

God bless everyone in the Parish and Community of
Ss. ANTHONY OF PADUA & FRANCIS,

in this New Year.

He is always with us and unfolds great possibilities.

Faith, Hope and Love overcomes all.

All the very best for the coming year

2021

Sunday 3rd JANUARY 2021: 2nd SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS (Year B)

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WORSHIP TIMES FOR PARISHES OF Ss. ANTHONY OF PADUA, WALKER & ST. COLUMBA'S, WALLSEND.

(Please Note: Face Masks Must Be Worn in Church at all times, thank you for your co-operation.)

DAY	TIME	SERVICE, INTENTION & READER	PARISH
Sunday 3 January <i>Fr. David Smith</i>	9.30am	Sunday Morning Mass	St. Columba's Wallsend
	11.00am	SUNDAY MASS for <i>MARGARET JONES</i> Reader: Joe Taylor	St. Anthony/Francis Walker
Mon 4 Jan			
Tues 5 Jan	7.00pm	Tuesday Evening MASS	St. Columba's Wallsend
Wed 6 Jan <i>FEAST EPIPHANY</i>		MASS in Church offered for <i>MARY, BILLY & VIOLET FELLOWS</i> Reader: Margaret Richardson	St. Anthony/Francis Walker
Thurs 7 Jan	10.00am	Thursday Morning MASS	St. Columba's Wallsend
Fri 8 Jan	10.00am	MASS in Church offered for <i>MARY GARRITY</i> Reader: Sr. Sylvia Swift	
Saturday 9 Jan			
Sunday 10 January <i>Fr. David Smith</i>	9.30am	Sunday Morning Mass	St. Columba's Wallsend
	11.00am	SUNDAY MASS for <i>ANNE CLARKE</i> Reader: Janet Henderson	St. Anthony/Francis Walker

To Book for Sunday 10TH January 2021 please ring the Parish Office **0191 2623817** on either Thursday 7th or Friday 8th Jan (10am-1.00pm)
Weekday Masses do not require a booking.

PLEASE BOOK FOR SUNDAY MASS.

Due to Diocesan Regulations on Distancing we are limited for Sunday Mass but a family living under same roof will be classed as 1 person.
Thanks to the STEWARDS for their ongoing commitment.

IMPORTANT: TIER 4: Dear parishioner, as you will be aware we are now in Tier 4. Under Tier 4 people can attend places of worship. If there is any further guidance from government or the diocese, you will be informed via the website, Facebook and the newsletter. This is an extract from the guidance from www.gov.uk Places of worship. You can attend places of worship for a service. However, you must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble. You should maintain strict social distancing at all times. You should follow the national guidance on the safe use of places of worship. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-4-stay-at-home#places-of-worship>

The Church looked wonderful at Christmas. The candles burned for our loved ones all around Church, adding to that special atmosphere as we welcomed our Saviour into the World. Thank you everyone.
Fr. David.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO PARISH:

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.

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

'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. 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 will NOT affect your own tax.**

MAY WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THOSE WHO HAVE SET UP ONLINE BANKING.



follow the ceremony through various means of social communications. In his homily, Pope Francis said, "The birth of Jesus is the 'newness' that enables us to be reborn each year, and to find, in Him, the strength needed to face every trial."

Jesus is born "for us" Jesus' birth, the Pope said, is *for us*; and he noted how often the word "for" appears "on this holy night." "Yet what do these words — 'for us' — really mean?" he asked. "They mean that the Son of God, the one who is holy by nature, came to make us, God's children, holy by grace." This is a "magnificent gift," he said, a gift that is "pure grace," which does not depend upon anything we can do, but solely on God's love for us. "To us" a Son is given. God's gift to us on Christmas is not merely a thing or an object. Instead, Pope Francis said, God gave His only-begotten Son, "Who is all His joy." And yet, the Pope continued, "our own ingratitude toward God, and our injustice towards so many of our brothers and sisters" can make us wonder if God was right in giving us this gift of His Son. In fact, nothing we can do can make us worthy of this gift. Rather, it is only out of God's "unfailing love" for us, His "unchanging love that changes us" that leads God to give us His Son.

A love that reaches our poverty It is because of God's infinite love for us that Jesus was born, not in a palace, but in the manger of a stable. Jesus "came into the world as each child comes into the world, weak and vulnerable, so that we can learn to accept our weaknesses with tender love... God loves to work wonders through our poverty," the Pope said. This is a sign, he continued, "to guide us through life." In Bethlehem, "God lies in a manger, as if to remind us that, in order to live, we need Him, like the bread we eat. We need to be filled with His free, unfailing, concrete love." Pope Francis teaches us that true nourishment comes from letting ourselves be loved by God and loving others in turn." Teaching us how to love, God came to us at Christmas as a weak and vulnerable Child to teach us how to love, the Pope said. "God came among us in poverty and need, to tell us that in serving the poor, we will show our love for Him." Pope Francis concluded his homily with a prayer to the newborn Saviour: "Jesus, you are the Child who makes me a child. You love me as I am, not as I imagine myself to be. In embracing you, the Child of the manger, I once more embrace my life. In welcoming you, the Bread of life, I too desire to give my life. You, my Saviour, teach me to serve. You who did not leave me alone, help me to comfort your brothers and sisters, for, from this night forward, all are my brothers and sisters."

Please pray for all our sick:

Rhoda Robertson, John Gourley, Doreen Graham, June Stephenson, Margaret O'Brien, Dorothy Milor, Elaine Clayton, Rosemary McIlvenna, Monica McKinnon, Martin Finchen, Allison Maghie, Gail McDonnell, Phil Gosling (who is very poorly) for Aileen, Sam Lee, Mary Melrose and Peter Graham.

We remember our Children who need our prayers:

Joseph Relph, Josh Graham, James Taylor, Theo James Abbott and Martha

Can we also remember in prayer:

NHS & frontline workers, our own St. Anthony of Padua Carers, all our Priests, Deacons and other Clergy ministering to the sick. Also for all those preparing and administering vaccines



WEBSITE ADDRESS: Check our Website,

stanthonystfrancis.org.

St. Anthony's & St. Columba's

You Tube Channel

(You can access the Channel by going to our Parish Website, following the link which takes you to our 'You Tube Channel.' Here you will find recorded Masses and Services.)

EMAILED NEWSLETTER:

If you would like to receive an electronic newsletter please contact **newcastle.stanthony@rcdhn.org.uk**



RECONCILIATION:

THERE ARE NO CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK.

THANK YOU, FR. DAVID.

Pope at Christmas Mass: Jesus comes as a child to make us Children of God

Millions of people around the world joined Pope Francis virtually for the Christmas "Mass during the Night," which he celebrated on Christmas Eve. People were able to



WALKER FOODBANK &

'WALKING WITH' FOODBANK

Many people will continue to face hardship and financial difficulties. Sadly, as a result of the pandemic foodbanks up and down the country have reported, in many cases, a 250% increase in the uptake of their services. Many families through no fault of their own have struggled to put food on their tables, due to being furloughed – trying to exist on 80% of their salary - or losing their jobs in this pandemic. Charities helping refugees, asylum seekers and those without status are also in need of our support. If you are in a position to be able to bring just one or two food items along to Church next week then we, as a parish, can help in a very practical way. Donations can include dried food, rice, pasta, sugar, tinned foods and toiletries.

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP WITH DONATIONS PLEASE BRING THEM ALONG TO SUNDAY MASS. OR WE COULD ARRANGE TO PICK UP ANY ITEMS YOU HAVE, CONTACT THE PRESBYTERY ON 0191 2623817, THANKS

Please remember: EDITH DOWLING (Veronica Dixon's Mum) who has died and whose Funeral is 8th January at 1pm here. May she RIP.

BIBLE ALIVE & UNIVERSE ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH.
Please leave your payment in 'generosity box provided thanks.
Note the 'Universe' Offices are having difficulty with royal mail deliveries just now, which they are trying to resolve. Hence the reasons why there has been no papers available for the last several weeks. They hope to resolve this issue very soon.