

The Good Shepherd

John 10: 1-21

Some thoughts on today's scripture

- Sunday reminds us that we do not come to God alone - our worship draws us into community and identifies us as sheep of the Good Shepherd. Being thought of as a 'sheep' is not to demean, but to rescue us from thinking too much of ourselves. Jesus calls us to humility and trust, cautioning us against those who work only for what they get and warning against whatever might snatch or scatters us.
- The shepherd keeps the sheep in view, regarding them and seeing beyond them. I ask God for the humility I need, that I might listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd, allowing him to lead me and trusting that he is leading others too - even if in ways I don't understand.



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA & FRANCIS PARISH

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Sunday 25th April 2021

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 (2 May) please call the Parish Office **0191 2623817** as follows:

Thursday 29th April or Friday 30th 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. To avoid disappointment please call before 1pm, 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 to our Stewards for keeping us all safe and to you for your patience, understanding and continued support.

DAY OF PRAYER: SURVIVORS OF ABUSE 2021

A day of prayer for victims and survivors of Abuse has been welcomed by The Holy Father. The Catholic Bishops chose the Tuesday of Fifth Week of Easter as the Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse — 4 May 2021. It is vitally important for the local Church to acknowledge and respond in prayer. Most of the material in this resource has been written by, and with, survivors so that their voice would be heard – especially in places where it has not yet been heard.

Follow this link for further information: [Read More](#)

PRAYER FOR HEALING:

Praise to you Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all consolation and hope. Be the refuge and guardian of all who suffer from abuse and violence. Comfort them and send healing for their wounds of the body, soul and spirit. Help us all and make us one with you in your love for justice as we deepen our respect for the dignity of every human life. Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating your praise, both now and forever. **We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



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."

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MASS TIMES, SERVICES & INTENTIONS AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK (SOME VIA 'YOU TUBE')

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)
Monday 26 th April	No Services
Tuesday 27 th April	7pm Tuesday Evening Mass will be available on YouTube
Wed 28 th April	10.00am Wednesday Mass available on YouTube for: PRIESTS' INTENTIONS
Thursday 29 th April	10.00am Thursday Mass will be available on YouTube
Friday 30 th April	10.00am Friday Mass will be available on YouTube for: SICK OF THE PARISH
Saturday 1 st May	No Services
Sunday 2 nd May	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: ANDY McMONAGLE (Reader: Dave McGee)

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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.**



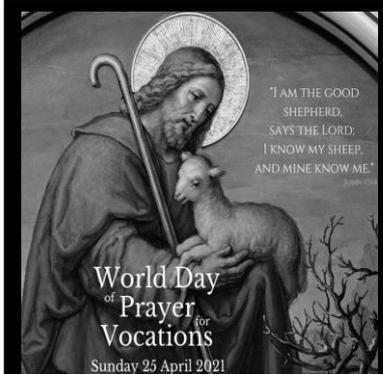
PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK

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, and 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.



AS TODAY IS THE 'WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS' Let us pray especially for all our Clergy and for Vocations to the Priesthood.



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

URGENTLY NEEDED:

Tins of peas, Tins of Meat and other Vegetables, Deserts, e.g. Tins of Rice Pudding, Tins of Custard. Ladies Toiletries and Baby Nappies (all sizes.) Note we have plenty of tea and coffee for now, thanks.

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 of the **UNIVERSE** which they are trying to fix. However, when it is at the back of Church then it will be the latest edition.) If you have ordered these, please collect, thank you.

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)



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

DIOCESE OF HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2021

Is now cancelled, due to current travel restrictions.

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