

St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday Masses: 6.00 (Vigil - Saturday Evening) 9.30am, 5.00pm (Sunday Morning)

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Confessions: on request

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“May they be one like us.”

'Oneness is less a goal toward which life is pressing, as it is a return to the truth in which we have always been held. We are already one. But we imagine that we are not. What we have to recover is our original unity. What we have to be is what we are.' [1] When we look for words to describe the mystery of our oneness with God, 'we can only use metaphors and the language of poetry, offered tentatively in awe and pointing towards a mystery that we don't know until we have experienced it. We cannot 'get' to such a place. We can only rest and rejoice in the experience.' [2]

James Finley offers us his poetic insight into the mystery of our being one with God. 'Let's say you're at the ocean and you're just ankle deep. It's true you're only ankle deep, but it's also true you're in the ocean. It's also true, if you just head out to deeper water, it'll get plenty deep, soon enough. That depth is a measurable depth. But what if the middle of the ocean is infinitely deep? And what if the infinite depth of the ocean is infinitely giving the infinity of its depths to your ankle-deep degree of realization of it and also to each incremental degree of entrance into it? And what if poetically we say that the ocean and its hidden centre become a metaphor for God? What if His hidden centre is infinitely deep, like a bottomless abyss of love? And what if the bottomless abyss of love is always giving itself away whole and complete, in each incremental degree of awareness of our oneness with Him, even when our awareness is just ankle-deep, catching momentary glimpses of this reality?'

'Transformation comes by realising our union with God right here, right now, regardless of any performance or achievement on our part. A heart transformed by this realisation of oneness knows that only love 'in here,' in me, can spot and enjoy love 'out there.' To each person we can bow and say, 'Namaste. The divinity in me salutes the divinity in you.' [2]

Adapted: [1] Thomas Merton [2] Richard Rohr

Seventh Sunday of Easter

16th May 2021

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 15th May 2021

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Vera Swan	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Eileen Terrins For those deceased in last year For our parish	Seventh Sunday of Easter World Communications Day Collection for Cath Media Office
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Teresa Clarkson	
Tue 1.30pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Funeral Mass: Christina Burns	
Wed 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Funeral Mass: Marie Gardner	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Noel Nugent	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Margaret Rawcliffe	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Bob & Marie Garlington For our parish John Wynn	PENTECOST

Masses received this week: Theresa Clarkson, Sr. Ursula Marie de Jesus, Gerard Anthony Machin, Bob & Marie Garlington, Noel Nugent, John Wynn, Margaret Rawcliffe.

BIDDING PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for the Church, that Mary, Star of the Sea will be a beacon of fidelity and love, and a sure guide to the Church throughout the world.

We pray for our troubled world; with increasing conflict between Israel and Gaza and the risk of a full-scale war, we pray that the Holy Spirit will grant wisdom to their leaders and courage to the international community to help them reach a lasting and just peace.

We pray for all who suffer from abuse and violence. May God comfort them and send healing for their wounds of body, soul, and spirit.

We pray for our parish community; "I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord". We pray for the lonely and the unloved, the bullied and the disregarded in our midst. With God's grace and our practical concern may they persevere, and realise that they are held in God's love.

We pray for **those who are sick**: Joan Green, Bill Embrey, Lawrence Dunnagan, Theresa Wilkinson, Jo Counsell, Carole Adnitt, Alice Myerscough, Chris Goldsmith, Frank Stanton, Les Farrer, Marie Gardner, Lydia Worgan, Deacon John Kilshaw;

those who have died recently: Christina Burns, Marie Gardner;

and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Eric Welsby, John Dwyer, Peter Kevill, Dorothy Hedley, May Dickinson, Veronica Chanter, Richard and Mary Murphy, Gerard Walsh, Maria Garlington, Marie McCartney. May they rest in peace.

Last Weekend: Offertory: £657.73 Attendance 165 (74,64,27). Thank you for your generous offerings.

Coronavirus in India

Many parishioners have been moved to tears by the terrible suffering of people in India. The Disasters Emergency Committee (which includes CAFOD) has refreshed its Coronavirus Appeal in the light of the emergency in India. If you wish to make a donation our CAFOD Group will be providing a bucket this weekend.

Baptisms

We can now celebrate baptisms with some restrictions. From 17th May up to 30 people can be present. A number of people have been enquiring but it may take a little while to get through the backlog.

Returning to Mass

It has been heartening to see parishioners returning to Mass week by week, possibly as people have had the second jab. For anyone still hesitating, the 5pm Sunday evening Mass is the quietest of the three weekend Masses.

Coffee Morning

For the last few months we have been having a virtual Coffee Morning at 11.00am every Sunday. (Meeting ID: 895 6995 1776 Passcode: 860518). With the easing of the lockdown it has been suggested that we have an open-air Coffee Morning in the Church garden after 9.15am Mass on Sunday. Bring your own chair or rug to sit on!

Parish Centre opens up tomorrow (Monday)

Next Sunday there will be an artiste. Safety precautions have been put in place.

Livestreaming Mass

As well as Mass in church we now livestream the 9.30am Sunday Mass from St. Anthony's church. Go to the St. Anthony of Padua Fulwood YouTube page for the link.

St. Anthony's Parish e-mails

We're still finding that some e-mails are not getting through. Please use the gmail address to be sure we get any e-mail. stanthonypf@gmail.com

Pentecost: (A note from Bishop Paul).

Looking forward to the Solemnity of Pentecost, I bring to your attention a Novena of Prayer for evangelisation and renewal of the Church. The Novena began on the Solemnity of the Ascension. You will find the information and resources available from <https://www.cbcw.org.uk/home/events/thy-kingdom-come/pentecost-novena/>

The Rosary in May—the month of Our Lady:

Pope Francis asks the whole Church to pray the Rosary throughout this month for an end to the Pandemic. You can join the online Rosary each night in May at 8pm at www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk or www.walsingham.org.uk or see the Walsingham Blog. Sunday May 30th between 5-6pm is the Rosary Hour for the Diocese of Lancaster.

SPUC Pro-Life chain Saturday 29 May 11.00 am – 1.00 pm:

please join us for this annual silent act of witness to remember the millions of unborn babies lost to abortion. Meet on London Road, Preston – just north of Ribble bridge. Stay for all or part of the time; bring a chair if required. For info 01772 723094.