

St. Anthony's Little Church

"This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us". When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home."

Word Search Puzzle

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St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday Masses: 6.00 (Vigil - Saturday Evening) 9.30am (Sunday Morning)
Weekday Mass: Tue, Wed, Fri: 9.15am. (Mon & Thurs 9.15am at Holy Family)
Confessions: Saturday: 5.30 - 5.50pm
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Emmanuel: God is with us

There is no rational explanation for Jesus' conception and birth. That's where most of us get stuck with today's gospel reading. That's where Joseph got stuck as well. So he "planned to dismiss Mary quietly." We shouldn't be too surprised. Isn't that what we tend to do when we don't understand? We dismiss what makes no sense. We turn away from possibilities that don't fit with our ideas, beliefs, and experiences. In dismissing what makes no sense, that which we don't understand or can't explain, we are refusing to open ourselves to something new. Sometimes that means we refuse to open ourselves to the life and opportunities God wants to birth in us and through us. What do we lose when we demand answers and refuse to live with questions, when we limit our lives to what we know, what's familiar, what makes sense, and close ourselves to the not-knowing, to something new, different, or unexpected? Do we dismiss Emmanuel, God-with-us, by our searching for explanations and understanding rather than trusting and entering into the mystery?



CAFOD this year

This year you have helped to protect our common home by signing CAFOD's petition calling on the government to commit to a net zero emissions target by 2050 – and it happened! On Wednesday 26 June, thousands of us gathered at Westminster for The Time is Now mass lobby of Parliament with 380 MPs meeting their constituents. You also sent messages of solidarity to Human Rights Defenders around the world this Christmas, letting them know that we are praying for their safety. Thank you for all your prayers and generosity over the last year. CAFOD wishes you a very happy and holy Christmas.

Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A

22nd December 2019 Missal: p40 Eucharistic Prayer: 3

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 21st December 2019

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>
Mon 9.15am	<i>Holy Family</i>	Mr & Mrs W. Atherton	
Tue 9.15am vigil 6.00pm vigil 8.00pm	<i>St Anthony</i> <i>St Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Edmund Starkie For our parish Fitzgerald & Williams families	
Wed 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Juliet Marianne Aitken Draper family	
Thur 9.15am	<i>St Anthony</i>	Special Intention	
Fri 9.15pm 6.30-7.30pm	<i>St Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Edmund Machholz	Exposition & Holy Communion
Sat: 12noon 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>St. Anthony</i>	Wedding Mass: Callagher/Seed Moon family	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Gerard Morgan For our parish	<i>Holy Family</i>

Last Weekend: Offertory £664.92; Attendance 218 (6pm: 96; 9.30am 122).
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Masses received this week:

Edmund Machholz, Juliet Marianne Aitken, Margaret Smethurst, Gerry Allen & Elizabeth Anne Allen, Gerard Knight, Julie O'Neill, Louise Braganinni, Brothers & families of Catenians Province 10, Vincent Crook, Francis Farr.

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: Julie Grice, Tony Dewhurst, Howard Marshall;

... and for those whose anniversaries are around now: Leonard Stevens, Richard Jackson, Mary Parker, Monica Crombleholme, Bernard Dewhurst, James Joseph Smith, Hilda Martin, Eileen Bartle, Harry Wane, Melvin Brown, Anne Mulqueeney, Florence Woodruff, Eileen Dwyer, William Hartley, Arthur Lovatt, Laura Englishby, Jack Shaw.

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

Christmas Mass Times

	at St. Anthony's	at Holy Family
Tue (Vigil)	6.00pm	8.00pm
Wed (Christmas Day)	9.30am	11.00am

The Christmas vigil Mass will be preceded by Carols from 5.30pm. This Mass is always very popular so you may need to allow more time to get to church and to get a place.

THANK YOU ...

... To all who prepared and presented the Annual Carols Concert in St. Anthony's church last Sunday and the 'Carols By Candlelight' in Holy Family Church on Monday. A lot of work involved but a very much appreciated celebration of the Advent season in preparation for Christmas.

... To those who decorated the church and erected the cribs. Again, a lot of hard work but helped by the many hands.

Sunday Coffee Morning ...

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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

There will be a Service in St. Anthony's Church on Sunday 19th January 2020 at 3:00 pm. Organised by Churches Together in Fulwood & Broughton

Lancaster Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2020

The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Paul Swarbrick from 24-31 July 2020 with flights from Manchester. Please see poster and booking forms in the narthex. Bookings and enquiries to Joe Walsh Tours. Tel: 0161 8208790. Email: info@joewalstours.co.uk.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Youth Section 2020 from 23 July -1 August 2020 with coach travel from Keswick. Please see poster in the porch and the events page at www.castleriggmanor.co.uk

Christmas Crib Collection 2019

Donations this year will again go to local homeless charities.

Christingles

Children are encouraged to make a christingle and to bring it to the Christmas Masses. There are instruction leaflets at the back of church or try www.uttertrivia.com/christmaschristingle.php on the internet. (Scroll down)

Lancaster Diocesan Directories 2020

Just arrived! Price is £3.50 or £4.00 for ring-bound. Please put payment in the slot in the green safe.

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.