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Joint Parish Newsletter for 29th November - 6th December 2020

1st Sunday of Advent Year B



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 29th November	Tony Cuggy- SCW
Tuesday 1st December	Christopher and Audrey Taylor SCW
Wednesday 2nd December <b>Mass in SAP 10.00am</b>	Fr. Michael Conaty MBE
Thursday 3rd December <b>Mass in SCW at 10.00am</b>	The Rice Family SCW
Friday 4th December <b>Mass in SAP at 10.00am</b>	Deceased Members of the Thompson, Kelly & Hutchinson Families.
Sunday 6th December	Vivienne Anne Lee SCW

#### Ann Catherine Turner RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Ann who died on November 27th. Please keep her family in your prayers during this sad time. Her requiem Mass will take place on 3rd December at Our Lady and St Columba. Unfortunately, the family will be limited to 30 mourners and therefore, should you wish to attend weekday Mass please attend Mass at 10.00am.

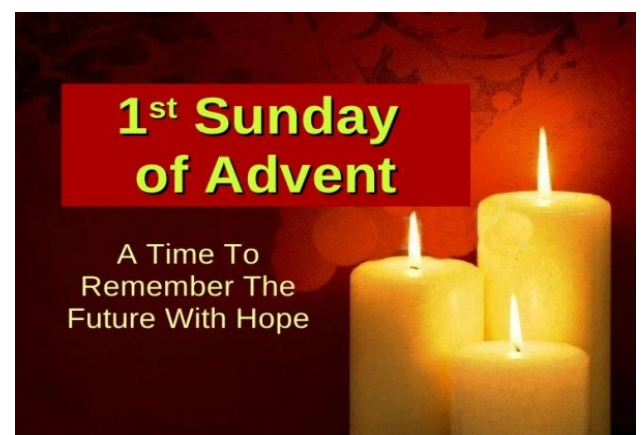
#### Following Mass via Social Media

Our YouTube Channel is - St Anthony and St Columba RC Churches and the Facebook page is Our Lady and St Columba Wallsend.

During the past week we have been having WiFi and a camera installed in to St Columba's Church. As you can imagine, due to the pandemic, the firm installing the equipment is extremely busy and the engineers have kindly made the time to fit us in as and when they can. We also have problems with our broadband and so doing everything we need to do has caused our streaming of masses to be problematic.

Just like when anything new is installed it's trial and error so if I could just ask you to be patient, all should be well very soon.

Fr David



**'AND WHAT I SAY TO  
YOU I SAY TO ALL:  
STAY AWAKE!'**

## 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 the forthcoming tier 3 restrictions, many people will 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, are being hit, yet again. They find 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 Tuesday evening 6pm -7pm or from 2nd December when you come for Mass. 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.