

Sunday  
7<sup>th</sup>  
February  
2021:

5<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday  
Ordinary  
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Year B



## Ss. ANTHONY OF PADUA & FRANCIS

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### INSTRUCTIONS TO FOLLOW OUR PARISHES' MASSES STREAMED ON 'YOU TUBE':



To access – choose 'YouTube' site on your browser and in YouTube search for 'St Anthony and St. Columba RC Churches' once on the site you will be able to subscribe (free of charge) to alerts whenever anything is posted on this site. You can also access the Masses via our Website '[stanthonystfrancis.org.uk](http://stanthonystfrancis.org.uk)'.

Please keep an eye on our Website & Newsletters for regular updates.

DAY	SERVICES & INTENTIONS AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK VIA 'YOU TUBE'
Sunday 7 February	10am Sunday Morning Mass – Will be available on YouTube
Monday 8 February	No Services
Tuesday 9 February	7pm Tuesday Evening Mass will be available on YouTube
Wed 10 February	10am Mass will be available on YouTube. Mass for: <b>FRED STIMPSON</b>
Thursday 11 February	10.00am Mass will be available on YouTube.
Friday 12 February	10am Mass will be available on YouTube. Mass for: <b>THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b> 4pm VIRTUAL ROSARY will be available on FACEBOOK
Saturday 13 February	No Services
Sunday 14 February	10am Sunday Morning Mass – Will be available on YouTube

When you are watching Mass on YouTube or praying at home, as we are unable to receive Communion just now we can recite:



#### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were  
already there and unite myself  
wholly to You. Never permit me  
to be separated from You.

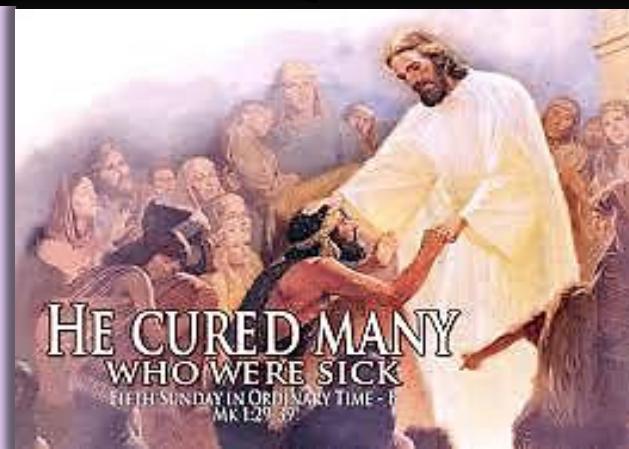
Amen.



**Virtual Rosary:  
The Rosary will  
be live  
streamed on  
Friday at 4pm  
via  
FACEBOOK.**

### Some thoughts on today's scripture

- Jesus, this Gospel portrays a very busy day in your life. My days, as you know, can be busy too. But you find time to pray and I must try to do the same. You bless the time I give to prayer, and my life becomes more fruitful.
- When Simon's mother-in-law is cured, she does what Jesus himself does. She serves those in need. She becomes a disciple. Wellbeing of spirit involves a willingness to serve, while spiritual sickness means that I am concerned only about myself. I ask the Lord to make me truly well.



## 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 Finch, Alison Maghie, Gail McDonnell, Aileen, Sam Lee, Peter Graham and Nicola Campbell, Rosemary Prest and Eileen.

## We remember all of our Children who need our prayers, including:

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

**Can we also remember in prayer:** Our 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



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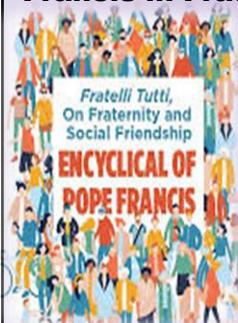
### Resources for the Season of Lent

With the changing COVID-19 landscape, the temptation may be not to plan too far ahead. But we know that we will eventually emerge from lockdown and we need to start looking at the rebuilding of our Parish Communities and beyond. The Vicariate for Faith & Mission is busy putting together resources for Lent with the help of volunteers. These will include **Daily Reflections booklets** written by gifted writers from across the diocese, and **Daily Reflective videos** expertly produced by YMT. We invite parishes to share these resources with their communities in digital and printed formats, where possible. The resources will be available soon on the Diocesan website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk).



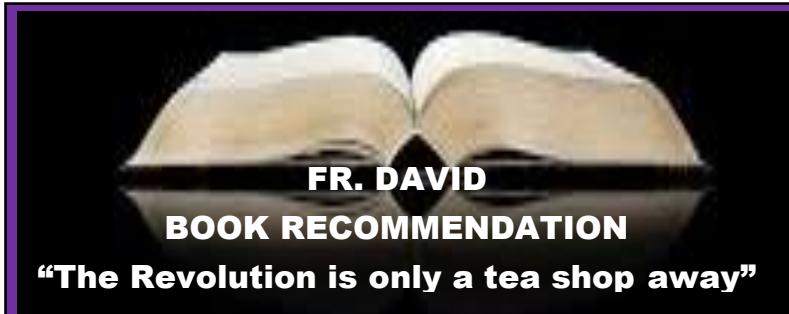
Lent this year begins with  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
(Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021)

### A community inspired by the vision of Pope Francis in *Fratelli tutti* during the pandemic



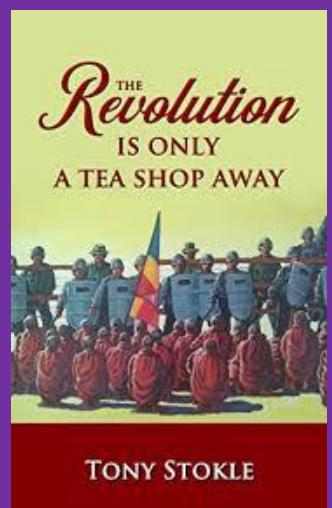
A blog by Fr. Chris Hughes has been published in The Tablet reflecting on Pope Francis vision, '*Fratelli Tutti*' and the ongoing relationship between

Tyne & Wear Citizens and the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle. To read the article in full [click here](#).



Following events this week which we will have seen and read about in the News regarding MYANMAR (also known as BURMA.) This book is about a family's odyssey through Thailand and Burma in search of justice, peace and democracy for the people of Burma.

The Stokle family have been travelling to Burma for many years now, making many friends and raising awareness as to what life in that country is really like. Tony's book gives a clear picture of why we should never take our liberty and freedom for granted.



TONY STOKLE

This can be purchased online at AMAZON or will be available in major Book Stores.



"Jenkins, I know that you want to be thorough with hand washing, but your last bathroom break lasted 2.5 hours"

## WALKER FOODBANK & 'WALKING WITH' FOODBANK

Many people 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.

Charities helping refugees, asylum seekers and those without status are in need of our support. If you are in a position to be able to give just one or two food items next week then we, as a parish, can help in a very practical way. Examples to include dried food, rice, pasta, sugar, tinned foods and toiletries.

If you are able to help with donations, you can either drop them off to St. Columba's Presbytery, Wallsend, or St. Anthony's can organise for them to be collected, if you call

St. Anthony's Parish Office  
0191 2623817. Thank you

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT PARISH

To set up a regular STANDING ORDER or make a one off donation. Please print the 'Standing Order Mandate Form' 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. (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)

Account No. 61165089

**'GIFT AIDING'** for the first time and are a UK Taxpayer? You will need to download the 'Gift Aid Form 2020-2021' 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 won't affect your own tax.**

**YOU CAN (as previous lockdowns) HOLD ONTO YOUR WEEKLY OFFERING UNTIL WE RESUME OUR MASSES, thank you.**

### NATIONAL LOCKDOWN: CHURCH CLOSURE

The continuing situation of the Coronavirus, and the Government's advice to all people to 'STAY AT HOME' and limit our contact with other households, reiterated by Scientists and Directors of Public Health across the country. Therefore our Church will remain CLOSED – except for Funerals – until the current national restrictions are lifted. Should the situation regarding funerals change I will liaise with families of the deceased. While Churches in England may remain open for public Mass and other Services it's not acceptable to ask volunteer stewards, cleaners and others taking part in Mass to risk their health or be the potential cause of others being infected. We also have a moral duty not to be anything that would endanger the staff in our hospitals and the limited facilities of the NHS. This situation will be reviewed on a regular basis but I expect this closure to be in effect until the national lockdown restrictions are lifted.

**Thank you all so much and stay safe,  
God Bless, Fr. David Smith.**



### Pope's prayer intention for February: For women who are victims of violence

Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of February sends a powerful message against the various kinds of violence against women, which he describes as the "degradation of all humanity".

The Pope Video for February has been published, with the prayer intention that Francis is entrusting to the entire Catholic Church through the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. It is a powerful message against the violence that millions of women suffer daily: "psychological violence, verbal violence, physical violence, sexual violence." For Pope Francis, these abuses are "acts of cowardice and a degradation of all humanity." Consequently, he asks us to pray for the victims, "that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded by all."

This month's Pope Video seeks to make the drama of this issue visible also through narration with images. Globally, one in three women have experienced physical or sexual violence at some point (and 15 million adolescent girls worldwide aged 15 to 19 have experienced forced sexual relations). What's more, last year there was the aggravating factor of the pandemic: the restriction of movement, social isolation and economic insecurity made women globally even more vulnerable to violence in private environments. In his February message, the Pope asks for society to protect these victims.



### Two national appointments confirmed in wide-ranging reforms to safeguarding structures and processes in the Catholic Church

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have appointed Carol Lawrence to oversee the immediate implementation of wide-ranging reforms to safeguarding structures and processes in the Church. [Click here](#) to read the full statement.

Fr. David Smolira SJ has also been appointed as the Religious Lead for overseeing the implementation of the new safeguarding structures on behalf of the Religious in England and Wales. [Click here](#) to read.



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## CALLING ALL OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN

The North East Catholic Writers' Guild are running a literary competition for schoolchildren – the theme is:

**"Compose a hopeful prayer for this difficult time"** Entry deadline: 8th April 2021

Maximum 20 lines. The lines don't have to rhyme. Open to 8-10 year-olds. Please include your age, name, address and phone number and send to: Veronica Whitty, Secretary, Catholic Writers' Guild (NE), 51 Queen's Crescent, Wallsend, NE8 8DW  
Or e-mail: [veronicawhitty@hotmail.com](mailto:veronicawhitty@hotmail.com)  
NB: Entries: excludes anyone related to any member of the Guild or related to anyone connected with the Northern Cross.



### A Novena for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Beginning on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, Fr Stephen Watson (Lourdes Pilgrimage Director) will lead a novena on 11th February. He will lead us daily in a few minutes of prayer, accessed via the 'Hexham and Newcastle Pilgrimage to Lourdes' Facebook page. Daily prayers will be shared at 8am and can be viewed at any time after that. You are invited to join the prayer.



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[stanthonystfrancis.org.uk](http://stanthonystfrancis.org.uk)



**You Tube Channel (search for)**  
**St. Anthony's & St. Columba's R.C. Churches**

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

#### Email Newsletter:

If you'd like to receive an electronic copy of our weekly Parish newsletter then please contact the Parish email address below:

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