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February  
2021:

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Sunday  
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## 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. Or access 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 14 February	10am Sunday Morning Mass – Will be available on YouTube <i>We are asked today to especially pray for all those who are unemployed</i>
Monday 15 February	No Services
Tuesday 16 February	7pm Tuesday Evening Mass will be available on YouTube
Wed 17 February <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>The Mass for Ash Wednesday will be available to follow on YOU TUBE, live streamed at 7pm Mass intention: "PRIEST'S INTENTION"</b>
Thursday 18 February	10.00am Mass will be available on YouTube.
Friday 19 February	10am Mass will be available on YouTube. Mass for: <b>DORIS CLAPSHOE AND RITA SHORT</b> <b>4pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be available on FACEBOOK</b>
Saturday 20 February	No Services
Sunday 21 February	10am Sunday Morning Mass – Will be available on YouTube



**An Act of Spiritual Communion** can help us and the Priests we see online celebrating Mass in empty Churches, they encourage us to ask Our Lord's guidance by offering prayers like this one written by St. Alphonsus Liguori in the 18th century.

"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 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*"

#### Some thoughts on today's scripture

Jesus, the compassionate one, enters fully into the human mess of our lives. Leprosy was the most dreaded of diseases in his day. Jesus risks conflict and division for the sake of a nobody who was suffering exclusion and isolation from family and community.

The leper approaches in confident trust and Jesus touches his sore, leprous body. Lord, how do we approach you in prayer? Begging, kneeling, and asking for what I want? Let us feel your touch.



**Please join Father David on YouTube on Friday's at 4pm and follow THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS.**



## **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, 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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This year as we enter Lent, we are considering what it means to be Missionary Disciples. Reflecting on our calling to 'Go and make disciples', the Vicariate for Faith & Mission has worked with Clergy and Laity to produce daily reflections that offer support as you reflect on the readings for the day. The Lenten Daily Reflections are now available at

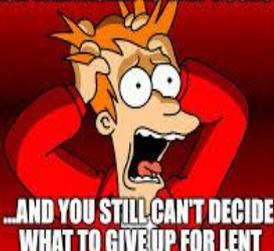
<http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/faithandmission/prayerlentresources.php>

to view, read, download and print. Whilst we acknowledge many of our parishioners enjoy the printed versions of the daily reflections, this year we are also offering the daily reflections by email – one sent per day – for anyone who would like to receive them digitally. Please subscribe [here](#) to register for daily reflections by email starting from Ash Wednesday.

YMT has produced 'Wait a Minute – It's Lent' videos, which will be available to watch on their [YouTube channel](#) starting Ash Wednesday.



WHEN ASH WEDNESDAY IS ONLY HOURS AWAY...



## **Retirement of LYNDA WATSON**

### **Day Services Manager – Community Centre**

It is with great sadness that we inform you of Lynda's Retirement. Many of the Parish will know her, as Lynda first joined St Anthony's as a trainee before being appointed to the Day Service in 1995. During this long service Lynda has provided a caring, compassionate and fun service to a vast number of service users, as well as being a kind and supportive manager to staff, trainees and volunteers alike.

The service is highly valued by those who attend, their carers/family members and both Newcastle and North Tyneside Councils who commission Day Care.

Lynda was the first member of St. Anthony of Padua staff to receive the "Conaty Award" when it was launched in 2018 and Father Conaty would have been very much in agreement that Lynda was a very worthy winner. We thank Lynda, who was also very supportive of the Parish, for everything she has done over the last 25 plus years to make St Anthony's DAY CARE what it is today. We will all greatly miss her.



## **Cardinal on bereavement as Covid deaths pass 100,000 in the UK**

Cardinal Vincent Nichols spoke to LBC radio's Matt Frei on Saturday 30 January 2021 just days after the tragic news that the UK's death toll from COVID-19 had passed the 100,000 mark. Each death leaves a family bereaved, each hospital admission results in a person facing a fight – loved-ones anxiously hoping for the best from a distance. The Cardinal talks about isolation, poverty, sickness, death and mourning in this time of pandemic. [Link www.lbc.co.uk](http://www.lbc.co.uk) Official website of LBC radio.



## **LINKS & RESOURCES**

Diocese Hexham & Newcastle

### **The Vicariate for Caritas and The Road Centre**

Caritas, in partnership with The Road Centre, is offering a number of resources to help adults, young people, and children cope with stress and anxiety during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Resource for adults ([pdf](#)).

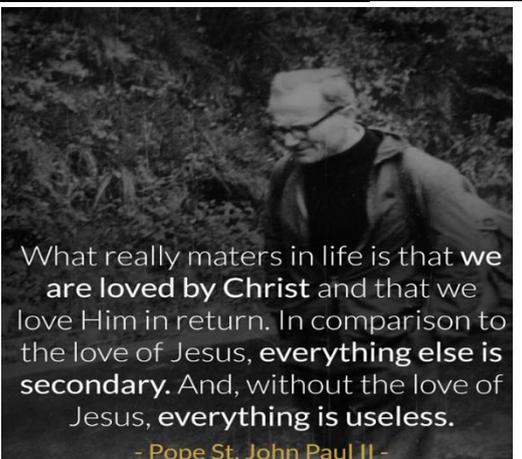
Resource for young people ([pdf](#)).

Resource for children ([pdf](#))

Please pray for:

**DAVID (Dave) ROBSON**

Who has died. Funeral to be announced.



What really matters in life is that we are loved by Christ and that we love Him in return. In comparison to the love of Jesus, everything else is secondary. And, without the love of Jesus, everything is useless.

- Pope St. John Paul II -

**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, 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 Francis** in his traditional encounter with the ambassadors to the Holy See this week he reflected on the numerous crises unleashed by the pandemic, and on other problems affecting the world, stressing that the 'fraternity' is the true cure.



When he uses the word fraternity, it is the touchstone in his latest social encyclical "[Fratelli Tutti](#)," (follow [hyperlink to look at full encyclical](#)) and means it in the fullest sense of the word.

**For the latest news from Pope**

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope.html>



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**CALLING ALL OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN**

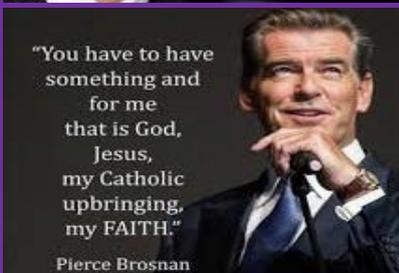
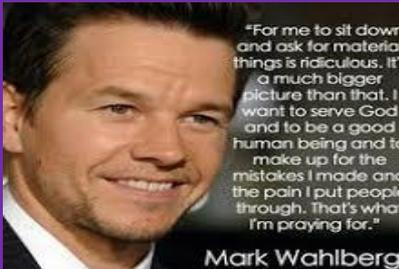
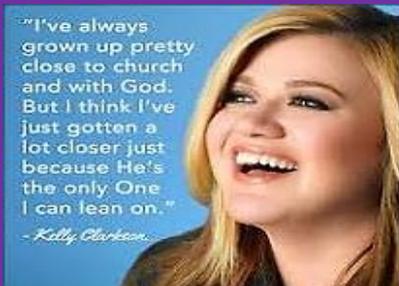
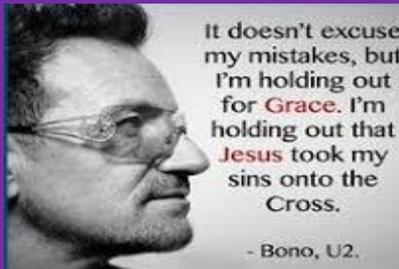
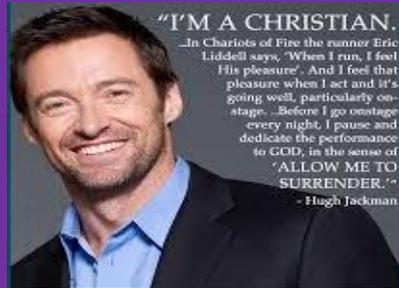
The North East Catholic Writers' Guild are running a literary competition for schoolchildren

**"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, NE28 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.

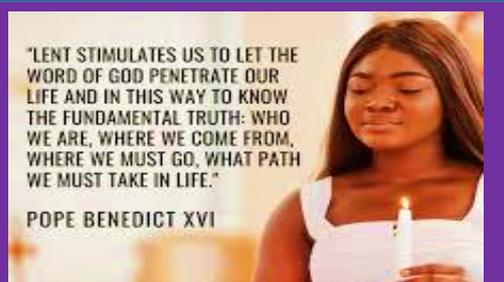
**Celebrities TALKING ABOUT FAITH**



**Lent** is a time to remove all distractions and bitterness from one's life in order to better hear God and those who suffer silently and need help, Pope Francis said.



"It is the right time to turn off the television and open the Bible. It is the time to disconnect from mobile phones and connect ourselves to the Gospel."



**Website Address:**  
[stanthonystfrancis.org](http://stanthonystfrancis.org)



**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 the weekly Parish newsletter then please contact the Parish email address below:

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