



Our Lady & St Columba
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Parish Priest Fr. David Smith

18th April - 25th April 2021

Third Sunday of Easter Year B



Diocese of Hexham &
Newcastle

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, Peter Mulholland, Beryl Boulton, Ann Green, 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, Brenda Maxwell.

Masses and Intentions for Next Week

There will be no weekday Masses for the coming week

Sunday 18th April Mass 9.30am Mass will be live streamed.

Deceased Members of the Wilson Family

Sunday 25th April - Mass 9.30am. Mass will be live streamed.

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

To access Sunday Mass via Facebook please 'like and follow' and you will receive an alert when we 'go live'. There will be no week day Masses this week.

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

We welcome Fr Peter Carr who is celebrating our Sunday Mass with us.

Bill Baxter RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bill Baxter who has died. We keep his family in our prayers at this sad time.

The Structural Survey Goes Ahead!



Monday saw the arrival of a huge mobile elevating work platform and a team of workmen to begin work on assessing the state of our church building.



The company, tasked with the work, carried out an extensive structural survey over two days. The report will be with Fr David in due course.

This is the first stage in planning for the necessary improvements and repairs to our beautiful church.

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Collections for March we as follows:

March 7th £1474 of which £607 was gift aided

March 14th £339.50 of which £150 was gift aided

March 21st £359.70 of which was gift aided

March 28th £289 of which \$£104 was gift aided

Direct debits for March totalled £956

Thank you!

Memorial Chapel

Fr David is developing the baptistry as a Memorial Chapel.

The proposal here at St. Columba's is that we offer all of our parishioners an envelope and we invite them to put in the envelope a list of the names of their loved ones, friends, neighbours or colleagues along with their date of death so that we can write them into our memorial book of remembrance. Please feel free to list the names of all your deceased loved ones and their anniversary of death dates.

The suggested donation would be £20.00 and this would be a once only donation for everyone on your list, not just one person. The reason for the donation is so that the work being carried out in the chapel can be funded. Should you wish to add names in the future there will be an administration charge and entry fee of £10.00.

Please share this information with those who are still not able to attend Sunday Mass at the moment.



Deacon Smith wishes to thank parishioners for the Easter cards for prisoners. 45 cards were delivered to the prison on Good Friday along with 87 hand made cards from school children. Your support is appreciated.

A message from Rev Deacon Rob Wareing, Diocesan Lead for Marriage and Family Life - Vicariate for Faith and Mission

Bishop Robert has kindly agreed to preside at a Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 22 May 2021 at 12:00 which will be both an open Mass and live streamed.

Under the Government’s roadmap for reopening England, restrictions, on numbers to be confirmed, are likely to remain applicable. However, we intend to issue an open invitation via the Diocesan website and appropriate social media. Advance notice has already appeared in the March Northern Cross edition and a further note will appear in April and full details in the May edition.

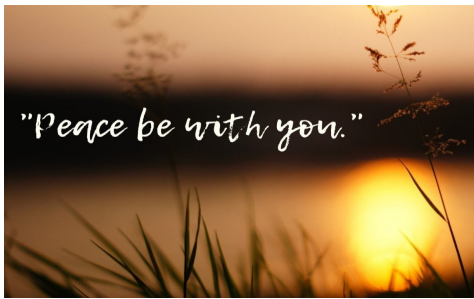
The invitation will focus **on couples celebrating significant anniversaries in 2021** but is open to **engaged couples preparing for marriage**, those who were married in the months prior to lockdown and since our last Mass in 2019 and all married couples. We include too those **widowed and bereaved who were unable to visit wives and husbands in hospital and homes prior to their deaths**. In these unprecedented times we remember couples in crisis and individual adults and children experiencing difficulties and abuse in their family relationships. We wish all to know that none is forgotten and that the Sacramental life, despite Covid, is very much alive and prayed for.

We will live stream the Mass as we recognise that many may feel uneasy about attending in person and for all others who may exceed the limit. Due to the limited capacity and in keeping with the current COVID restrictions, anyone wishing to attend the Mass **MUST BOOK** in advance by contacting the Cathedral office on 0191 232 6953 or emailing office@stmaryscathedral.org.uk . Anyone celebrating a significant anniversary should also provide the details of this at the time of booking and a certificate of celebration will be offered.

Prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



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.

Missio Red Box

Yvonne Sales will be available after Mass for the next two Sundays to empty your Red Missio Box.

Thank you!



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



Baptism

After a very nice socially distanced gathering of Baptism parents this week, we are now on the road to having regular baptisms once again. 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 9.30am at Our Lady and St Columba or 11.00am at St Anthony of Padua. Please keep yourself informed by regularly looking at our newsletters which are on the website: www.ourladyandstcolumbawallsend.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. Apologies to the majority who would always be patient, understanding and respectful but lately we have had people who are not. Fr David looks forward to baptising your child and welcoming them in to the community.

Thank you!

