



Our Lady & St Columba
Wallsend

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Parish Priest Fr. David Smith

21st March - 28th March 2021

5th Sunday of Lent Year B



Diocese of Hexham &
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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, Mary McElwee, Brenda Walker.

Masses and Intentions for Next Week

Sunday 21st March Mass 9.30am Mass will also be live streamed.	Eric Walker
Tuesday 23rd March - Mass will be live streamed at 7.00pm	Margaret Shield Moore
Wednesday 24th March - Mass will be live streamed at 10am	Priest's Intentions
Thursday 25th March - Mass will be live streamed at 10.00am	Eddie Wood
Friday 26th March - Mass will be live streamed at 10am	For all the sick of the parishes
Sunday 28th March - Mass will be at 9.30am. It will be live streamed.	Cath Armstrong

Please note that Mass will be streamed via Facebook until the new system is installed

Virtual Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be live streamed on Friday 26th March at 4pm. To access the Stations of the Cross and Sunday Mass via Facebook please 'like and follow' and you will receive an alert when we 'go live'. As the church is still closed for weekday Mass, Mass will be live streamed at 10.00am on Facebook until the live streaming equipment is repaired following flood damage.

The St Columba Facebook page and the parish website will publish updated information regarding any additional Masses to be streamed or changes.

Holy Week 2021

Confessions – The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 20th March 10.00 am – 12.00 pm Our Lady and St Columba

Saturday 27th March 10.00 am – 12.00 pm St Anthony of Padua

Stations of the Cross

Friday 26th March 4.00 pm Live Streamed

Good Friday 2nd April 11.00 am Live Streamed

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

1st April 6.00 pm - Public Worship at Our Lady and St Columba

Passion Service - Public Worship 2.00 pm at St Anthony of Padua

Passion Service - Public Worship 3.30 pm at Our Lady and St Columba

Easter Vigil

Saturday 3rd April 5.00pm - Public Worship at Our Lady and St Columba

Easter Sunday

Sunday 4th April 9.30 am Public Worship at Our Lady and St Columba -

Sunday 4th April 11.00 am Public Worship at St Anthony of Padua



Buildings

As you know, for some time we have been having trouble with the church roof which clearly needs a great deal of maintenance as do many other parts of our church and hall. The buildings have served us very well but if we want to enjoy these buildings well in to the future we really need to know what work needs doing and how much it will cost. Structural engineers and surveyors employed by our diocese have been out to do an initial inspection and they have suggested we have a full structural survey on our buildings. This will be money well spent as the report will give us the evidence we need to justify the work needing to be done and also, it will allow us to apply for grants that will contribute to the cost of the work. Updates will follow when we have more information.

Food Bank Donations



Once again, thank you to all who have been able to continue supporting the Foodbank.

We have been told that the Foodbank would like long life milk, tinned meats and tins of rice pudding or rice for making rice pudding.

Our Lady and St Columba continues to accept food which is distributed to those who are most in need. If you would like to bring any items of food please ring 0191 2623882 to ensure that someone is available to receive your donation, you could also drop it off when the church is open for Mass on a Sunday. If you would like someone to collect any food bags please leave a message on the answer phone. Your kindness and support is appreciated.

'For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,' Matthew 25:35

A Message from Ali Hain

You are invited to participate in a half hour session of sharing and prayer each Monday via Zoom. Each week the group looks at a section of scripture and it is usually linked with a poem. This is followed with a chat about how people see the scripture and poem linked to their own spirituality. The session concludes with 15 minutes of meditative prayer based on the readings.

Every Monday 7pm –7.30pm

Meeting ID:74040521010

Passcode: 9V4XHY

All are welcome. If you have any questions please contact alistairhain@gmail.com

Financial Support for the Parish

If you require any help with setting up a standing order please contact Teresa Keys - Gift Aid Coordinator. Her number is 07507639572

The PARISH BANK DETAILS: HSBC, 110 Grey Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 6JG

Account Name: Wallsend Our Lady and 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.

Thank you to Prudhoe Street Mission

Prudhoe Street Mission, based in Newcastle, regularly comes to the aid of churches on Tyneside who are trying to improve their facilities.

As you know, the pandemic meant we needed to bring the church into your homes through live streaming.

The grant of £2,000 they gave to us has helped with the cost of installing live streaming equipment for which we are very grateful.



Baptism

I would like to congratulate all of our parents who have welcomed new babies during the past year. It's wonderful to hear the news that we have so many new arrivals. For obvious reasons, we are very behind with baptisms and so while we have had the news that restrictions will soon be lifted, we are not there yet! If you have already made enquiries regarding your child's baptism and have been given a date or indeed had a date cancelled, we will be in touch very soon. Please do not contact the parish stating you want to book a baptism/ christening telling us what date you would like the baptism on, as it does not happen like that. Also, telling us you already have a venue booked for after the baptism will not guarantee you the date you are requesting.

To request a baptism for your child you need to come along to Sunday Mass 9.30am at Our Lady and St Columba or 11.00am at St Anthony of Padua once we are open again. Please keep yourself informed by regularly looking at our newsletters which are on the website: www.ourladyandstcolumbawallsend.org.uk

You will need to come for at least a few weeks before requesting baptism. Please do not arrive for the first time and ask for baptism as it does not work like that, unless you already regularly attend which means the priest knows you and can therefore see that you are prepared to be committed members of the community. If you do not already regularly attend then after doing so for a few weeks, please introduce your self to me (Fr David Smith Parish Priest) and I will have a brief chat and if appropriate give you 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. All I ask is that you are, 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 in to the community.

Thank you,

Fr David

