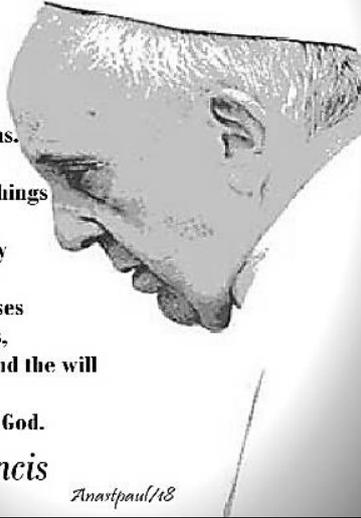


"You leave the commandment of God  
and hold fast the tradition of men."...Mark 7:8

With these words,  
Jesus wants to  
caution us too, today,  
against the belief,  
that outward  
observance  
of the law  
is enough  
to make us  
good Christians.  
... it is not  
the external things  
that make us  
holy or unholy  
but the heart  
which expresses  
our intentions,  
our choices and the will  
to do all,  
or the love of God.

Pope Francis

Anavipaul/18



## Ss ANTHONY OF PADUA & FRANCIS PARISH

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29 AUGUST 2021 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY (YEAR B)

### Some thoughts on today's scripture

God sees the heart and its ups and downs. He judges us on the loves of our lives and our efforts to love. The Pharisees' version of religion warped human life and stunted personal growth. Jesus protested against hypocrisy that abandoned the Commandments of God in order to cling to 'human traditions.' In the evening of life God will see not just what we did but the heart of goodness by which we lived. God, allow the spirit of love and service to flow through us bringing joy and blessing for others.

DAY	MASS TIMES, SERVICES & INTENTIONS AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK
Sunday 29 August	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>Angela Miller</b> Reader: Margaret Miller
Monday 30 August	No Services
Tuesday 31 August	7.00pm (St. Columba's Church)
Wed 1 September	10.00am (St. Anthony's) Intention: <b>Sick of the Parish</b> Reader: Margaret Richardson
Thurs 2 Sept	10.00am (St. Columba's Church)
Friday 3 Sept	No Service as Fr. David in attendance at Fr. Bill O'Gorman Funeral
Saturday 4 Sept	No Services
Sunday 5 Sept	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>Safety of Afghan People</b> Reader: Janet Henderson

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** We are pleased to announce that the 2 children who were unable to make their First Communion with the rest of St. Alban's, due to having to isolate, will be celebrating the Eucharist with us this weekend, as they make their First Holy Communion: Please for the children and their families:

### NICOLA OKEMEFUNA AND CHARLIE FORREST

#### Booking for Mass Sunday 5 September:

*Restrictions changed in England on 19th July but infections of Covid remain high. Following guidance from our Bishop and Bishops' Conference, it is important to continue being safe. Therefore, we will maintain our current procedures for now, this will be reviewed soon. Could we respectfully ask you to continue to wear a Facemask in Church thank you.*

It is also still important that you ring the office to book for Sunday Mass. **To book your seat for Sunday Mass 5 September, please contact the Parish Office (0191 2623817) ONLY ON Friday (3rd) between 10am and 1pm (this is due to staff annual leave and we will revert back to normal the following week.)** Numbers remain restricted, so try to book soon as you will have a better chance of securing your place as we are often filled up very quickly. (Family groups etc. are counted as 1 person.) For admin. lines will close on Friday at 1pm. Thanks.

Very Important



## FIRST STEPS

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WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 7PM

DIocese of Hexham & Newcastle

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## MISSIONARY APPEAL

By the Comboni Missionary Sisters on **Sunday 12th September 2021.**

The Comboni Sisters are women called by God and consecrated to him for the mission of evangelization. The Sisters originate from 33 nationalities and work in 30 different countries across four continents making Africa their priority. The Sisters are called by God to evangelise, to build bridges between people, cultures, and religions, setting the downtrodden free. Please give what support & generosity you can.

## A COMBONI MISSIONARY SISTER



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PRAY GIVE SERVE

11-12 SEPT 2021

**CLERGY CHANGES:** Further to the announcement made recently by Fr. David regarding Clergy changes, please be advised as follows: Fr. Sean O'Neill will be taking on the responsibility of St. Anthony of Padua & Francis Parish from **1st October 2021**, along with the continued responsibilities he has already for St. Teresa's Heaton, St. Lawrence's Byker and St. Vincent's Walker. Fr. David confirms that the weekend Mass will take place at St. Anthony of Padua & Francis **on a Saturday Evening at 5.30pm from Saturday 2nd October. There will be no Sunday morning Mass.** Any further announcements will be given as the changes progress. Pray for Fr. David, Fr. Sean and other Priests of the Diocese, whose workloads are increasing.

ETERNAL GOD,  
BE WITH OUR PRIESTS THIS DAY AS  
THEY SEEK  
TO MINISTER TO YOUR PEOPLE.  
MAY YOU BE A GUIDING AND  
PROTECTIVE PRESENCE WITH THEM  
AS THEY BRING THE CONSOLATION  
AND HOPE OF YOUR WORD  
AND THE GRACE AND NOURISHMENT  
OF EUCHARIST  
TO THOSE ENTRUSTED INTO THEIR  
CARE.  
GRANT THEM THE STRENGTH OF MIND  
AND BODY,  
KEEP THEM SAFE TO DO YOUR WILL,  
AND GIVE THEM THE COURAGE AND  
PEACE  
TO FACE EACH DAY WITH TRUST AND  
CONFIDENCE IN YOU.  
INTO YOUR HANDS O GOD, WE  
COMMEND THEM;  
FILL THEM WITH YOUR GRACE AND  
HEALING.  
AMEN.



## LET US PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK:

Rhoda Robertson, John Gourley, Doreen Graham, June Stephenson, Margaret O'Brien, Dorothy Milor, Rosemary McIlvenna, Monica McKinnon, Aileen, Nancy Charlton

**FOR OUR SICK CHILDREN:** Joseph Relph, Josh Graham, James Taylor, Theo Abbott

**FOR:** NHS & frontline workers, St. Anthony of Padua Carers, all Priests, Deacons and other Clergy.

## Vacancies in The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

### Diocesan Dept. for Education

Senior Administrator – permanent, full-time, Administrator (maternity cover), full-time. Closing date – 2 September

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Sunderland, Cleaner – 16 hours per week

Newcastle (based at St Teresa's, Heaton) Parish Secretary – 12 hours per week. Closing date for applications – 8 September

Sunderland, Lay University Chaplain – full-time  
Closing date for applications 12 September

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or contact us on 0191 243 3301

## Foodbank



Thank you to all who have been able to continue supporting the Foodbank. This is a wonderful way to support people in our locality who are struggling just now. If you can give, just 1 or 2 food items will help. **At this current time, the Foodbank has more than enough Pasta & Tea (thanks) but what they do require are the following: Long Life Milk, Pot Noodles and Oats to Go (for those people without appliances.) Also urgently needed are Pasta SAUCES, tinned products etc. (Supermarket own brands are great.)** We are grateful to Joe Taylor, helped by Jim McLaughlin, who are helping to deliver your goods to the Foodbank. Thanks **PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO MASS. Or call St. Anthony's Parish Secretary on 0191 2623817 if you need someone to collect your donation.**

## 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:** 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, to forward to Diocese as it is a legal document, required by HMRC.

## BAPTISM

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](http://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. I look forward to baptising your child into the community. Fr. David.