



Our Lady & St Columba

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Fr. David Smith

Parish Newsletter

23rd August—30th August 2020

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please pray for all the sick of our Parish including: Fr. Pat McKenna; Father John Ulaganthan Rona Bojke; Eddie Aspreno; Merle Hall; Joyce Burns; Peter Mulholland; Beryl Boulton; Ann Green; Bill Baxter; Christopher Brown; Mandy Setford; Mary McAlinden; Janice O'Brien; Caleb Anthony Barns; Suzanne Luck; Vin Donnelly; Lee Stephen McRae; Maureen O'Brien, Joan Stewart; Winnie Parkins; Cath Duffield; Daniel Hindmarsh.; Moira Chilvers; Graeme Ward; John Hancock.



**Restricted Numbers Attending Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.**

The official number allowed in church for baptisms, weddings and funerals is 30. While we are risk assessed for 60+ at Our Lady and St Columba's and 45+ at St Anthony's that has no bearing when it comes to the rules for baptisms, weddings and funerals. The rules are not set by the parish priest and therefore the parish priest will not be breaking the rules. When it comes to the agonising task of choosing who to invite, families struggle to keep everyone happy and so therefore, it is unhelpful when people decide to ignore the rules in order that they can attend the funeral, wedding or baptism. Our volunteer stewards are very kindly trying to do a job which involves keeping the rules and so it is disappointing when people ignore the protocol. I can understand that people are fed up of the pandemic and all its restrictions but should the rate of infection rise in Wallsend or Walker, it is not going to be because St Columba's and St Anthony's are not keeping the rules.

Fr David

**An extract rom the Bishops' Conference Website**

The Government guidance on the Opening of Churches for Public Worship requires that the number of people attending "life-cycle ceremonies" is capped at 30 people. "Life-cycle Ceremonies" are defined as "religious ceremonies to mark rites of passage, which are separate, self-contained ceremonies as opposed to marking a life cycle event or rite in the course of routine communal worship."

Please remember to keep to the appropriate social distance as you move around the church.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

**Mass Intentions for the coming weeks**

23rd August - Deceased Members of Justice and Peace

30th August - Jimmy Searle

6th September - Fr Anthony

13th September - Deceased members of the Worth Family

**Masses**

Fr David is working in a Scottish diocese during week beginning 23rd August. He is setting up their Sick and Retired Clergy Support Service. Weekday Masses will resume week beginning 29th August.

**Forthcoming Weekday Mass Intentions**

1st September —Mavis Elliott

3rd September—Edward and Violet Mary Timlin

8th September - Tony Cuggy

10th September - Mary Morrison

**Please ensure you wear your face covering correctly. It should cover your nose and your mouth. Thank you.**



Tighten the loops or ties so it's snug around your face, without gaps.



Mask should cover from just under the bridge of your nose to under your chin.

**Thank you for your cooperation.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lawrence McDonald. Lawrence lived in Darlington but was a member of this parish for many years. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers at this sad time.



## RIP Tony Cuggy

The beautiful flowers in church were donated by the Cuggy family following Tony's requiem mass on Monday.



### What is luxury?

They made us believe that luxury was the rare, the expensive, the exclusive, everything that seemed unattainable. Now we realise that luxury is those little things that we did not know how to value when we had them and now that they are gone, we miss them so much. Luxury is being healthy. Luxury is not stepping into a hospital. Luxury is being able to walk along the seashore. Luxury is going out on the streets and breathing without a mask. Luxury is meeting with your whole family, your friends. Luxury is the looks. Smiles are luxury. Luxury is hugs and kisses. Luxury is enjoying every sunrise. Luxury is the privilege of loving and being alive. All this luxury we did not know. Stay blessed. Stay grateful.



### Booking Places for Sunday Mass

Please remember to book your place for Sunday Mass. If there is no one in the office when you call, please leave your name, contact number and the number of places you require.

You will only be contacted if the number of those requesting places goes above 60 and there are no spaces left.

### Thank you for your contributions to the parish

#### Recent Collections

19th July £644.60 of which £311 was gift aided

26th July £465 of which £178 was gift aided

2nd August £800 of which £619 was gift aided

9th August £568 of which £114 was gift aided

Direct debit payments for July totalled £802

### Bible and Rosaries for Prisoners

Many thanks to the parishioners who responded to the request from Northumberland Prison for Bibles and rosaries. They won't be delivered until 14th September so if you have any more please leave them at church. There is a Sainsbury's bag behind the counter of the church repository.

Please only leave Bibles and rosaries. Or phone Veronica Whitty: 0191 263 0920

Envelopes can be collected after Sunday Mass. Thank you to those who have set up a standing order.

If you require any help with the envelopes or setting up a standing order please contact Teresa Keys - Gift Aid Coordinator

Tel 07507639572

#### PARISH BANK DETAILS:

HSBC, 110 Grey Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 6JG

Account Name: Wallsend Our Lady & St Columba

Sort code 40-34-18 Account number 31164686

If you prefer to use a standing order form to hand in to your bank please contact Teresa.

