

SUNDAY 14th JUNE 2020: THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST Year 'A' Cycle
Ss. ANTHONY OF PADUA & FRANCIS PARISH, WALKER, NEWCASTLE

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(Parish Office is currently CLOSED due to Government Guidelines.)

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R.V.I. & FREEMAN HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN: CONTACT FR. MARIADASS 0191 2733903

**SOLEMNITY OF
THE MOST
HOLY BODY AND
BLOOD OF CHRIST**

**"FOR MY FLESH IS TRUE FOOD,
AND MY BLOOD IS TRUE DRINK."**



On page 5 of this Newsletter you will read that there is an 'On line' Reflection available by Fr. Adrian Dixon, for all those EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS who would normally be making their re-commitment on this Sunday, the Feast of Corpus Christi.

To access just copy link address & paste to your Browser or go to the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle Website.

www.rcdhn.org.uk

IMPORTANT MESSAGE CONCERNING REOPENING OF CHURCHES

Bishop Robert has been in touch with all Parish Priests of our Diocese to bring them up to date with what the National Bishop's Conference have decided, regarding how our Churches will re-open. Bishop Robert has therefore met with his Episcopal Council to decide when and how Churches will re-open in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. There will be a gradual re-opening of Churches for private prayer, beginning with five Churches only.

Therefore further to the Government's announcement over the weekend that churches can re-open from Monday 15th June, we can you advise you of 5 'pilot' churches that will re-open first, with more to follow in due course. Details of opening times on Diocesan Website. These are:



St Aidan's, Ashington
St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle
St Patrick's, Consett
St Mary's, Sunderland
St Joseph's, Hartlepool



These Churches will open only after a strict risk-assessment has been carried out and a deep clean has taken place. After a short trial where volunteers in those Parishes will ensure social distancing is observed, more Parishes will gradually re-open for private prayer only. All of this will take place subject to the number of Covid 19 infections continuing to decrease. We can then concentrate on working towards re-opening for public worship and the celebration of Mass.

Please note that I am still celebrating Mass (without people present due to restrictions) but you can participate via our You Tube site (information on next page.)

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS, FR. DAVID.

LOTS MORE TO READ INSIDE ABOUT PARISH AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

WAYS TO KEEP IN TOUCH:

1. TO CONTACT FR. DAVID DIRECTLY 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.

3. WEBSITE ADDRESS: Check out our Website which is being updated regularly by Simon:

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

St. Anthony's & St. Columba's 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.

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.

FINANCIAL WAYS TO SUPPORT PARISH DURING CRISIS:

Thank you everyone who have been able to set up Direct Debits or Standing Orders, or who have dropped their envelopes through the Presbytery door whilst out on their daily walks. For those who are unable to do this, we realise that the 'planned giving' envelopes for the Financial Year 2019-2020 will have been used up by now. The new envelopes for 2020/2021 will be available once our Churches re-open. Could Parishioners, in the meantime – those who can - please use ordinary envelopes marking them with their NAME, ADDRESS AND AMOUNT and bring them to Church, once we do re-open.

Thank you all so much for your support in these difficult times. Fr. David.



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 (SEE MESSAGE ABOVE.)

2. To set up a regular **STANDING ORDER** or make a one off donation. Please print off the 'Standing Order Mandate Form' which can be found on our Website and pass on to your own Bank.

3. If you have personal **ONLINE BANKING** you will be able to set this up yourself, you will 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. Please complete and send it back to the Parish Office. 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.***

Please pray for all our sick:

Rhoda Robertson, John Gourley, Mary Garrity, Doreen Graham, June Stephenson, Margaret O'Brien, Dorothy Milor, Elaine Clayton, Rosemary McIlvenna, Phil Gosling, Monica McKinnon, Martin Finchen, Allison Maghie, Gail McDonnell (a teacher from St. Alban's School)
Children: Joseph Relph, Josh Graham, James Taylor, Theo James Abbott

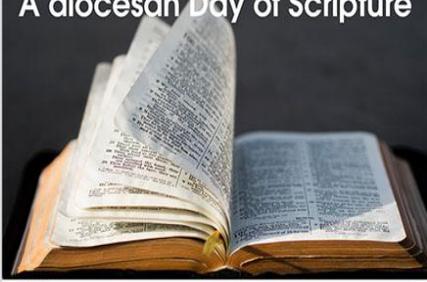
FOR: NHS STAFF, ST ANTHONY'S CARE STAFF & BOSTE STAFF, who are heroically going about their daily care roles in this crisis.

ALL FRONTLINE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

& not forgetting **OUR PRIESTS AND BISHOP** who minister to our sick and dying.



19th June 2020
A diocesan Day of Scripture



A Diocesan Day of Scripture:

Join us on Friday 19 June 2020 for a diocesan Day of Scripture, as part of our 2020 Year of the Word celebrations.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have declared 2020 to be a year of special focus on the Bible.

This marks the tenth anniversary of Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation, *Verbum Domini*, (The Word of the Lord) and the 1600 years since the death of Saint Jerome – who translated the Bible into Latin. Join us from 10.00am on Friday 19 June 2020 where our diocesan Scripture Champion, Canon Jackson will lead us in prayer (please follow the links from the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Website: <http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/index.php> (please copy and paste this to your Browser.)

Programme:

10.00am Welcome and introduction
Canon Chris Jackson

10:10 Office of Readings
Sophie Taylor + Margaret Taylor

11:00 Lectio Divina **Bishop Robert Byrne CO**

11:30 Scripture for children Dr Medi Volpe-Ayres

13:30pm Visio Divina Sister M. Michael RSM

14:30 Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible
Mr Nick McTernan

15:30 The scriptural Rosary Young people of our diocese

16:30 The Lindisfarne Gospels Mr Emmet O'Leary

17:30 Promoting a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

18:00 Bible, Belief and Belonging
Professor Karen Kilby

19:00 Closing prayer: Imaginative Contemplation
Fr Mark Millward



Parish Day Trips: Due to current Restrictions for Covid 19: The Holy Island trip 9th July – Is postponed until further notice

Statements from Pope Francis, Bishop Robert Byrne, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales condemn the death of George Floyd

In times of an international crisis such as this, the Bishop and the Diocese maintain communion with Pope Francis and the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

Right Reverend Robert Byrne CO, Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, calls on the people of the Diocese to seek the intercession of Our Blessed Lady Immaculate to obtain from her Son the grace to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of every person. Pope Francis prays for the soul of George Floyd and for peace and justice in the United States of America in a statement that was issued from the Vatican City.

“Dear brothers and sisters in the United States, I have witnessed with great concern the disturbing social unrest in your nation in these past days, following the tragic death of Mr. George Floyd,” “We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life. At the same time, we have to recognize that the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost,” “Today I join the Church of St. Paul and Minneapolis, and of all the United States, in praying for the rest of the soul of George Floyd and all the others who have lost their lives because of the sin of racism,”

“Let us pray for the comfort of families and friends who are heartbroken, and pray for national reconciliation and the peace we yearn for.”

“Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of America, intercede for all those who work for peace and justice in your land and in the world. God bless you all and your families,”

As well as prayers from Pope Francis, a further statement of solidarity from the Bishop's Conference for England and Wales was issued by Bishop Declan Lang, the Lead Bishop for International Affairs and Bishop Paul McAleenan, the Lead Bishop for Racial Justice stating that Bishops stand in solidarity with US sisters and brothers as they challenge the evil of racism and the brutal killing of George Floyd:

“We stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the USA as they challenge the evil of racism and the brutal killing of George Floyd. As the US Bishops made clear: “we cannot turn a blind eye to these atrocities and yet still try to profess to respect every human life. We serve a God of love, mercy, and justice.” “Systemic racism is embedded in our own society. The disproportionate harm suffered by BAME people throughout the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted profound inequalities, marginalisation and injustice here in the UK. The peaceful Black Lives Matter protests taking place in our towns and cities this week reflect the understandable anger that so many people feel about this.

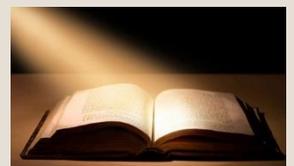
“As Catholics we recognise that racism is an evil which must be opposed; we all have a responsibility for actively promoting racial justice. Whenever we ignore racism or dismiss BAME people's experience of it, we are complicit in violations of human dignity. We pray for God's help to overcome racism in all its forms and that we might protect everyone who suffers its consequences. We are all made in God's image.”

DAILY
SCRIPTURE
Reflections

PARTNERSHIP NEWS

Reflections on the Daily Reading

The Chairperson of our Partnership has asked to pass on a link from our Diocesan website which looks at reflections on the daily readings. The weekly reflections for this week are on the home page, about half way down under the title 'Vicariate for Faith & Mission'.



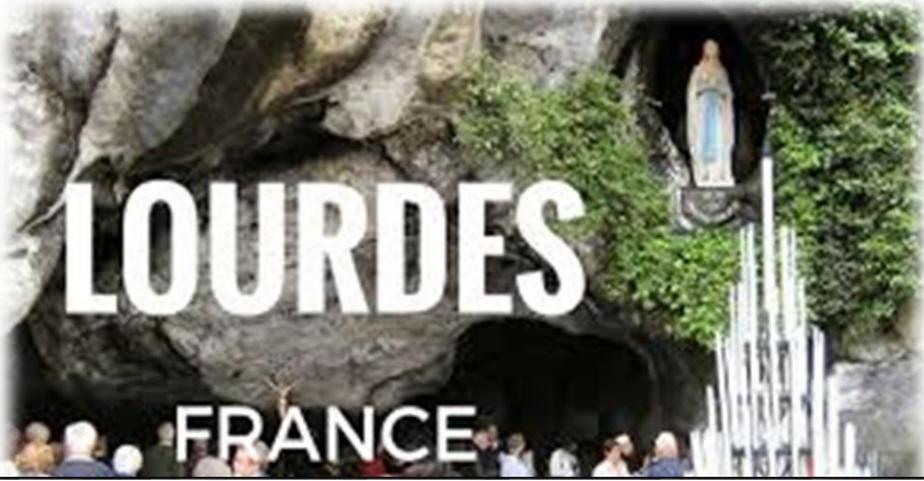
A Prayer for Protection in a time of Pandemic

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.



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. Email: Fr. Adrian Tuckwell (email: evcaritas@diocesehn.org.uk).



TAGNEY TOURS HAVE ASKED FR. DAVID IF HE WILL RUN A COACH TO LOURDES & LISIEUX NEXT YEAR, 2021

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

Vinnie's Cafe – St. Vincent de Paul

How your donation can help someone in need	
£5 Would Provide Hot Meal & Drink	£10 Would Provide Hot Meal & Drink Vinnies Care Pack
£15 Would provide Hot Meal & Drink Vinnies Care pack Food Parcel	£20 Would Provide Hot meal & Drink Vinnies Care Pack Food Parcel Essential Clothing Items
For more information call us 01912616027 (option 1) email us at emlab@svp.org.uk	

Vinnie's Cafe offer help and support to people in need in Newcastle for St. Vincent De Paul Society. Their Food bank supplies are currently running low. If anyone could help them with donations it would be very much appreciated. You can donate through their [justgiving fundraiser](#) or call them to arrange a suitable drop off for supplies by tel: 0191 261 6027 (option 1, Monday – Thursday). Thank you

(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>

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC12EvW0Egg-cFTh5i2yEQw>

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 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

Vicariate for Faith & Mission:

Fr. Adrian Dixon's Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers:

Fr. Adrian Dixon has produced a short reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion ahead of Corpus Christi; the usual time when ministers renew their commitment:

Copy and Paste this to your Browser: <https://youtu.be/Lan3AB896Rg>



Diocesan Spiritual Support

These resources have been created to support you and your loved ones in this unprecedented time of the COVID-19 pandemic. We offer these prayers in solidarity and we want you know know that the Church community is praying with you and you are not alone.

'Resources for times of grieving and death' includes; Prayers for loved ones we cannot visit in hospital, Prayers for someone who has recently died and Prayers for a loved one whose funeral you cannot attend.

'Prayers for the sick and dying' contains a collection of Catholic prayers to comfort you and your loved ones during difficult times of sickness and death.

Mgr. Andrew Faley, Vicariate for Faith & Mission

(email: evfaithandmission@diocesehn.org.uk)



<https://twitter.com/Pontifex>

In our darkest moments, when we sin or are disoriented, we always have an appointment with God. We do not need to be afraid, because God will change our hearts and give us the blessing reserved for those who allow Him to change them.

BBC
RADIO

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BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship will broadcast Mass, celebrated by the **Cardinal Vincent Nichols** in Westminster Cathedral, on **Sunday 14 June at 8.10am**. As an accessible radio broadcast, this is good news for the Catholic community. Please share news of this broadcast with any isolated parishioners who may not have access to the internet and therefore have been unable to attend online Mass services.

FIVE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYERS, WHEN YOU CANNOT ATTEND MASS.



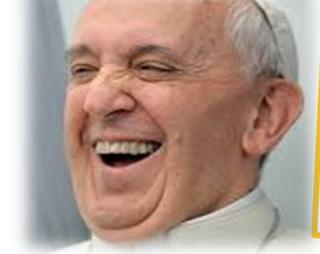
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O let nothing ever separate you from me. Let me live and die in Your love. Amen.

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.



Well to be perfectly honest, in my humble opinion, of course without offending, anyone who thinks differently from my point of view, but also by looking into this matter in a different perspective and without being condemning of one's view's and by trying to make it objectified, and by considering each and every one's valid opinion, I honestly believe that I completely forgot what I was going to say.



Blackpool Tower Ballroom

Dear friends/subscribers
Greetings from Sunny Blackpool. I hope you and yours are keeping well.

Here is the link to my week 12 **full** video:
https://1drv.ms/v/s!Agg_z3ws8Tun8A6gq_xDhkvh0nS?e=VhVUzh
Password = MemVid12 – you may need to download it from One Drive.

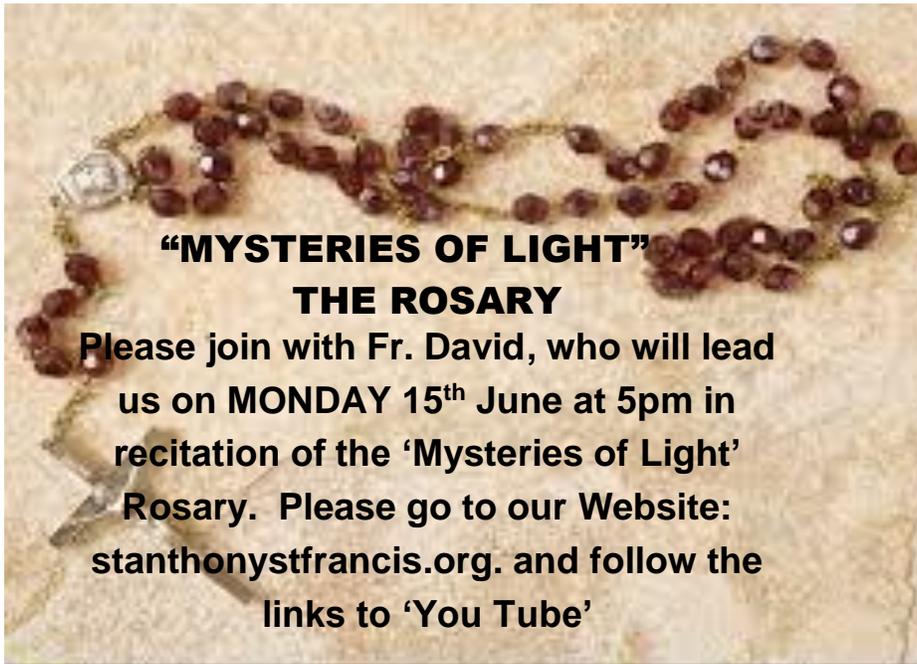
Here is the link to the week 12 **trailer** (5 mins) video:
https://1drv.ms/v/s!Agg_z3ws8Tun710CDtYp_oq6Gc3jm?e=Nbnx6D

I trust you will enjoy them, as much as we enjoyed making them, With thanks and kind regards,

Mobile: 07761-071696

Jimmy O'Donnell: Lancashire Memories

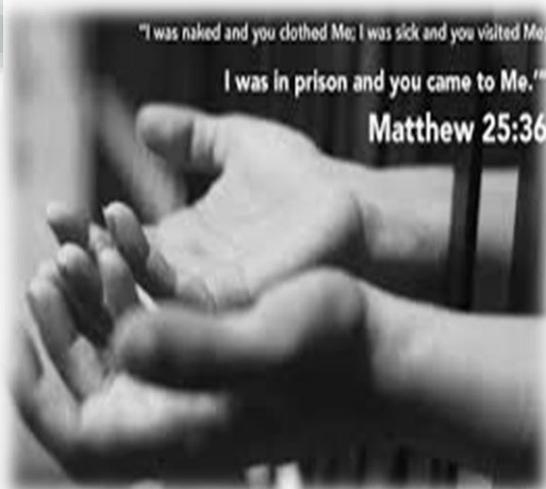




“MYSTERIES OF LIGHT”

THE ROSARY

Please join with Fr. David, who will lead us on **MONDAY 15th June** at 5pm in recitation of the ‘Mysteries of Light’ Rosary. Please go to our Website: stanthonystfrancis.org. and follow the links to ‘You Tube’



PRAYING FOR OUR PRISONER COMMUNITIES DURING COVID 19

Our communities are in need of prayer, especially during this Covid19 Pandemic.

All of us have had to adapt and many people, especially those who are shielding due to underlying health problems as well as the elderly, have found themselves on 24-hour lockdown. This is alien to many people and has caused much stress and anxiety.

Deacon David Smith, Chaplain of Northumberland Prison has been in touch, sharing with us how Covid 19 lockdown is affecting prison life. Lockdown measures mean prisoners are spending far more time in their cells which affects their mental health, as well as their health and well-being in general. The prison staff are therefore having to work and cope in very different ways. **Deacon David wants to thank all the people in our Parishes who collected Rosary beads and Prayer books for the prisoners which were very well received and are being well used. If you have any more that you are able to donate and can safely have them posted through the doors of either St. Anthony of Padua Presbytery or St. Columba's Presbytery, then we will ensure they are delivered to the Prison.**

Please keep all prisoners, their families and the prison staff in your prayers, thank you.

DAILY PRAYER TO HOLY SPIRIT:

"O, Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do.

Give me your orders. I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me and to accept all that you permit to happen to me. Let me only know Your will."



CELEBRATE
On line

Due to COVID 19, this year's **CELEBRATE CONFERENCE** is cancelled, however they are hosting an 'ONLINE' Conference on **27th & 28th June 2020.**

Which you can follow using this link (you do not need to have Facebook, just copy and paste link to your Browser.)

<https://www.facebook.com/Celebratecommunity/>



DON'T HAVE, OR CAN YOU HELP SOMEONE WHO HAS NO INTERNET? FEEL LEFT OUT?

During these times when our Churches are closed and masses are being streamed online, the Diocese of Middlesbrough have set up a system to allow people who do not have internet access to listen to Mass over the telephone. If you would like to access, the telephone number to call is

01642 130120.

If you know anyone who may benefit from this service, please pass on this number to them.

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 don't hesitate to get in touch with Fr David directly, preferably by email and he'll light a candle for you:
wallsend.ourladystcolumba@rcdhn.org.uk

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- 1775 – The United States Army is founded
- 1900 – Hawaii becomes a U.S. territory
- 1940 – German troops march into Paris
- 1946 – Donald Trump is born
- 1953 – Elvis Presley graduates from L.C. Humes High School in Memphis
- 1961 – It is announced that a new type of Zebra Crossing with push button controls for pedestrians is being introduced in the UK
- 1982 – UK Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher announces a ceasefire between British and Argentine forces on the Falkland Islands
- 1994 – The New York Rangers win the Stanley Cup by defeating the Vancouver Canucks. It's the first time the Rangers had won the cup in 54 years
- 1999 – The world's biggest retailer, Wal-Mart, agrees to a £6.72bn (\$10.8bn) takeover deal for supermarket group Asda
- 2003 – Queen Elizabeth makes Helen Mirren a Dame
- 2007 – Over two hundred people, twenty-nine of them children, were rescued by police after being held as slave workers brick kilns in China

COVID 19, OUR PARISH CHURCH WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL WE ARE FURTHER ADVISED:

The Parish Priest will continue to celebrate Mass in the Parish without the Faithful (Parishioners) Deacons, Altar Servers. The 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. **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.