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Ss ANTHONY OF PADUA & FRANCIS PARISH

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(open Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)

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9th MAY 2021: Sixth Sunday of Easter (yr. B)

Just a
reminder...

CURRENT CHURCH OPENING TIMES: Places (Sunday) via booking only.

ST ANTHONY'S open Sunday Morning at 11am, Wednesday Morning at 10am
ST. COLUMBA'S open Sunday Morning at 9.30am and Thursday Morning at 10am

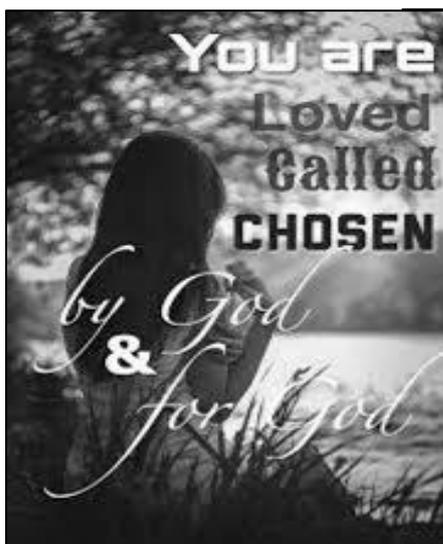
To book your place for Sunday Mass (16 May) please call the Parish Office **0191 2623817** as follows: **Thursday 13th May** or **Friday 14th May (between 10am and 1pm.)**

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

(Note: We are becoming very busy for bookings, to avoid disappointment if you can ring on a Thursday is ideal. The absolute cut off time to book is Friday at 1pm, thank you.)

IMPORTANT: 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. 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. We look forward, hopefully, to all of our Masses being celebrated publicly in our Churches.

DAY	MASS TIMES, SERVICES & INTENTIONS AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK (SOME VIA 'YOU TUBE')
Sunday 9 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)
Monday 10 May	No Services
Tuesday 11 May	7pm Tuesday Evening Mass will be available on YouTube
Wed 12 May	10.00am Wednesday Mass <u>IN CHURCH</u> for: SICK PERSON (B.R.) Reader: Margaret Miller
Thursday 13 May	10.00am Thursday Mass <u>IN ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH</u>
Friday 14 May	10.00am Friday Mass will be available on YouTube for: PRIEST'S INTENTION
Saturday 15 May	No Services
Sunday 16 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: AILEEN (in thanksgiving) (Reader: Emma Gosling)



A person blind from birth cannot understand colour. A person who has never been loved can find love a baffling word. Have I an inkling of love's meaning, and how? Whose love was it that taught me the meaning of the word? What do I know about the sort of self-giving that is unearned, unquestioning, looking for no return?

Lord, I have so much to learn from you about love.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE FOLLOWING PUBLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE NOW TO COLLECT AT THE BACK OF CHURCH

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

If you have ordered these, then please collect them, thank you.

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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: stanthonyofpadua.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. THANKS FR. DAVID



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, Aileen, Peter Graham, Nicola Campbell, Rosemary Prest, Aileen, Nancy Charlton and Sarah.

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.



"THE DAY OF THE LORD."

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a reflection on post-pandemic recovery and the challenges faced by the Church in encouraging people back to the Church and her Sacraments. In a reflection titled *The Day of the Lord*, the Bishops also praise families, parish communities and those who have worked tirelessly in hospitals, care homes, schools and prisons during these challenging times of ill-health, grief and isolation. The Bishops salute the leadership of our priests and also express gratitude for the 'immense efforts' of those who have provided food for those most in need: "The generosity shown in the distribution of so very many meals has given eloquent expression to the mercy, love and compassion which are at the very heart of God. Many have been touched by the joy of meeting Christ in the poor; and many of the poor by the joy of meeting Christ in selfless parishioners." Whilst acknowledging the creative and diverse methods of outreach during the pandemic – not least the live streaming of Mass – attention then turns to the post-pandemic world. The Bishops recognise that it is impossible to predict the pace at which we will emerge from the pandemic but state "what is clear is the challenge we face of bringing our communities and the practice of the faith to a still greater expression and strength." They identify the groups of people they are seeking to reach: Those who have lost the habit of coming to church and who may be anxious about doing so. Those who may not want to re-establish a pattern of Catholic worship – who may have seen a gap widen between the spiritual dimension of their lives and any communal expression of that spiritual quest. The 'Covid curious' who may have encountered the Catholic Church for the first time during the pandemic. The Bishops highlight the strengths, the "veritable treasures" of the Catholic Church as being the tools at their disposal to rise to these challenges. The greatest treasure is, of course, the sacramental life of the Church and at its heart, the Eucharist. "It is the Eucharist, the celebration of the Mass, that makes the Church; and it is the Church, in the gift of the Holy Spirit, which makes the Eucharist. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the lifeblood of the Church. It requires our active participation and, to be fully celebrated, our physical presence. "At this moment, then, we need to have in our sights the need to restore to its rightful centrality in our lives the Sunday Mass, encouraging each to take his or her place once again in the assembly of our brothers and sisters. "We face the task of seeking to nurture the sense of Sunday as 'a weekly gift from God to his people', and something we cannot do without; to see Sunday as the soul of the week, as giving light and meaning to all the responsibilities we live out each day; to see the Sunday Eucharist as food for the unique mission with which we have been endowed."

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.

Foodbank

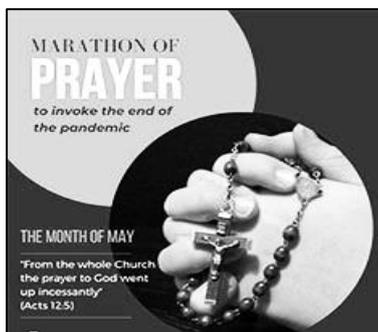
Once again, thank you to all who have been able to continue supporting the Foodbank. Thank you to Dennis O'Neill for representing our parishes. He has been delivering your very kind donations to the Foodbank. This is a wonderful way to support people in our locality who are struggling at this time. If 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.



PRAYING THE ROSARY DURING MAY, IN BOTH PARISHES:

Throughout 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 at: **YouTube – St Anthony & St Columba RC Churches** **OR Facebook – Our Lady & St. Columba Wallsend**

Little Sisters of the Poor Urgent Appeal:

An urgent request for vital Help with vital funds, in response to the increasing pressures faced by St. Joseph's Care Home during the current COVID-19. The Little Sisters are finding the current economic climate increasingly more demanding. The 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 continue with their work of caring for the Elderly. **Make a Donation:** Cheques made payable to '**Little Sisters of the Poor**' can be sent to: St. Joseph's Home, Westmoreland Road, Ncle. **Further info at www.rcdhn.org.uk**

