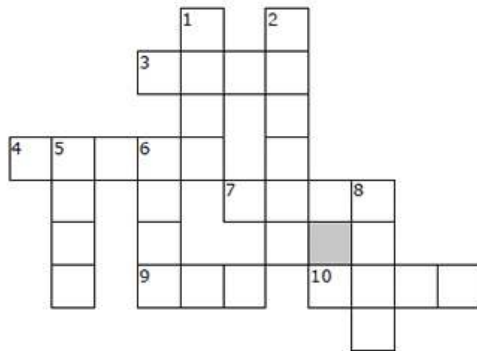


# St. Anthony's Little Church

"Go and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me."

## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

3. To receive sound using your ears
4. Unable to see
7. Something that is pleasant or enjoyable
9. To be aware of what is around you by using your eyes
10. To move along by putting one foot in front of the other

### DOWN

1. Not living
2. A place where criminals are forced to live as a punishment
5. Unable to walk correctly because of injury to or weakness in the legs or feet
6. Information or reports about recent events
8. Unable to hear

DEAF	SEE	NEWS	GOOD	WALK
HEAR	DEAD	BLIND	PRISON	LAME

# St Anthony of Padua

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**Confessions:** Saturday: 5.30 - 5.50pm  
**Annexe:** 725544 **Social Centre:** 735963 **Primary school:** 726621  
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## Retribution or Restoration?

The third week of Advent is called 'Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday' reminding us of the celebration of Christmas soon to come. The readings and text of today's Mass are full of joy. When we reflect on God's restorative justice we deepen our awareness that God does not love us because we are good; God loves us because God is good. And then we can be good because we draw upon such an Infinite Source. Rejoice!



## CAFOD and waiting

Some brave individuals and communities around the world risk everything to speak up for the environment, peace and human rights. Individuals such as Batista the son of a rural family who are deeply connected to the land. He hadn't planned on being a lawyer but this changed after rural leaders he knew were being routinely assassinated. For over 20 years, Batista has worked for CAFOD's partner, the Pastoral Land Commission, defending the rights of landless communities in the Brazilian Amazon. Brazil is one of the most dangerous countries in the world for land and environmental defenders. This Advent, amid the busyness of the season, the waiting in joyful expectation, remember that they are waiting too – for justice and safety.

## Third Sunday of Advent Year A

15th December 2019 Missal: p35 Eucharistic Prayer: 1

# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

## for the week beginning Saturday 14th December 2019

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Margaret Burscough	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Arthur Golder Homer, Healy & Botham families	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>Holy Family</i>	For our parish	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St Anthony</i>	Eileen Arbuckle	
Wed 1.00pm	<i>Holy Family</i>	Funeral Mass: Julie Grice	Reconciliation Service
Thur 9.15am	<i>St Anthony</i>	Thomas O'Kane	
Fri 9.15pm 6.30-7.30pm	<i>St Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Edmund Starkie	Exposition & Holy Communion
Sat: 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	William Devereux	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Leonard Stevens Bernard Moore	<i>Fourth 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:

Edmund Starkie, June Owens, Eileen Arbuckle, Leonard Stevens, Mr & Mrs Atherton, Philip Atherton, Mr & Mrs P. Harvey, Alec Cornfield, William Hartley, William Devereux.

### Welcome into the family of faith

Shay Sedge-Martins who was baptised in St. Anthony's last week.

**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:** Patricia Pilkington;

**... and for those whose anniversaries are around now:** Edward Giddins, Margaret Burscough, Stella Parkinson, Canon Michael Geoghegan, Barbara May, Edward Rawcliffe, Winifred Shaw, Bridget Margaret Curwen, Francis Harris, Audrey Morgan, Frank Wastell, Jack Shorrocks, Christine Eaves, Norman Spicer, Ernest Lovatt, Malcolm Mullins.

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

## ADVENT DIARY

**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.

### First Reconciliation and Holy Communion

We were glad to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week with our children who are preparing to receive this Sacrament and their first Holy Communion. May they always remember the loving mercy of God. And thanks to our parish catechist who have given up their time yet again to prepare the children.

### Sunday Coffee Morning ...

Last weekend's Coffee Morning raised £52 for Homeless in Preston.. Thank you for your support.

### 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 Parish 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](http://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.