

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)

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Take nothing for the journey

Some prayer practices encourage us to read a passage of Scripture and be aware of a few words which speak to us, then quietly reflect on them, maybe even repeating them during our time of prayer and throughout the day.

Take nothing for the journey.

Each one of us has our own unique baggage. We identify ourselves with our possessions, such as wealth, esteem, power, security, achievements and good health. But we are told:

Take nothing for the journey.

The journey in today's gospel is the journey of going out from ourselves and living the Gospel message wherever we are. St. Paul tells us: "Before the world was made God chose us." "Being chosen doesn't mean that God likes one over another or finds some better than others. God's chosenness is for the sake of communicating chosenness to everybody else!" (R.Rohr) And we are told:

Take nothing for the journey.

We are asked to leave behind our preconceived ideas of having sole ownership of the understanding of the message, of being the only ones who experience God. Richard Rohr talks about Fr Vincent Donovan and his missionary work with the Maasai in Tanzania. When talking to the Maasai about the seven Sacraments, Fr. Donovan described the Sacraments as physical events and encounters in which we can experience the transcendent or the holy. He could see that the Maasai were puzzled and dissatisfied to hear there were only seven Sacraments. One elder finally spoke: "We would have thought that there would be at least 7000!"

Take nothing.

The Maasai understood that if we travel unencumbered by baggage and with an open mind and heart we may also be nourished and sheltered by Nature. In John 1:3 we read, "Through him **all things** were made; without him **nothing** was made that has been made." The following legend attributed to St. Francis shows how he allowed Creation to share so many experiences of the Creator: 'I once spoke to my friend, an old squirrel, about the Sacraments as being means of experiencing God. He got so excited and ran into a hollow in his tree and came back holding some acorns, an owl feather and a ribbon he had found. And I just smiled and said, "Yes, dear, you understand: everything imparts His grace."

Take nothing. Find God in everyone and in every thing.

On our journey we walk together with so many companions, nourishing each other with our experience of "the fullest truth of our being, and if we have received the love which restores meaning to our lives, how can we fail to share that love with others?" (Pope Francis. The Joy of the Gospel)

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time year B

11th July 2021

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 10th July 2021

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Tom Gardner	
Sun 9.30am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Catherine Keane	15th Sunday of the Year Day of Prayer for Seafarers.
11.00am	<i>H.Family</i>	For our parish	
2.30pm	<i>H.Family</i>	First Holy Communion Children	
5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Cecilia Lonsdale	
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	David Noon	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Elizabeth Grizedale	
11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i>	<i>Funeral Service:</i> Elizabeth Grizedale	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Lancashire Sick Clergy	<i>Feast: St. Bonaventure</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	James Cairns	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Harry Murphy	
Sun 9.30am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Terry Connolly	16th Sunday of the Year Good Shepherd Collection
11.00am	<i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention	
5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	

Last Weekend: Offertory £716.67 Attendance 184 (6pm 70, 9.30am 82, 5pm 32)
 Day For Life: £27.00, Peter Pence: £76.00 Thank you for your continued generosity.
 Thanks also to those who contribute regularly to the Food Bank at Holy Family.

BIDDING PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for the Church and for all those to whom the message of the Gospel is preached. May their ears be opened to the voice of peace and their hearts to the abiding presence of God.

Today is Sea Sunday, and so we pray for all seafarers. May they be sustained in times of loneliness. Deepen the bonds of love that unite them with their families and loved ones.

We pray for our parish community, and we keep especially in our prayers the isolated and housebound, that we may be alert to their needs and care for them in their vulnerability.

We pray for the sick and housebound of our parish, and those who care for them, especially ... 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), Veronica Judge;

for those who have died recently: Liza Marie Matsubara, Thomas Donaghy, Elizabeth Grizedale, James Cairns;

and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Cecilia Lonsdale, Barbara Fraser, Joan Jump, Ronald Whitby, Frank Coates, Robert Whittaker, Winifred Chadwick, David Noon, Charles Hodson, Gary Clarkson, Mary Molloy, Margaret Stopyra, Harry Murphy. May they rest in peace.

Masses received this week: Cecilia Lonsdale, Kevin O'Neill, Patrick Gardner, Terry Connolly.

Coffee Mornings

On Sundays at 11.00 on zoom only at the moment. The access codes are Meeting ID: 895 6995 1776 Passcode: 860518

First Holy Communions

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell

Saturday 24th July, 2021 at 12.00 Noon. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's, followed by procession to Ladyewell and Benediction. It will be led by the Bishop. Should the weather be unsuitable then the pilgrimage will take place in St. Mary's, Fernyhalgh.

The next Fulwood Farmers' Market with Fairtrade

- Sat 24th July from 9.30am-1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church PR2 8EA. All the usual stalls plus two new pie and cake stalls. We will keep stalls both outside and inside AND there will be refreshments available subject to appropriate precautions. All welcome.

The Craft and Chat group

-Meets 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

CAFOD News & Resources

Family Prayer Resources for Summer - a prayer focus for each week of the summer holidays with some simple ideas, designed to help parents explore faith with their children, in solidarity with our global family. Available from mid-July at <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>

'Laudato Si' encyclical resources. Click <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Laudato-Si-encyclical> - this link will take you to the page on our website with a range of resources around Laudato Si', to study, reflect, pray and take action.

Bishops Synodal process 2021. We will be holding online sessions, open to all with experts sharing what is synod, why it is important and how parish communities are participating. Our first session on Tuesday 27 July at 7pm will feature a conversation with Christopher Lamb, Rome correspondent for The Tablet, about why Pope Francis is inviting us all to participate in the synod. To book onto the session click <https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/synod>

Many Catholic parishioners have been responding to Pope Francis' call for a better kind of politics and meeting their MPs this summer. Thank you also if you are supporting our petition to the Prime Minister. If you supported one of these CAFOD meetings, calling for more action to tackle the climate crisis and to help the poorest countries cope with the pandemic, thank you. Thanks also for your commitment to working in solidarity with people in need of support. Whether that's in support of our Fast Days or Emergency appeals, our advocacy campaigns or for holding us and our work in your prayers.