cardiff**
✠ **John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark**

**We are about 3
weeks away from
knowing everyone's
true hair color**





Reflection on today's Gospel

'I am the way, the truth, and the life!' Acts 6:1-7a,
Ps 145, John 14:1-12

Jesus understands how lost his friends will feel when he leaves them, and spends some time reassuring them that he was preparing a place for them to join him. What are the special places for you? Do you have a particular place where you find it easiest to experience the presence of God in your life? Jesus' instructions were for his friends of that day, but they are just as relevant for us today and the outcome is also true – Jesus empowers us to do great things in service. Do you have a sense of being specially chosen to do God's work? Perhaps in a particular ministry? This is mission! We often think about mission work in relation to those missionaries serving overseas. However, we are all called to be on mission in our everyday lives, here and now, even in our conversations and daily actions. We may not see the fruits of the service and mission that we live. Spend time during the week actively looking to Jesus to relieve you of any fears that you have about the future.

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



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 & **Gail McDonnell (a teacher from St. Alban's School.)**

*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.*

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**



Masses for the Sick and their Families, NHS Front-Line workers and those working in Social Care

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales recognise that this time of the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting every person in our countries. Those who are sick, and their families, are suffering many hardships of isolation from contact with those they love. Our front-line workers in hospitals and in care homes all over our lands are giving exceptional service to those who are vulnerable at this time. In order to show a spiritual solidarity with all those who are involved in the ways described above, each Thursday, a Catholic Bishop will celebrate Mass in their Cathedral which will be live-streamed for people to join.



This will take place **every Thursday at 7pm.**

14 May Bishop Robert Byrne CO St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle YouTube Channel
21 May Bishop Mark Davies Our Lady Help of Christians and Saint Peter of Alcantara, Shrewsbury
28 May Bishop Terence Draney St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough

DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER

Bishop Robert Byrne has announced that the 14th May will be a Diocesan Day of Prayer for the N.H.S and Care Workers, **ending in a live stream Mass at the cathedral (see below.)**

Diocesan Day of Prayer for the sick and their families, NHS front-line, social care workers and other key workers

On Thursday 14 May 2020 we are hosting a Diocesan Day of Prayer for the sick and their families, NHS front-line, social care workers and other key workers. The day will be streamed online via the diocesan website and begins with Divine Office from St. Mary's Cathedral at 10.00am. The day ends with Bishop Byrne celebrating Mass for the sick and their families, and for NHS front-line, social care and key workers at 7.00pm. Further information including liturgical and prayer resources will be made available on the diocesan website.

Mgr Andrew J Faley - Episcopal Vicar for Faith and Mission

NOTE: Due to above, there will be no Parish Mass on that day via You Tube, thank you.



LOURDES BASILICA



LISIEUX 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.



Fr David received the prayer below from Sister Vincent who is now safely back home and taking a break in Liverpool. Members of our community have been emailing and phoning Fr David informing him of situations that need prayers. As you can see from the photo Fr David has lit a candle on the Sacred Heart Altar for each prayer request he has received. If you would like a candle to be lit please do not hesitate to get in touch with Fr David directly, preferably by email and he will light a candle for you: wallsend.ourladystcolumba@rcdhn.org.uk



Lord Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness. At your command the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of CORONAVIRIS, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health

through quality care medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and our neighbours from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Lord Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side at this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus.

May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process.

May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them foresight to act with charity and true concern for the wellbeing of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth. Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Lord Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

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.



The idea is to isolate ourselves now so that when we can get together again...
Nobody is missing.

PARENTS EVERYWHERE !

**Alexa,
homeschool
the children.**



**marriage
care**

better relationships
better lives

Healthy Couple Relationships and support when they are not:

All relationships have their ups and downs and sometimes a positive solution is hard to find. In these extraordinary days in which we experience lives of enforced isolation such difficulties may become enhanced and overriding.

“MarriageCare” a charity with which this Diocese collaborates on preparing engaged couples for marriage, provides a counselling service for couples or individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationship which one or both find challenging and problematic. You can access support through the [MarriageCare website](#) in the ‘How we help’ section, ‘[Relationship counselling](#)’. Full contact details are provided for further enquiries and venues, and include FAQ’s.

Domestic Abuse, Family Support and Support for Children in Domestic Abuse

MarriageCare also provides many useful links under the ‘[How we help](#)’ section; Relationship support organisations; Debt and Finance; Family support organisations; Domestic abuse – here there are many links under the ‘[domestic violence help resources](#)’ including support for women, men and children.

Contact: 0800 3893801 10.30am-6.00pm (Monday to Friday)

Lancashire Memories

Dear Friends,

I hope you enjoy the attached video which includes VE Day memories, May Day, celebration of work and workers, as well as many more opportunities to enjoy a 90 minute 'trip down *Reminiscence Lane*'. The trailer allows you a glimpse of what is in the full video.

TRAILER Week 7 w/b 040520 (5 mins) (just click on link below)

https://1drv.ms/v/s!Agg_z3ws8TunwTGt5EHd7tE_Bvs7?e=Rdqg1z

If you would like a link to the full video, please email me back. If you know of other people who may benefit, please share it with them as well as the attached

'People at Home' leaflet. This is a labour of love and the result of a lot of hard work and creativity, so the further it reaches, the better.

If you know of care homes that would benefit, please ask them to get in touch with me or give them only my special **'Care homes Weekly Memories Video'** leaflet (attached);

I am offering two free videos to care homes but then ask for a subscription, which is my primary source of income, in the absence of sessions within care homes.



Bless you, stay safe and keep strong,

Jimmy O'Donnell: Lancashire Memories Mobile: 07761-071696

COVID 19, OUR PARISH CHURCH 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.

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. **ANOIDTING 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.