



**“THERE STANDS
AMONG YOU, THE ONE
COMING AFTER ME.”**

JOHN 1: 6-8 19-28

**Ss. ANTHONY OF PADUA & FRANCIS, WALKER,
Sunday 13th DECEMBER 2020: 3rd Sunday Of Advent (B)**

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**Parish Office Opening Times Wednesday & Thursday 9am-2pm
and Friday 9am-3pm**

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

DAY	TIME	SERVICE, INTENTION & READER	PARISH
Sunday 13 December <i>Fr. David Smith</i>	9.30am	Sunday Morning Mass	St. Columba's Wallsend
	11.00am	SUNDAY MASS for MARY & GEORGE PARKINS Reader: Margaret Richardson	St. Anthony/Francis Walker
Mon 14 Dec			
Tues 15 Dec	7.00pm	Tuesday Evening MASS	St. Columba's Wallsend
Wed 16 Dec		MASS in Church offered for MOLLY THOMSEN Reader: Dave McGee	St. Anthony/Francis Walker
Thu 17 Dec	10.00am	Thursday Morning MASS	St. Columba's Wallsend
Fri 18 Dec	10.00am	MASS in Church for Deceased. KELLY, HUTCHINSON, THOMPSON FAMILIES Reader: Eleanor McAndrew	St. Anthony/Francis Walker
Sat 19 December			
Sunday 20 December <i>Fr. David Smith</i>	9.30am	Sunday Morning Mass	St. Columba's Wallsend
	11.00am	SUNDAY MASS for MARY GARRITY Reader: Jennifer Richardson	St. Anthony/Francis Walker

BOOK NOW

SUNDAY MASS 20th DECEMBER 2020

I am delighted that the Church has now re-opened for Mass and Worship, after this latest lockdown period. To book for Sunday Mass please follow these instructions.

Please ring the Parish Office - 0191 2623817 between 10am and 1pm on Thursday or Friday.

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. **THANK YOU** to all our Stewards and to you all for keeping our Church safe.

It is not necessary to book in for Wednesdays and Fridays. Facemasks must be worn during Mass, thanks.

PLEASE SEE THE LEAFLETS AT THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SCHEDULES

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. 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. 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.

Thanks Fr. David.

**Christmas Memorial
Candles:**



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.**

CONFESSIONS

Available on **Tuesday 6.00 to 7.00pm at St. Columba's.** Confessions will be available after **Sunday Mass at St. Anthony's.**

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, then please contact:

Veronica Whitty Tel. 0191 263 0920.

LET US OFFER UP A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR

MARY GARRITY

WHO HAS DIED. HER FUNERAL IS MONDAY 21st DEC at 1pm followed by HEATON CEMETERY at 2pm



Please pray for all our sick:

Rhoda Robertson, John Gourley, Doreen Graham, June Stephenson, Margaret O'Brien, Dorothy Milor, Elaine Clayton (*Elaine asks for our continued prayer please – she is home now recovering*) Rosemary McIlvenna, Monica McKinnon, Martin Finchen, Allison Maghie, Gail McDonnell, Phil Gosling (*who continues to make good progress*) for Aileen (*for strength, courage*) and for Sam Lee.

We remember our Children who need our prayers:

Joseph Relph, Josh Graham, James Taylor, Theo James Abbott and Martha (*she has had some worrying complications after her major brain surgery*)

Can we also remember in prayer:

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

2020's official ornament



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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.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH DONATIONS THEN PLEASE BRING THEM ALONG TO SUNDAY MASS. ALTERNATIVELY, WE COULD ARRANGE TO PICK UP ANY ITEMS YOU HAVE. PLEASE CONTACT THE PRESBYTERY ON 0191 2623817. Thank you all.

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Thank you to all who have phoned to book their seats for Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning Mass. We are now FULL for Christmas Eve (6.00pm Carols and 6.30pm Mass.)

We do however still have seats available for Christmas Morning at 11am Mass.

Apologies to those who have contacted the Parish and been unable to get a seat at Mass for Christmas Eve but thank you for being so understanding as we really do have to respect the restrictions and keep people as safe as possible. It's understandable that people have their favourite place to sit when they come to Church but in order to keep people safe and to ensure we can seat as many people as safely as we can, we have had to allocate seats. You will notice when you arrive, some pews will be full and that is because those people are part of the same 'social bubble' whilst others have to sit in a more isolated seat. As you enter the Church you will be asked your name, asked to sanitise your hands and, wearing your face covering, will be escorted to your seat by our Stewards. If everyone can be as co-operative as possible we can look forward to celebrating our Christmas Masses together and the Holy Nativity of Jesus.