

St. Anthony's Little Church

"In due course John the Baptist appeared: he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was the message: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight."

Word Search Puzzle

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LORD	PREPARE	KINGDOM	JOHN	HAIR
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Confessions: Saturday: 5.30 - 5.50pm
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Allowing God's Word to Speak to Us

On 30th September 2019 Cardinal Vincent Nichols officially launched the Year of the Word under the title, 'The God Who Speaks'.

In today's gospel reading, God speaks to us about repentance which is much more than just being sorry for the past. The word usually translated as "repent" is the Greek word metanoia; this might be best translated as "turn around your mind". It involves a deep and radical change in one's thinking and behaviour. But most of us won't move toward any new way of thinking or actual change until we're forced to, which usually means some form of suffering or some disturbance that upsets our habitual path. Sometimes we go to the wilderness, other times it comes to us. There is no way out of or around the wilderness. The only way is through the wilderness. It's the place where our lives can be transformed, the place we are most open to changing and being changed. For every wilderness there comes the word of God.



CAFOD and Mahinur

During Lent we shared Mahinur's story with you, and with your support her family have been part of a project in Bangladesh helping communities adapt to the changing climate and earn a living. Mahinur has been able to save money from selling duck eggs and hopes to buy a cow soon. Sadly, we must share the tragic news that Mahinur's son, Rabiul has died of a fever. We remember Rabiul as a boy who took great joy in life, even though things weren't always easy for him. Please remember Rabiul, Mahinur and Khalek in your prayers this week. May he rest in peace.

Second Sunday of Advent Year A

8th December 2019 Missal: p31 Eucharistic Prayer: 3

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 7th December 2019

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Lilian Butler	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Kenneth Grieg For our parish	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>Holy Family</i>	Janet Berry	<i>Feast: Immaculate Conception</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St Anthony</i>	Arthur Golder	
Wed 10.30am	<i>St Anthony</i>	Funeral Mass: Patricia Pilkington	
Thur 9.15am	<i>St Anthony</i>	Sr. Mary Callanan	
Fri 9.15pm 6.30-7.30pm	<i>St Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Audrey Morgan	<i>Feast: St. Lucy</i> Exposition & Holy Communion
Sat: 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Margaret Burscough	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	For our parish Homer, Healy & Botham families	<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:

Moon family, Ann & Benny Friel, Teresa Clarkson, Gerard Morgan, Jack & Agnes Homer, John & Rose Healy, Joan Botham, James O'Kane, Thomas O'Kane.

Stuck for Christmas presents?

CAFOD World Gifts catalogues still available at the back of church.

"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, Carole Addnit, Lawrence Dunnagan, John Myerscough and Alice Myerscough;

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

... and for those whose anniversaries are around now: Vincent Crook, Helen May, Bernard Swarbrick, Michael Keane, Francis Myerscough, Winnie Rawcliffe, Brenda Gray, Edmund Machholz, Edward Giddens, Mary Kay, Agnes McMillan, Francis Bilsborough, Ava Loughlin, Margaret Mary McFetridge, Mary Dunn, Joseph Holmes.

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

ADVENT DIARY

11th December: First Confessions (Reconciliation) for our children. 6pm.

14th December: Holy Mass and Advent Celebration Party for sick and housebound members of the Parish at 12noon. Organised by St. Anthony's SVP Group. If you know of anyone who would like an invitation to the Party please phone Mrs Kelly on 723963.

14th December: Preston Orpheus Choir Christmas concert at 7.00pm in St Michael & All Angels Church, Egerton Rd, Preston, PR2 1AJ.

14th December: Churches Together in Fulwood & Broughton - invite you to join them in singing Carols at Royal Preston Hospital. 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Meet in the foyer.

15th December: Annual Carols Concert in St. Anthony's church at 2pm, followed by a Christmas singalong in the Social Centre with the 'Lost and Found' Community choir. With mince pies, tea/coffee, a craft stall and raffle. Proceeds to the Parkinson Society. Please let Angie know if you would like to help with the refreshments or want to donate a raffle prize.

18th December Our annual Advent Service of Reconciliation with absolution, jointly with Holy Family and St. Gregory's will be held at St. Gregory's Church at 7pm.

18th December St. Anthony's Year 1/2 Carol Service in Church. At 6pm.

23rd December Carols By Candlelight in Holy Family Church at 7pm. Enjoy many traditional carols as well as a few surprises. Mince pies and hot drinks will be served after the service.

Sunday Coffee Morning ...

This weekend run by Maureen & Suzannah for Homeless in Preston.

The Sunday coffee morning run by the young people raised over £60 for the Ronald McDonald House for sick Children. The school 'mini-vinnies' group thank parishioners for their support last week for warm clothing for rough sleepers. They raised £50.

Applying for a place in St. Anthony's School

Parents of children who are due to start school next Sept need to apply on-line before 15.01.2020. and also complete a Supplementary Form (available from school) if their child is a baptised Catholic.

Craft & Chat

Thank you everyone for your very generous donations of wool and bibs & bobs for our twiddle mitts. We now have enough to keep us going for quite a while. Why don't you come along on a Monday morning 10.30 at the Padua room to see what we are doing.

Alternatively, you can see our ware at the Parish Carol Concert on Sunday 15th December where we will be displaying our wares in the social centre.

Year of the Word

2020 has been designated the Year of the Word with the theme 'The God who Speaks'. Locally there is a series of talks at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Preston on Thursdays of December, 7.30 - 9.30pm, More info at back of church or please contact Joe/Ruth on 07957 566741 www.metanoiaproject.co.uk

Churches Together in Fulwood & Broughton are holding a joint service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St. Anthony's Church on Sunday 19th January 2020 at 3:00 pm. It is hoped that as many parishioners as possible will attend this joint event.