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Fr. David Smith

Parish Newsletter

13th - 20th September 2020

24th 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.

Masses and Intentions for the Coming Week

Table with 3 columns: Date and Time, Intention, and Church Name. Rows include Sunday 13h, Tuesday 15h, Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th, Friday 18th, and Sunday 20th.

Please note the times of the weekday masses at St Anthony of Padua. Parishioners from Our Lady and St Columba are most welcome to attend mass there when there is no mass in this parish.

A Message from Maureen and all the Cuggy Family

We wish to thank Fr David for his help, support and for the very comforting Requiem Mass at a very sad time.

Thank you to all family and friends for the healing cards, Mass cards, letters, notes, flowers and condolence cards. The beautiful words, love and comfort from you all will never be forgotten.

'Thank you' are only a small words but they come from the bottom of our hearts.

Thank you all for the generous donations for Mesothelioma UK. A total of £500 was collected at church and at home in loving memory of Tony.

Rest in heaven, Tony.

Love from Maureen Cuggy and family



Job Opportunity

St Anthony of Padua Community Association are recruiting for a Community Gardener to lead our new "Garden Project" which aims to engage older people at risk of social isolation in gardening to improve general wellbeing.



For further information contact Graeme Davis, HR manager on 0191 234 5775.

Closing Date: Noon 15 September 2020

Interview Date: Week commencing 28 September 2020

Due to an increase in demand for Confession, Fr David will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession, before mass on Tuesday from 5.30pm to 6.45pm. Fr David will be in the sacristy. A steward will be on hand to guide those who wish to celebrate the sacrament.



## Sunday Obligation

As everyone is wearing masks for Mass, our updated risk assessment has allowed us to add 22 additional seats by going 1 metre + which means we are not turning as many people away on a Sunday.

The Sunday obligation continues to be suspended. The Bishops of England and Wales are encouraging attendance at weekday Mass in place of Sunday Mass. Please don't worry if there are no places left for the Sunday Mass when you ring the parish office. You are able to attend Mass in Our Lady and St Columba's on either Tuesday evening at 7.00pm or Thursday morning at 10.00am. You are also welcome to attend mass at St Anthony of Padua on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10.00am.

It is not necessary to book for the weekday masses but your name and contact details will be taken as you enter the church.

**A Gentle Reminder: For safety reasons please ensure you wear your face covering appropriately while you are in the church. The covering should cover your nose as well as your mouth.**

## Weekly Offering

**Some parishioners who are attending weekday mass rather than a Sunday Mass have been enquiring how they can make their weekly contribution.**

**As you know, on a Sunday, there is a basket at the back of Church in which parishioners can place their envelopes and weekly offerings.**

**This basket will now be available on a Tuesday and Thursday morning.**

**Thank you for your continued support.**

**Fr David.**

## 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 from 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."

**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.

