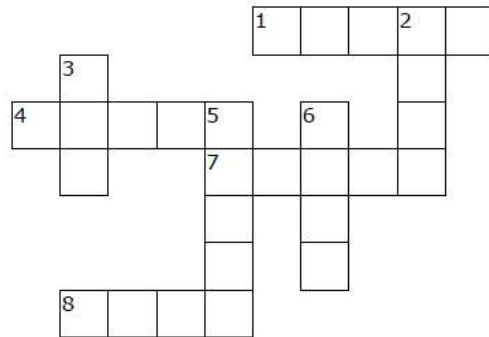


# St. Anthony's Little Church

You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house.

You too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

1. The time of day when it is dark
4. To keep an eye on; to guard
7. The person who has something such as property
8. A particular moment in the day, such as eight o'clock

### DOWN

2. A period of sixty minutes
3. A period of 24 hours
5. The place where a person or family lives
6. To have information about something; to be aware of something

TIME	OWNER	WATCH	HOUR
KNOW	HOUSE	DAY	NIGHT

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# St Anthony of Padua

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**Confessions:** Saturday: 5.30 - 5.50pm  
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## The God who Surprises

Jesus spoke about being prepared for God's coming. Jesus is not talking about the second coming of Christ. What he's talking about here is the forever coming of Christ, the always coming of Christ, the eternal coming of Christ...now...and now...and now. Christ is always coming; God is always present. It's we who aren't! We're always somewhere else. Jesus tells us to be conscious, to be awake, to be alert, to be alive. It's the key to all spirituality.

Our preparedness is not the completion of a spiritual tick list in order to win God's love. God breaks into our lives in moments of freedom, when we are free from our own ego, free from our own fears, free from our own anger, free from our limited perception of love, of who God is and who we are in him. At this time of year the word 'surprise' is often on our lips. Today's Gospel speaks about a preparedness which is an openness to a God of surprises.

(Richard Rohr. Homilies. Adapted)



## CAFOD and voting

An election is one of the most valuable opportunities we have to bring the voices of our poorest sisters and brothers to people in power – making sure that they are not an 'afterthought', as Pope Francis has warned. CAFOD supports many people worldwide struggling for the right to vote. We need to honour those people by speaking up to those seeking our vote and then exercising our vote in solidarity with our global family. See <https://cafod.org.uk/News/UK-news/Catholic-election-guide> for more details about CAFOD and CSAN's election briefing.

## First Sunday of Advent Year A

1st December 2019

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# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

## for the week beginning Saturday 30th November 2019

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Monica Jackson	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Joe Holmes For our parish	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Sp. Coll. Diocesan Poor Parishes</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>Holy Family</i>	Special Intention	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St Anthony</i>	In thanksgiving	<i>Feast: St Francis Xavier</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St Anthony</i>	Andrew Roe	6pm School CAFOD Advent Service
Thur 9.15am	<i>St Anthony</i>	Special Intention	
Fri 9.15pm 6.30-7.30pm	<i>St Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Eileen Draper	Exposition & Holy Communion
Sat: 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Lilian Butler	<i>Feast: St. Ambrose</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Kenneth Grieg For our parish	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>

**Last Weekend:** Offertory £797.96; Attendance ?? (6pm: 98; 9.30am ???).  
Youth Services: £144.40. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### Masses received this week:

Arthur Golder, Fitzgerald & Williams families, In thanksgiving.

### Stuck for Christmas presents?

CAFOD World Gifts catalogues will be available at Masses this weekend.

### "Catholic Voice"

A new issue of our Diocesan paper is available from the back of church today - free.

**Please pray for:** Chris Goldsmith, Frank & Norah Stanton, Teresa Clarkson, Theresa Crook, Betty Murphy, Marie Gardner, Frances & Les Farrer, Joan Anderton, Bill Embery, James Carter, Lawrence Dunnagan, John Myerscough and Alice Myerscough;

**... for those who have died recently:** Francis Farr, Patricia Pilkington;

**... and for those whose anniversaries are around now:** Francis Hartley, Rosaleen Holmes, Mary Cottam, Paul Drake, Catherine Bond, Bryan Healey, Margaret Keane, Cyril Higginson, Leo Flannigan, Lilian Butler, Andrew Roe.

We keep in our prayers those who have been injured or lost their lives in conflict, especially those from our parish.

### The Padua Room

\* TEA & COFFE will be served after both Masses this weekend.

\* CRAFT & CHAT— On Mondays 10.30-12.00. Feel free to join us.

### Year of the Word

2020 has been designated the Year of the Word with the theme 'The God who Speaks'. Supported by the Bible Society, there will be events throughout the year to highlight the Bible's importance for our lives and worship. Further information can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks>"

Locally there is a series of talks at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Preston. It begins on Thursday 5th December, 7.30 – 9.30pm, with the talk 'John 1: The Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us' by Br John Michael OF. More info at back of church or please contact Joe/Ruth on 07957 566741 [www.metanoiaproject.co.uk](http://www.metanoiaproject.co.uk)

### Sunday Coffee Morning ...

last weekend raised over £60 for the Ronald McDonald House for sick children.

This Sunday the coffee session is hosted by children from the primary school Mini Vinnies Group (junior branch of SVP) lead by Hannah Davies - they are raising money for warm clothing for rough sleepers.

### Taize-style Prayer - TODAY at 6pm

Come and join us at Holy Family for about 30-45 minutes, followed by soup and a roll in the Pastoral Centre for those who wish. Today Sunday 1st December at 6.00.

### Schools Advent Carols Service

The Annual Carol Service for Our Lady's High School and all the feeder Primary schools takes place this Wednesday at 6.00pm in St. Anthony's Church.

### Rosary Service

- at the Carmelite Monastery, St. Vincent's Road, on Tuesday 3rd Sept. at 2.00pm, praying for expectant mothers and their unborn babies. Talk by Fr. Patrick Duffy.

### Helping the Homeless

Liam (and his Mum) will again be making up bags for the homeless in December. He will be glad to receive hats, gloves, socks, toiletries, little gifts - and any rucksacks - to assist him with this. Items can be left at the back of church. Thank you.

### Preston Orpheus Choir

Christmas concert with Freckleton Brass Band on Saturday 14th December at 7.00pm in St Michael & All Angels Church, Egerton Road, Preston, PR2 1AJ. Admission £12, under 18s £5, family (2 adults & 2 under 18s) £30. No need to book - just pay on the door.

### Annual Carols Concert - advance notice

In St. Anthony's church at 2pm on Sunday 15th December, followed by a Christmas singalong in the Social Centre with the 'Lost and Found' Community choir.

### Holy Mass and Advent Celebration Party

For sick and housebound members of the Parish at 12noon on Sat. 14th December. Organised by St. Anthony's SVP Group. If you know of anyone who would appreciate an invitation to the Party please phone Mrs Kelly on 723963. Donations of bingo prizes can be left at the rear of church. The members of St Anthony's SVP Society thank everyone who contributes towards this annual event for their kindness.