



**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA & FRANCIS PARISH**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**4<sup>TH</sup> April 2021**

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(open: Wed & Thurs 9am-2pm, Friday 9am-3pm)

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DAY	SERVICES & INTENTIONS AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK VIA 'YOU TUBE'
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> April <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	9.30am Sunday Morning Mass <u>IN CHURCH</u> – At St. Columba's Wallsend 11.00am Sunday Morning Mass <u>IN CHURCH</u> – At St. Anthony of Padua, Walker Mass Intention: <b>RAY LEE</b> (Reader: EMMA GOSLING)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	No Services
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	7pm Tuesday Evening Mass will be available on YouTube
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> April	There is no Mass today, due to a Funeral Service at St. Columba's.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am Thursday Mass will be available on YouTube
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am Friday Mass will be available on YouTube for: <b>PRIESTS' INTENTIONS</b>
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	No Services
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am Sunday Morning Mass <u>IN CHURCH</u> – At St. Columba's Wallsend 11.00am Sunday Morning Mass <u>IN CHURCH</u> – At St. Anthony of Padua, Walker Mass Intention: <b>MULDOON, RICHARDSON, CHESTERTON FAMILIES</b> (Reader: MARGARET RICHARDSON)

**CHURCH OPENING TIMES:**

**ST ANTHONY OF PADUA** open Sunday Morning at 11am

**ST. COLUMBA'S** open Sunday Morning at 9.30am.

(Places via booking only)

To book your place for Sunday Mass please call the Parish Office **0191 2623817** as follows:

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April or Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April (between 10am and 1pm)**

Due to distancing our places will be limited but a family group, or from the same household, will be classed as 1 person. (As the Parish Mass lists need to be completed on a Friday there is a cut off time for bookings of 1pm Friday. Thank you.)

There will be no public weekday Masses for now, these will continue to be celebrated on YOU TUBE (as shown.) We will still celebrate funerals in Church should we need to. Thanks for your patience, understanding and continued support.

**IMPORTANT:**

Change in procedure after Holy Communion. After you have received Holy Communion please return to your seat for a time of reflection, private prayer and the final blessing. After the final blessing, please wait in your seat until a steward indicates for you to leave the church. Please ensure you remain socially distanced until you are out of the building to keep everyone safe. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Thank you!



**REFLECTION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL:** As described by Benedict XVI, the resurrection was like an explosion of light, a cosmic event linking heaven and earth. But above all, it was an explosion of love. It ushered in a new dimension of being, through which a new world emerges. It is a leap in the history of evolution and of life in general towards a new future life, a new world which, starting from Christ, already continuously permeates this world of ours, transforms it and draws it to itself. The resurrection unites us with God and others. If we live in this way, we will transform the world. "We proclaim the resurrection of Christ", says Pope Francis, "when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence, and we are able share it with others; when we know when to smile with those who smile, and weep with those who weep; when we accompany those who are sad and at risk of losing hope; when we recount our experience of Faith to those who are searching for meaning and happiness...and there - with our attitude, with our witness, with our life - we say 'Jesus is Risen,' with our soul."

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I would like to congratulate all of our parents who have welcomed new babies during the past year. It's wonderful to hear the news that we have so many new arrivals. For obvious reasons we are very behind with baptisms and so while we have had the news that restrictions will soon be lifted, we are not there yet. If you have already made enquiries regarding your child's baptism and have been given a date or indeed had a date cancelled, we will be in touch very soon. If you are making enquiries for the first time, here is the procedure. Please do not contact the parish stating you want to book a christening/baptism telling us what date you would like the baptism on, as it does not happen like that. Also, telling us you already have a venue booked for after the baptism will not guarantee you the date you are requesting. To request a baptism for your child you need to come along to **Sunday Mass 9.30 am at Our Lady and St. Columba's or 11.00 am at St. Anthony of Padua** once we are open. Please keep yourself informed by regularly looking at our newsletters which are on our website: **stanthonystfrancis.org.uk** You will need to come for at least a few weeks before requesting a baptism. Please do not arrive for the first time and ask for a baptism as it does not work like that, unless you already regularly attend which means the Priest knows you and can therefore see that you are prepared to be committed members of the community. If you do not already regularly attend then after doing so for a few weeks, please introduce yourself to **Father David Smith** our Parish Priest and he will have a brief chat and if appropriate give you a baptism application form. Once the form is returned you will be given a date to attend a baptism catechesis session. Once that is completed then you will be offered dates from which you can choose. All I ask if that you are patient, understanding and respectful during this process. Apologies to the majority who would always be patient, understanding and respectful but lately we have had people who are not. I look forward to baptising your child and welcoming them into the community.



**Please pray for all our sick, including:**

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, Nicola Campbell, Rosemary Prest, Aileen, Maureen Geeling, Nancy Charlton

**Please remember all of our children who still need our prayers, including:**

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

**Can we also remember in prayer:**

NHS & frontline workers, our St. Anthony of Padua Carers, all Priests, Deacons and other Clergy ministering to our sick. Also for all those preparing and administering vaccines. As well as all those going for tests this week to hospital and for those who are caring for sick relatives.

**Lord grant them your strength.**

**MISSION BOXES:** Please bring to the Church for Jennifer Richardson, thanks. Preferably money in a plastic bag, if possible, due to restrictions.



**WALKER & 'WALKING WITH' FOODBANKS**

Once again, thank you to all who have been able to continue supporting the Foodbank. Thank you to Dennis O'Neill for representing our parishes. He has been delivering your very kind donations to the Foodbank. This is a wonderful way to support people in our locality who are struggling at this time. As people continue to face hardship and financial difficulties, sadly foodbanks up and down the country have reported 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.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATION TO SUNDAY MASS.**

Or call St. Anthony's Parish Secretary on 0191 2623817 and we can organise collection.

**MINSTERACRES**

Have various on-line events scheduled over the coming months. To view more please visit their Website: [www.minsteracres.org](http://www.minsteracres.org)

**MAUREEN GEELING'S FUNERAL**

Will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time. May she rest in peace. (Funeral restrictions apply.)

**DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2021**

Is now cancelled Due to travel restrictions.

May I wish you all a **VERY HAPPY PEACEFUL EASTER.** I give my thanks to all who have helped prepare the Church for the Services, including all Stewards, who keep us all safe. Thank you too, to all who have a Ministry in the Parish, your help is very much appreciated by me.

*Fr. David.*

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**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.

H.S.B.C. Account Name:  
**"DHN Newcastle Ss. Anthony of Padua & Francis: A Registered Charity"**  
(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 and will be forwarded to 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.**

"What day is it?" asked Pooh.  
"It's today." squeaked Piglet.  
"My favorite day." said Pooh.

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