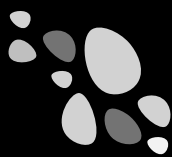


ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA & FRANCIS PARISH

Parish Priest: **FR. DAVID SMITH** –
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I Am the True Vine
(John 15:1–8)



Sunday 2nd May 2021:
Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)



CURRENT 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 (9 May) please call the Parish Office **0191 2623817** as follows:

Thursday 6th May or Friday 7th May (between 10am and 1pm)

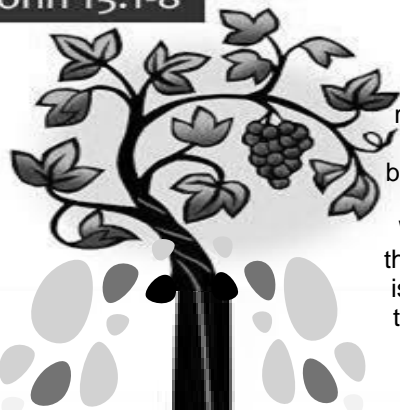
Due to distancing places are limited but a family group, or from same household, are classed as 1 person.

(Note: Parish Mass lists need to be completed on a Friday hence the cut off time. To avoid disappointment please call before 1pm, thank you.)

IMPORTANT: As predicted, we are now ready to begin celebrating public weekday Masses in our parishes. Throughout May we will open St Anthony's church on Wednesday's for 10am Mass and St Columba's church on Thursday's for 10am Mass. This will allow Parishoners, able to attend weekday Masses, an opportunity to do so and if they can do that it may free up places on a Sunday for people who work during the week. As usual we only need to book for a Sunday, so if we can remember to phone and book our place it will help keep us safe. As usual, Tuesday evening Mass at 7pm and Friday morning Mass at 10am will be live-streamed from St Columba's. Once again, thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Hopefully we can very soon look forward to all of our Masses being celebrated publicly in our Churches.

DAY	MASS TIMES, SERVICES & INTENTIONS AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK (SOME VIA 'YOU TUBE')
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)
Monday 3 rd May	No Services
Tuesday 4 th May	7pm Tuesday Evening Mass will be available on YouTube
Wed 5 th May	10.00am Wednesday Mass <u>IN CHURCH</u> for: ALL DECEASED OF PARISH
Thursday 6 th May	10.00am Thursday Mass <u>IN ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH</u>
Friday 7 th May	10.00am Friday Mass will be available on YouTube for: PRIEST'S INTENTION
Saturday 8 th May	No Services
Sunday 9 th 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: KATHLEEN GILLS (in thanksgiving for her 80th Birthday) (Reader: Debbie Johnstone)

John 15:1-8



Some thoughts on today's scripture:

Today I am invited to recognize my close relationship with Jesus, which he compares to the relationship between a vine and the branches that grow on it. What does it mean for my life that the life of Jesus flows into me? What does it mean for me personally to know that I am as much a part of Jesus as the branch is a part of the vine? Are there things in my life that would be different if I consciously realized this? What are they? I reflect on these things and I talk to Jesus about them, as I ask the Holy Spirit to guide and enlighten me.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE FOLLOWING PUBLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO COLLECT AT THE BACK OF CHURCH (if you have them ordered.)

- **BIBLE ALIVE** (May).
- **UNIVERSE** (We continue to have some issues with delivery of the Universe, which they are trying to fix. When it is at the back of Church then it is the latest edition, if you have it on order.) THANKS.

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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: stanthonystfrancis.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,

FOR OUR SICK CHILDREN:

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

ALSO FOR:

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.



Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass with Bishop Robert at Cathedral on Saturday 22 May 2021 at 12:00 which will be both an open Mass and live streamed. 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 Visit: www.rcdhn.org.uk.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PARISH

To set up a regular **STANDING ORDER** or **ONLINE BANKING** please download the forms from our Website, or a copy is available from Parish Office.

Parish Bank information is:

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, who will forward to Diocese because it is a legal document required by HMRC.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of, TOM BLACKMAN

A former Parishioner. Tom's funeral took place at Tynemouth Crem. On 29th April. We pray for his widow Sylvia, son Thomas & all the family. **May he rest in peace.**

Foodbank

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.

MARATHON OF PRAYER
to invoke the end of the pandemic

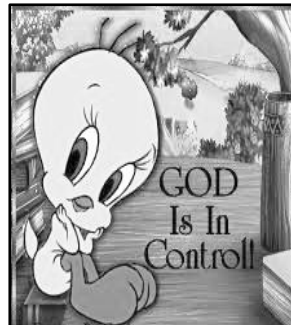
THE MONTH OF MAY

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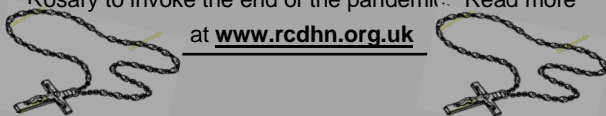


The Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle welcomes Pope Francis' invitation encouraging all Universal Church to pray the Rosary during May.



At the heart of the Holy Father's wish, the month of May will be dedicated to a marathon of prayer from the theme "From the whole Church the prayer to God went up incessantly" (Acts 12:5). The initiative will involve in a special way all the Sanctuaries of the world, so that they become promoters to the faithful, families and communities of the recitation of the Rosary to invoke the end of the pandemic. Read more

at www.rcdhn.org.uk



PRAYING THE ROSARY IN MAY, BOTH PARISHES:

Throughout the month of May, Fr. David will be praying the Rosary for different intentions. The Rosary will be prayed 'on-line' and will be scheduled for **SUNDAY AFTERNOONS** at 4pm. It can be viewed any time at: **YouTube – St Anthony & St Columba RC Churches OR Facebook – Our Lady & St. Columba Wallsend**

Little Sisters of the Poor Urgent Appeal



The Little Sisters of the Poor have launched a vital fundraising appeal, in response to the increasing pressures faced by St. Joseph's Care Home during the current COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

The Little Sisters of the Poor at St. Joseph's Home in Newcastle are finding the current economic climate increasingly more demanding. The emergency lockdown measures they implemented to aid efforts to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and keep their resident's safe has had a massive impact on their fundraising activities and the charitable donations they rely on to meet the daily running costs of the Home. They are appealing for urgent donations to help us continue with their work of caring for the Elderly. In these uncertain times, small acts of kindness can make a huge difference in helping their Home. **Make a Donation:** Cheques made payable to '**Little Sisters of the Poor**' can be sent to: St. Joseph's Home, Westmoreland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA.

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