



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

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Wed, Thurs & Friday)

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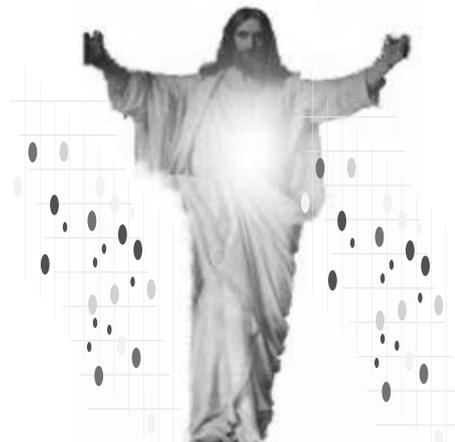


DAY	SERVICES & INTENTIONS AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK VIA 'YOU TUBE'
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am Sunday Morning Mass <u>IN CHURCH</u> – At St. Columba’s Wallsend 11.00am Sunday Morning Mass <u>IN CHURCH</u> – At St. Anthony of Padua, Walker Mass intention: <b>MULDOON, RICHARDSON, CHESTERTON FAMILIES</b> (Reader: Margaret Richardson)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	No Services
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	7pm Tuesday Evening Mass will be available on YouTube
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am Wednesday Mass available on YouTube for: <b>PRIESTS’ INTENTIONS</b>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am Thursday Mass will be available on YouTube
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am Friday Mass will be available on YouTube for: <b>ANN CLARKE</b>
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	No Services
Sunday 18 <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>MAUREEN GEELING</b> (Reader: Eleanor McAndrew)

**CHURCH OPENING TIMES: Places via booking only.**

**ST ANTHONY OF PADUA** open Sunday Morning at 11am  
**ST. COLUMBA’S** open Sunday Morning at 9.30am.

To book your place for Sunday Mass please call the Parish Office **0191 2623817** as follows: **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April or Friday 16<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.



**THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S GOSPEL:**

The Risen Jesus meets his closest friends for the first time after they had all abandoned him in his hour of need. It must have been a moment they were all dreading. Yet his first words, twice over, were, ‘Peace be with you’. No rebuke, no reproach, just ‘Peace!’ And then he showed them his wounds, the unmistakable signs. ‘As the Father sent me, I also send you’. While they were feeling they had failed abysmally as his disciples, he entrusted them with the same mission he had received from the Father: now they knew it was not they who had chosen him, but he had chosen them. Their mission, a mission of bringing forgiveness of sins, was to be carried out by the power of the Holy Spirit. I stand in awe in the presence of the Risen Jesus, sharing his great joy and that of his best friends at this meeting.

**Community Organising in the North East: An ecumenical conversation.**  
**Wednesday 5 May 2021 6.30 – 8.30pm.**

Over the last five years Christians have been working alongside people of other faiths, and none, to challenge the injustices that shape our communities in the North East. During this online event we want to share some of the stories of how together we have empowered people to tackle low wages, mental health provisions, hate crime, free-school meal access and climate change. Along with the Bishop of Durham, Paul Butler, and the Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, Robert Byrne, we will be asking how community organising is part of our faith journeys. Storytelling is at the heart of challenging injustice and we hope our stories will engage and inspire you. Please sign up [online here](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) and login details will be sent out the week before the event. ([Visit www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk))

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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 book for and come along to **Sunday Mass 9.30 am at Our Lady and St. Columba's or 11.00 am at St. Anthony of Padua.** 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 is 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.

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## Prayer for the 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, Nicola Campbell, Rosemary Prest, Aileen, 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 and Baby Noah

**Can we also remember in our prayer:** NHS & frontline workers, our St. Anthony of Padua Carers, all Priests, Deacons and other Clergy ministering to our sick. For the vaccine programme and its success. For all those going for tests this week to hospital and for those who are caring for sick relatives.  
**Lord grant them all your strength.**

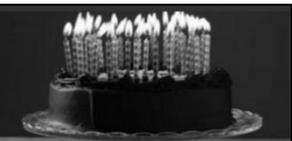
Lockdown never really worked around Easter



Said a prayer to St. Anthony...



Found all the Easter eggs!



Before 2020, we were pretty wild! Remember how we all used to eat cake after someone had blown on it? Crazy times!



### Anti-Racism Working Group established in Diocese Hexham & Newcastle

Bishop Robert Byrne CO has commissioned a working group to raise awareness of racism, from micro-racial aggression to the fatal consequences of major racism.

*The group was established following the death of George Floyd and the rise of the Black Lives Matter protest, a parishioner approached the Diocese requesting that some action be taken.*

*At the request of Bishop Robert, the parishioner was put into contact with Fr. Adrian Tuckwell, the Episcopal Vicar for Caritas, who contacted members of the Pastoral Forum and, with the blessing of the Diocese, created the Anti-Racism Working Group.*

On 26 January the Diocese held a launch anti-racism webinar titled "Racism: A Challenge for our Diocese" which aimed to raise awareness of racism and its consequences. More than 60 people attended the event. If you would like to read more about the background, the webinar and how you can get involved, please [left click here](#). OR VISIT ([www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk))

## Foodbank

### 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.

### 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 2021-22' 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.**



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### 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)

### DIocese of HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2021

Is now cancelled, due to current travel restrictions.

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