



**Our Lady & St Columba  
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**Parish Priest Fr. David Smith**

**10th January 2021 - 17th January 2021**

**The Baptism of The Lord**

**Please pray for all the sick of Our Lady & St Columba Parish including:** Fr. Pat McKenna, Fr 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, Stewart, Winnie Parkins, Cath Duffield, Daniel Hindmarsh, Moira Chilvers, Graeme Ward, Fred Moran, Joyce Nesbitt, Mary McElwee, Maureen Cuggy.

**Ruth Lloyd RIP**

Ruth's funeral will take place on 13th January at 12.15pm. Please keep Ruth's family in your prayers at this sad time.

**Masses and Intentions for Next Week**

Sunday 10th January - Mass 9.30am	Jack Uibel and the Uibel and Iosue Families
Tuesday 12th January - Mass 7.00pm There will be no Confessions this week	Holy Souls
Wednesday 13th January Mass - 10.00am	St Anthony of Padua
Thursday 14th January - Mass 10.00am	Sheila Lavel
Friday 15th January - Mass 10.00am Fr David will lead us in the Rosary at 4.00pm.	St Anthony of Padua
Sunday 17th January - Mass 9.30am	Therese Boyd

**Virtual Rosary**

The Rosary will be live streamed on Friday at 4pm. To access the Rosary and Sunday Mass via YouTube please subscribe (there is no cost attached to this) to our channel – St Anthony and St Columba RC Churches. The 9.30 Sunday Mass From St Columba's is also streamed via Facebook – Our Lady and St Columba Wallsend. The St Columba Facebook page and the parish websites will publish updated information regarding any additional Masses to be streamed.

**Spiritual Communion**

The Catholic Church encourages us to make frequent, even daily Communion. Although our churches are still open for worship, for any number of reasons people may feel the need to remain at home and access the masses via YouTube or Facebook. We are also mindful that there are some people who cannot access the technology to join with those parishioners who are still able to come to church.



When we cannot make it to daily Mass, however, we can still make an Act of Spiritual Communion. This involves expressing our faith in Jesus and in His Presence in the Eucharist and asking Him to unite Himself with us. The basic parts of an Act of Spiritual Communion are an Act of Faith, an Act of Love, a desire to receive Christ, and an invitation to Him to come into our hearts.

St. Teresa of Jesus wrote: 'When you do not receive Communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual Communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it, the love of God will be greatly impressed on you.'

Here is a prayer for those times we would like to make a spiritual Communion.

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

### Lockdown 3

Many people may be feeling the strain as we enter the third, and hopefully, the final lockdown. We are approaching a year of restrictions in one way or another.

If you know of anyone who needs support in any way, or you yourself need help, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us. Parishioners who have volunteered may be able to collect shopping, offer phone support and just listen!

Contact the Parish via the Office on 0191 2623882, leave a message or send an email.

### Covid Update - Lockdown 3

As you will be aware we are now in our 3rd lockdown. Under this lockdown, people can still attend places of worship. If there is any further guidance from government or the diocese, you will be informed via the website, Facebook and the newsletter.

This is an extract from the guidance from [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

#### Places of worship

You can attend places of worship for a service. However, you must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble. You should maintain strict social distancing at all times.

Please be respectful of the stewards who are trying to support me in keeping everyone safe. Do make sure you follow their instructions as to where to sit and understand the stewards come to church for the same reasons as we do, to find peace and receive the Word and sacrament. Please, therefore, do not complain as we are very fortunate that our church is open and only because of the generosity and commitment of our stewards who stay behind after everyone has left to sanitise all the pews and touchpoints.

Thank you!

Fr David



### Christmas Cards for Prisoners

Deacon David was thrilled to receive 90 Christmas cards and more rosaries on 23rd December. He also received 40 Christmas cards from a group of children in a local school. He sends his thanks.

### Thank You!



Thank you to everyone who continues to bring in donations for the Walking With and the Walker Foodbank. Your contributions are very much appreciated and provide valuable and necessary support for those who are experiencing difficulties during these strange and unprecedented times. If you would still like to donate food or toiletries please do so by leaving the items at the back of the church when you come to Mass.

### Recycling Christmas Cards and Fundraising



This year we are looking to recycle Christmas cards with a religious theme and turn them in to new cards for Christmas 2021.

Please bring in your Christmas cards and place them in the box at the back of church. At some point, well in advance of Christmas 2021, we will hold a crafting afternoon—COVID permitting!! Anyone who enjoys arty activities and would like to create and make new Christmas cards which we can sell on the piety stall will be most welcome to attend.