



Our Lady & St Columba
Wallsend

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Parish Priest Fr. David Smith

19th September - 26th September 2021

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Diocese of Hexham &
Newcastle

Please pray for all the sick of Our Lady & St Columba Parish and private intentions: 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, Lee Stephen McRae, Winnie Parkins, Cath Duffield, Daniel Hindmarsh, Moira Chilvers, Fred Moran, Mary McElwee, Brenda Maxwell. Private intention MB.

Mass Intentions for 19th - 26th September 2021

Sunday 19th September - Mass 9.30am. Mass will be a Public Mass and it will also be live streamed.	George Worth & Deceased Members of the Worth Family
Tuesday 21st September - Mass will also be live streamed at	Fr William O'Gorman
Wednesday 22nd September - 10.00am at St Anthony of Padua	Special Intention
Thursday 23rd September - Mass 10.00am at St. Columba's	Nora Lee
Friday 24th September - 10.00am Mass at St Anthony of Padua	Thompson, Kelly Hutchinson Families
Sunday 26th September - Mass 9.30am. Mass will be live streamed.	Jimmy Dickson

Please note that Mass will be streamed via YouTube

To access Sunday Mass via YouTube, please subscribe and you will receive an alert when we 'go live'. There is no cost attached to subscribing to our channel. The link from YouTube will be shared to Facebook.

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

Summary of guidance from the Bishops' Conference and Bishop Robert

This is an up-to-date summary of how we will put the guidance into practice here in Wallsend and Walker as a result of a recent risk assessment and decisions made by the parish priest regarding the gradual lifting of COVID 19 restrictions.

Hand sanitiser - on entering and leaving church.

Face coverings - all those attending church are recommended to wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so.

Social Distancing and Capacity of Churches - reduced church capacities based on a minimum of 1M spacing between households should continue until further notice.

Cleaning - to follow the CBCEW Guidance which states, "General cleaning to a good standard, using commonly available cleaning fluids and detergents, with attention to frequent touchpoints is the standard to continue.

Maintaining a good general standard of routine cleaning using usual cleaning detergents is sufficient for regular use:

- a) Cleaning high frequency touch points in buildings after each act of worship.
- b) Continuation of the usual church cleaning."

Congregational Singing – to follow the CBCEW Guidance. The use of cantor groups and other choirs (if parishes have them) is now permitted. It is recommended that singers should wear face coverings. Here in Wallsend and Walker, we will continue to listen to hymns either on CD or via YouTube enabling us to reflect using good quality liturgical music.

Test, Track and Trace - NHS Test, Track and Trace system is no longer in operation and as such the use of QR codes is no longer necessary. Mass booking systems are no longer necessary unless we see an increase in attendance and infections rates rise. This will be monitored on a weekly basis.

One-way systems and movement of people – Until further notice we will continue with our one-way system which does facilitate a higher attendance at Mass while keeping a safe distance apart. This system works very well in our churches and keeps us safe.

Celebration of Mass

No holy water stoups (To continue)

Offertory collection can be resumed (Stewards)

Sign of Peace remains suspended (Until further notice)

Servers can be deployed (Keeping it very simple)

Offertory Procession can be resumed (Stewards)

Holy Communion under 1 kind (To continue)

The Repository is now open for the sale of religious items and cards.

Home Visits

Home visits can now take place by priests, deacons, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and other volunteers. The minister visiting the sick at home or in a care setting does present a risk to the person being visited. The guidance set out below needs to be followed. It is essential the visits to residential and nursing homes, hospitals and hospices are only carried out at the discretion of the home, ward, or department manager, complying with their COVID rules and regulations. Even if permitted, it is essential that a minister carries out no more than two spaced out visits per day to different places, observing rules around PPE, social distancing, no physical contact or shaking of hands etc.

It is recommended that only two spaced out visits are made in a day to minimise the risk of infection when visiting people's homes. Careful hand sanitisation and minimising of exposure times indoors are important considerations as well. (Keep the liturgy short, no singing or physical contact)
This guidance is in place to avoid possible spread of the virus, especially if someone is infected but asymptomatic.

The use of regular freely available covid-19 home test kits is recommended for those doing pastoral visits, to ensure they are not potential vectors of infection to those who are sick and medically vulnerable. These can be obtained through

www.gov.uk/find-covid-19-lateral-flow-test-site and at [local chemists](#).

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist should ensure they test themselves regularly as required and have those test results saved on their phone and readily available should they need to be seen. This good practice protects all concerned.

Stewards

Once again, I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to our stewards who work so hard to keep us safe. The time they give to supporting us and cleaning means we can all practice our faith and attend Mass as safely as possible.

Don't Forget! In addition to being Parish Priest of Our Lady and St. Columba, Fr. David is taking over as Parish Priest of St. Aidan's and St. Bernadette's.

The first vigil Mass in Our Lady and St. Columba's will be **Saturday October 2nd at 5.00 pm**. Mass at St. Aidan's will be on Sunday 3rd October at 10.00 am and St. Bernadette's at 11.30 am.

Wallsend Floral Art Club
Northumberland and Durham area of NAFAS website
www.flowersnorthumberlandanddurham.co.uk

You are invited to the
Grand re-opening of
Wallsend Floral Art Club
St Columba's Church Hall
Thursday 30th September 2021
at 2:00 pm

Demonstration by Sandra Dickinson
"Shades of Autumn"
Non-members welcome £5



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Sr Aurora would like to thank parishioners for their kindness and warm welcome to the parish. **£383** was raised for the Comboni Sisters and their work.

Daft as a Brush - Jennifer, Maureen and Michael Ronan's daughter, raised **£270** for Daft as a Brush, the charity which is close to the heart of our parish. Jennifer's time was 2hrs 26 mins. Well done to all the runners for their commitment to raising funds for so many good causes.



New Book!
Saint Joseph - Silent Hero
Available from September 2021...

As this is the Year of Saint Joseph, This book highlights the importance of this wonderful man for our times and as an exemplar of many aspects of holiness...
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'Devotion to St Joseph has long been a part of Catholic life mainly due to his unique position as foster father of the Lord. Pope Francis encourages us in this devotion as we see by his proclaiming a special Year of St Joseph. This book not only traces the history of devotion to St Joseph but also gives a spiritual insight into the many ways that he is an example of Christian life and a powerful intercessor for the whole Church'.
Bishop Robert Byrne OC, Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

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(Available by donation if necessary)
thehostapostolate@gmail.com



Thursday Coffee Morning
Join us for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee served after the 10.00 am Mass.
We look forward to seeing you.



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 No 31164686
If you prefer to use a standing order form to hand in to your bank, please contact Teresa.

Food Bank Donations
Thank you to all who have been able to continue supporting the Foodbank.
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, Tuesday or Thursday. Your kindness and support is appreciated.
Thank you!



Gospel Power
Many of you are enjoying reading the 2021 version of Gospel Power. The book has daily Gospel reflections for every day of the year. The 2022 version of Gospel Power can be ordered at a cost of **£5.99**. Please order from the Parish Office on a Thursday morning or phone 0191 2623882. You can also email your order to us at wallsend.ourladyandstcolumba@rcdhn.org.uk

Baptism -The next session for parents is 30th September at 6.30.
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 (Until 2nd October) . 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. Fr David looks forward to baptising your child and welcoming them in to the community. Thank you!

