



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA & FRANCIS PARISH

Parish Priest: FR. DAVID SMITH - Direct No: 0191 2623882
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WEBSITE: stanthonystfrancis.org.uk



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 (25 April) please call the Parish Office **0191 2623817** as follows: **Thursday 22nd April or Friday 23rd April (between 10am and 1pm)**

Due to distancing places are limited but a family group, or from same household, is classed as 1 person. (**Parish Mass lists need to be completed on a Friday hence the cut off time for bookings of 1pm Friday.**) 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 to our Stewards for keeping us all safe and to you for your patience, understanding and continued support.

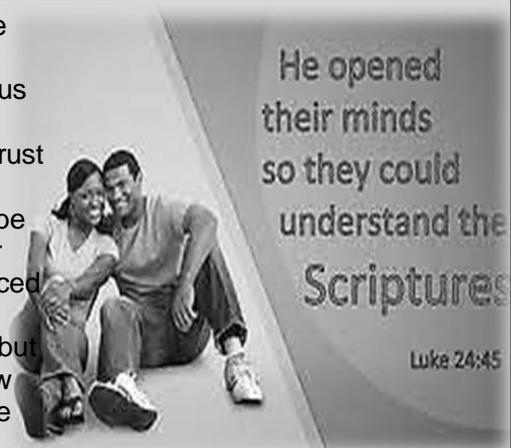


“Look at my hands and my feet! Touch me and see for yourself! Yes, it is I indeed.”

Luke 24: 35-48

TODAY'S GOSPEL: Peace is not just the absence of conflict, but a deep sense of knowing all will be well! As He appears Jesus so often says firstly 'do not be afraid!' Am I fearful? Do I need to pray for trust in God, trust in my life, maybe an important relationship which is strained? What is it like for me to be invited to touch His wounded hands, feet or side? and allow me to be a bit more convinced of his profound love? Jesus is keen to reassure his friends that He is not a ghost, but the same person as before, though in a new state. The strongest proof of this identity are His wounds.

Yet they are also signs that 'repentance and the forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in His name to all nations.' Death and life are closely linked, yet life has the last word. Jesus tells his friends that they are to be his witnesses. He asks that of us too. We pray to be faithful witnesses of the Resurrection and of the good news about the forgiveness of sins. Like the Apostles, we can only witness what we have already experienced, and we ask for a heart open to Jesus' presence in our lives.



On 1st May we celebrate the 'Feast of St. Joseph.' Pope Francis has dedicated this year 2021 to St. Joseph: Here is a prayer to St Joseph

"Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen."



DAY	MASS TIMES, SERVICES & INTENTIONS AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK (SOME VIA 'YOU TUBE')
Sunday 18 th April Celebrant: Fr. Peter Carr	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: MAUREEN GEELING (Reader: Eleanor McAndrew)
Monday 19 th April	No Services due to Fr. David Smith's break
Tuesday 20 th April	No Services due to Fr. David Smith's break
Wed 21 st April	No Services due to Fr. David Smith's break
Thursday 22 nd April	No Services due to Fr. David Smith's break
Friday 23 rd April	No Services due to Fr. David Smith's break
Saturday 24 th April	No Services due to Fr. David Smith's break
Sunday 25 th 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: ISAC NOOR (Reader: Janet Henderson)

THANKS to both Parishes for the Easter cards and handmade cards (from the Schoolchildren) delivered to the Prison on Good Friday.

Website: stanthonystfrancis.org.uk **Email:** Newcastle.stanthony@rcdhn.org.uk

Telephone Numbers: Fr. David Smith Direct Line: 0191 2623882, St. Anthony's Parish Office 0191 2623817 (office open: Wednesday 9am-2pm Thursday 9am-2pm, Friday 9am-3pm) **Hospital Chaplain:** Fr. Mariadass, 0191 2733903

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After a very nice socially distanced gathering of Baptism parents recently, we are now on the road to having regular Baptisms once again. If you are seeking to have your child baptised and are regularly attending Mass, then please ask Fr David for a baptism application form and once filled in and returned he will advise you on how to take the next steps.



To request a baptism for your child you need to come along to Sunday Mass at 11.00am at St Anthony of Padua (or 9.30am at Our Lady and St Columba.) Please keep yourself informed by regularly looking at our newsletters which are on the website: **stanthonyfrancis.org.uk**. If you do not already regularly attend Mass then after doing so for a few weeks, please introduce yourself to Fr David Smith and, if appropriate, you will be given a baptism application form. Once the form is returned you will be given a date to attend for a baptism catechesis session. Once that is completed then you will be offered dates from which you can choose the most suitable for your family. Please be 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. **Thank you, Fr. David Smith.**

PRAYERS FOR 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, Nicola Campbell, Rosemary Prest, Aileen, Nancy Charlton, Joan O'Neil



Please remember all of our children who still need our prayers, including: Joseph Relph, Josh Graham, James Taylor, Theo James Abbott, Martha and Baby Noah

Can we also remember in our prayers: 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.



CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE:

Cardinal Nichols prays for the repose of the soul of Prince Philip

"At this moment of sadness and loss I pray for the repose of the soul of Prince Philip, Her Majesty the Queen's faithful and loyal husband. I pray for the Queen and all of the Royal Family.

"How much we will miss Prince Philip's presence and character, so full of life and vigour. He has been an example of steadfast loyalty and duty cheerfully given. May he rest in peace."

+ Vincent Nichols
Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster



Bishop Robert has kindly agreed to preside at a **Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 22 May 2021 at 12:00** which will be both an open Mass and live streamed.

Due to the limited capacity and in keeping with the current COVID restrictions, anyone wishing to attend the Mass **MUST BOOK** in advance by contacting the Cathedral office on 0191 232 6953 or by emailing office@stmaryscathedral.org.uk. Booking is available now. Anyone celebrating a significant anniversary should also provide the details of this at the time of booking.

FURTHER DETAILS NEXT WEEK

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. If you can give, just one or two food items will help.

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATION TO SUNDAY MASS.

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

★ **BIBLE ALIVE (May) available now.** (We continue to have some issues with delivery on time of the **UNIVERSE**, if it is at the back of Church then it will be the latest edition.) If you have ordered these.

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.* 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)



DIOCESE OF HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2021

Is now cancelled, due to current travel restrictions.

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.**



MINSTERACRES

Have various on-line events scheduled over the coming months. To view more please visit their Website: www.minsteracres.org

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