

# St Anthony of Padua

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

**Weekday Mass:** Mon-Wed, Fri: 9.15am. (Thurs 9.15am at Holy Family)

**Confessions:** on request

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## *Faith and Fear*

"The terms belief and faith are often used synonymously. Yet they are very different. As David Benner says, 'Beliefs are often simply objects of attachment that provide a misleading sense of certainty. Faith, on the other hand, can never be reduced to beliefs or thoughts.' Faith is a calm and hopeful trust that God is inherent in all things. Faith is more *how* to believe than *what* to believe." [1]

"We sometimes describe anxiety and fear as the flip side of faith, casting them as opposites and chastising one another—or ourselves—for not having enough faith to still our fears. It's true that faith and fear have a hard time living together. Fear and anxiety can seduce us into a frantic loop in which our perceptions grow so distorted that we may completely lose the path that would carry us through our fears. Like the disciples, we become swamped. They were right to feel afraid. Yet their perception that their reality was defined solely by the storm only increased their experience of being overwhelmed. The presence of the storm was not the whole truth of their situation. Whatever the sources of our anxiety, faith helps to provide the tools we need to maintain our vision and to see the truth within the waves that seek to command our whole attention. Faith asks us where we are turning our sight, and what we are allowing to define our reality." [2]

An old Cherokee chief was teaching his grandson about life... "A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy. "It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves: One is called Fear. The other is called Faith. This same fight is going on inside you - and inside every other person, too." The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?" The old chief simply replied, "The one you feed." [3]

***Faith welcomes unknowing and mystery.*** [1] "And they were filled with great awe."

*Adapted: [1] R. Rohr [2] Jan Richardson [3] A Cherokee parable*

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# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

## for the week beginning Saturday 19th June 2021

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Eric Kellett	
Sun 9.30am	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	12th Sunday of the Year Day for Life
11.00am	<i>H.Family</i>	Tom Hunt	
5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Julie Mary Butler (Machin)	
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Jim Aherne	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Mary Jo Cuerden	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Rita Keane	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention.	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Steven Green	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Family & friends of Marie Gardner	
Sun 9.30am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Ann Kathleen Corless	13th Sunday of the Year
11.00am	<i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention	
5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	

**Masses received this week:** Mary Jo Cuerden, Freda Thornton, Jim Aherne, Linda Salter, John Calvey, Michael Fitzgerald, Fr Manus Keane, Rita Keane.

### BIDDING PRAYER INTENTIONS

On this Day for Life we pray for the victims of human trafficking, that their dignity is respected, and that they may be helped to rebuild their lives after traumatic experiences.

As we gather together at this Eucharistic celebration, we remember that the Lord is the source of our life and growth. We pray for those needs that we see in our community.

Pray for bishops priests, deacons and religious sisters. May they work tirelessly to foster within the hearts of the people a strong love for their faith.

Pray for the young people of our parish and for all who influence their lives, parents, grandparents, teachers or friends. May they be nurtured and supported to realise their full potential in the eyes of the Lord.

Pray for all who are taking examinations now and during the coming weeks. May they work hard, apply themselves well and handle the outcomes with good grace.

We pray for **those who are sick:** Joan Green, Bill Embery, Lawrence Dunnagan, Theresa Wilkinson, Jo Counsell, Carole Adnitt, Alice Myerscough, Chris Goldsmith, Frank Stanton, Les Farrer, Lydia Worgan, Deacon John Kilshaw, Julie Mary Butler (Machin);

**for those who have died recently:**

**and those whose anniversaries occur around this time:** Mary Chandler. George Earnshaw, Frances Robins, Eric Kellett, Bill Donaghey, Mary McMurrrough, Patrick McMurrrough, Edward David Knowles, Steven Green, Mary Cicely Ashurst, Catherine Togher, Rita Keane, Mary-Jo Cuerden, Joyce Dobson. May they rest in peace.

### Day for Life Special Collection.

This day, inaugurated by Saint John Paul II, presents an opportunity to pray for the gift of life from conception to natural death, to raise awareness of the precious gift of life, and to support the work of protecting life in its most vulnerable stages.

The fragility of life and the reality of death has been brought into sharp focus during the Covid-19 pandemic. Yet in the face of such suffering and death, we have also witnessed the extraordinary dedication of healthcare professionals and many others in loving care for the sick and dying. These acts of heroic love are a powerful testimony to the fundamental dignity of the human person and to the respect owed to each life, particularly through proper care and love in the last moments of life.

Against this backdrop of loving care, we are now faced with the very real threat of the legalisation of 'assisted suicide' in our country. It is not a question of 'if' this challenge will come, it is now a question of 'when?' There is now a Private Members Bill in the House of Lords on so-called 'Assisted Dying' and it is only a matter of time before the issue is back in the House of Commons. This year's theme for Day for Life focuses on assisted suicide and the respect owed to life.

### St. Anthony's Feast Day

Thanks to all who contributed to our annual celebration of our patron last Sunday. The school children re-introduced the Bidding Prayers and provided the display at the back of church. The sun shone brightly and allowed a Coffee Morning both inside and outside the Padua Room.

### Coffee Mornings

Regrettably we've now had advice to say that we shouldn't hold Coffee Mornings because we're not a registered café. They will not be possible until the Stage 4 Lifting of restrictions, promised for mid-July.

### The Craft and Chat group

-We're not sure whether or not this can continue. We're waiting to hear further. If it is, they meet on Mondays between 10am -12noon in the Padua room. All are welcome to sew, knit, crochet, embroider or just chat. Details from Karen Hardman 01772 464110

### First Holy Communions

The pandemic put paid to our usual preparation. We managed to complete the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion for last year's children but we couldn't start with this year's. So we're going to try to catch-up as follows:

Preparation for current Year 4 children will start in September 2021 (they will then be in Year 5) aiming to make first holy communion before Christmas. And then in January 2022 we'll start with current Year 3 children (by then they will be in Year 4) aiming to receive holy communion in June 2022.

These arrangements are subject to change of course if we get a re-occurrence of covid.

**Last Weekend:** Attendance 179 (67, 74, 38) Offertory: £645.11.

Thank you for your generous offerings.