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Joint Parish Newsletter for 15th - 22nd November 2020

Sunday in Ordinary Time



**St Anthony of Padua
& St Francis**
Walker

Please pray for all the sick of Our Lady & St Columba Parish including: Fr. Pat McKenna, Fr John Ulaganthan Rona Bojke, Eddie Aspreno, Merle Hall, Joyce Burns, Peter Mulholland, Beryl Boulton, Ann Green, Bill Baxter, Christopher Brown, Mandy Setford, Mary McAlinden, Janice O'Brien, Caleb Anthony Barns, Suzanne Luck, Vin Donnelly, Lee Stephen McRae, Stewart, Winnie Parkins, Cath Duffield, Daniel Hindmarsh, Moira Chilvers, Graeme Ward, Fred Moran, Brian Sales, Joyce Nesbitt, Gregg Elliott, Mary McElwee.

Please pray for all the sick of Ss Anthony of Padua and Francis including: Rhoda Robertson, John Gourley, Mary Garrity, Doreen Graham, June Stephenson, Margaret O'Brien, Dorothy Milor, Elaine Clayton, Rosemary McIlvenna, Monica McKinnon, Martin Finchen, Allison Maghie, Gail McDonnell, Phil Gosling and Aileen.

Masses and Intentions for the Coming Week

Sunday 15th November	People of the Parish - SCW
Tuesday 17th November	Sr Teresa Kirk - SCW Kevin Cassidy and Deceased members of the Cassidy Family -SCW
Wednesday 18th November	Doris Clapshoe - SAP
Thursday 19th November	St Vincent's Muhoroni Hospital Community -SCW
Friday 20th November	In thanksgiving Joan O'Neill -SAP
Sunday 22nd November	Mary and James Noble - SCW

Opening of Our Lady and St Columba for Private Prayer

As you know we are currently unable to open our church for public worship, but we can open a limited number of churches for private prayer only. We will, therefore, open St Columba's throughout the period of the lockdown on a Tuesday evening from 6pm – 7 pm and on a Thursday morning from 10am – 11am.

Joan Ford RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Ford who died on November 9th. May she rest in peace. Please keep her family in your prayer during this sad time.

Keeping in touch during lockdown

If you know of anyone who might like to receive a copy of the newsletter but cannot access the website, Facebook or they do not have an email address, a copy of the newsletter can be collected from the back of church when it is open for private prayer. Are you able to pass on a copy of the newsletter to someone who is not able to access technology? If you are able to put a copy of the newsletter through someone's door, please keep yourself safe.

Mass will appear on Facebook and YouTube (technology allowing) each Sunday at 10.00am and Tuesday to Friday at 5.15pm.

You can follow mass via the YouTube Channel St Anthony and St Columba RC Churches and Facebook - Our Lady and St Columba Wallsend. If you are a member of Ss Anthony of Padua and Francis parish, please follow us on Facebook. We post prayers, thoughts and reflections and create links to the Rosary and Masses in Lourdes, the Pauline Media daily reading reflections and much more. If you follow the page you will receive alerts when something new is added.

Christmas Memorial Candles



Many parishioners have been asking if we will be having Christmas memorial candles again this year. Last Christmas, both St Anthony's and St Columba's were filled with red sanctuary lights as you can see in the photo. They offered us the wonderful opportunity to remember loved ones who have gone before us, along with those in our lives who are unwell or struggling in any way, including family members, friends and colleagues who spring to mind at Christmas. Lighting a sanctuary candle in their name is a nice thing to do. Each light burns for 7-9 days and makes the church look beautiful, especially at the first Mass of Christmas, after dark on Christmas Eve. I thought this year, we could put up lists of names of our loved ones rather than label the candles.

If you would like to order any memorial candles, they are £7.00 each or £12.00 for two.

Please put your money in an envelope with the names of your loved ones and push it through the presbytery door of St Columba's or St Anthony's.

Fr David

Thank you!

Thank you for your contributions towards the upkeep of Our Lady and St Columba.

Recent Collections

4th October £659 of which £366 was gift aided

11th October £295 of which £98 was gift aided

18th October £242 of which £114 was gift aided

25th October £304 of which £97 was gift aided

1st November £540.50 of which £355 was gift aided

Direct debit payments for October totalled £858.50.



Statement regarding the publication of the IICSA report

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA), has published its investigation report into the Catholic Church in England and Wales today. This is based on the main public hearings held in October and November 2019.

Bishop Byrne CO and the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle fully supports the response from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales which can be found on the parish websites and Our Lady and St Columba Wallsend Facebook page.



A big thank you from Macmillan

Thank you so much for raising a fantastic total of £536 for Macmillan Cancer Support, given in lieu towards Macmillan Coffee Morning this year. We're so grateful to everyone who donated. Your generosity will allow us to help everyone with cancer live life as fully as they can.

Every single penny raised by St Columba's will have been a tremendous help to people living with cancer during an extremely tough year. There have been more treatments put on hold, more calls to our helpline, and more isolation and money worries due to the COVID—19 crisis. Thank you again for supporting Macmillan at this time.

Best wishes,

Martha Pinder - Support Donations Team