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Joint Parish Newsletter for 22nd November - 29th November 2020

Christ the King—Solemnity



**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, 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. Also for Sam Lee and children Joseph, Josh, little James, Theo & Martha.

Masses and Intentions for the Coming Week

Sunday 22nd November	Mary and James Noble - SCW
Tuesday 24th November	Sr Gabriella Marie - SCW
Wednesday 25th November	Severiano Sampaio-E-Melo - SAP
Thursday 26th November	Michael Gara - SCW
Friday 27th November	For 'Aileen' for strength and courage - SAP
Sunday 29th November	Tony Cuggy- 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.

Gregg Elliott RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Gregg Elliott who died at the end of last week. May he rest in peace. Please keep Jill Sewell (his sister) and the rest of his family in your prayers during this sad time. SCW

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 7.00pm.

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

Walking With and the Walker Food Bank



During this second wave of lockdown, many people continue to face untold hardship and financial difficulties. Sadly, foodbanks up and down the country are still having to support individuals and families. People in the hospitality industries, in particular, have been hit, yet again, by the restrictions of the second lockdown. They have found themselves trying to survive on 80% of their basic salaries and others who are zero hour contracts are in desperate situations too. Charities helping refugees, asylum seekers and those without status continue to need our help and support.

If you are able to help our local foodbanks, please bring one or two items to church when it is open for private prayer on a Tuesday evening 6pm -7pm or Thursday morning 10am - 11am. Alternatively, we could arrange to pick up any items you have. If you would like a collection please ring the parish office leaving your contact number and we will call you back for your address and arrange a time to come and collect.

All dried foods including rice, pasta and sugar along with all tinned foods and toiletries will be very much appreciated. We thank you for the contributions and support to date. Your generosity is appreciated by Walking With and the Walker Foodbanks.

Christmas Cards for Prisoners

Could you send a Christmas card to a prisoner? The Catholic Chaplain, Deacon Smith would be delighted if parishioners at Our Lady & St. Columba and Ss. Anthony and Francis could write a Christmas card to a prisoner this year. On the card you could say the following: Thinking and praying for you this Christmas. Sign off with your initial e.g. "J" from St. Columba's / St Anthony's. The cards will be taken to the prison by hand.

The prisoners always say that it is so important for them to know that people on the outside are taking time to think about them and they particularly mention how special it is to know that people are praying for them. Please address the envelope to the Deacon D Smith, Catholic Chaplain. The cards may be posted through the church letter box. If you need any further information please contact Veronica Whitty Tel. 263 0920.