

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

Annexe: 725544 **Social Centre:** 735963 **Primary school:** 726621
Playgroup/Preschool 07963 700591

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Letting go

According to the astronomical calendar Autumn begins on Wednesday, September 22nd. 'Autumn leaves are subtle reminders that we are asked to let go of many things throughout our lives. Autumn's energy causes us to take stock and decide what to hold on to and what to let go. No new growth will come unless Autumn agrees to let go of what has been. The same is true of our lives. This is a universal principle – in order to grow, we must re-release something. We are in a constant process of integrating new information, aspects of ourselves, perceptions and ideas and we come to realize that some old ways of doing things no longer work. Although we must all let go of some things, we also integrate those experiences into our psyches as wisdom. The leaves that fall lose their form, but as they break down into compost, their transformed substance continues to serve the growth and well-being of the tree.' (Constance L. Habash)

In today's gospel, Jesus challenges his disciples to let go of two of their misconceptions. Firstly, he wanted to prepare them, again, for bad news (the Passion) and good news (the Resurrection), but they did not want to hear him. Jesus' prediction of the future was incomprehensible because it did not coincide with the disciples' hopes and plans. Secondly, Jesus presents to his disciples a completely different interpretation of the word 'greatness', one which involves being last, one which involves being of service. 'It is significant that Jesus brings a child to illustrate this point. In Jesus' day, even more so than now, children were among the most powerless and most vulnerable of society. And so the disciples, who had been arguing about greatness and with it of course power, were redirected by Jesus to radically shift their focus and to open their arms to the powerless. He also said that welcoming the lowest of the low is not simply a nice thing to do. When we welcome the least of these, we are welcoming the presence of Christ that is found in each person we meet. We are developing a relationship with Jesus himself and through Jesus, with the Father who created us all. (Chrissy Cataldo)

'Whenever we are called to let go of something safe, secure and familiar we are invited to be birthed again. Each radical change in our lives summons us to a greater fullness, to a more complete transformation of our inner self.' (J. Rupp)

Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time year B

19th September 2021

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 18th September 2021

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	
Sun 9.30am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Baby John Gerard	25th Sunday of the Year
11.00am	<i>H.Family</i>	John Talbot	Home Mission Sunday
5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention (S)	<i>Feast: Ss Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions. Martyrs of Korea</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Peter Walker	<i>Feast: St. Matthew</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Lancs Infirm Clergy	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention	<i>Feast: St. Pio of Pietrelcina</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	<i>Feast: O Lady of Walsingham</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Rev John Kilshaw	
Sun 9.30am	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	26th Sunday of the Year
11.00am	<i>H.Family</i>	Joyce Penswick	Bishop's Administration Fund
5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Mary Celia Park	

Last Weekend: Offertory £564.09. Attendance 237 (6pm 92, 9.30 75, 5.00 70)
Catholic Trust: £75.40. Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Joyce Penswick, Special Intention (S), Peter Walker, Patrick Gormley.

BIDDING PRAYER INTENTIONS

The disciples often did not understand what Jesus told them, but they followed him anyway and listened to his teaching. May we find that guidance and leadership in the Church and in Pope Francis.

May our leaders and decision makers, and those whose actions affect us all, be guided always by Gospel values, and act for the common good.

We pray that the value of human life is respected and promoted, from conception to natural death.

In our parish community may we hear the urgent cry of the earth and of the poor, and respond with prayer and practical action at this crucial time.

We pray for the sick and house-bound of our parish and for those who care for them, We pray for the sick and house-bound of our parish and for those who care for them, especially Julie Mary Butler (Machin), Veronica Judge, May Rigby, Chris Goldsmith, Jo Counsell, Carole Adnitt, Lawrence Dunnagan, Theresa Wilkinson, Bill Embery, Frank Stanton, Lydia Worgan, Deacon John Kilshaw, Alice Myerscough, Les Farrer;

for those who have died recently: William Wilson, Bill Ash, Kathleen Hartley;

and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Alfred Kenneth Craven, Eunice Elliot, Gary Whittell, Marie Milne. May they rest in peace.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion

We're half-way through the preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please pray for the children and their families.

St. Anthony's SVP are holding their next meeting on Wednesday 22 September at 2pm in the Padua Room. Please come along to see how we work as we are always in need of people willing to share new ways in which we can help the community.

Parents of children applying for a place in St. Anthony's Primary school

Please note the closing Date: 15th January 2022. Apply online: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. If child is baptised a Catholic, then please complete a Supplementary Form available from school.

St. Anthony's Afternoon Tea returns ...

- with entertainment from Preston musical comedy show choir. On Sunday 14th Nov 2-4 pm at St Anthony's Social Centre. Tickets will be limited with set table allocation so you may book in groups to sit with friends if you wish. Tickets go on sale after Mass from next weekend or from Tess on 01772774554 or mtpollard24@gmail.com. We need more volunteers to help on the day, and bakers! There will be a box at the back of church for raffle donations.

Deacons

It is quite likely that we will not have a priest for our parish in four years time. While there are many roles for lay people to take up there are other roles such as conducting baptisms, weddings and funerals that can not. We need to think and pray, about who God might be calling to serve as Deacons or in other ways in our parish. Who do you think God might be calling?

Coffee Mornings - on Sundays after 9.30am Mass. And now after the Saturday vigil Mass. Further help would be welcome. Virtual Coffee Morning on zoom on Sundays at 11.00am. Access codes: Meeting ID: 879 1587 6429 Passcode 766018

Knit & Natter Group

"Our next project is working with the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. We will be knitting/crochet baby clothes 0-18 months. We request donations of wool and knitting needles. There is a box at the back of the church. You could always join us on a Monday morning in the Padua room 10-12 or alternatively knit any garment at home. Any questions please contact Karen Hardman on 464110.

'Lost and Found' choir

- started again from 14th September. We will be meeting in St Anthony's school hall from 7.00 to 8.30 each Tuesday. People of all ages and abilities are welcome.

Fulwood Farmers' Market with Fairtrade

Next Saturday 25th September from 9.30am-1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church PR2 8EA. Come and browse the stalls (inside and out), buy local and Fairtrade and stay for a cuppa and a chat. All welcome. Do spread the word (including on social media).

Our Lady & St. Edward's Ladies Group

The next meeting will be on Thursday September 23rd - a presentation by Stan Pearson called "Sergeant John Pearson" Members are asked either to wear a face mask or to have a negative result from a lateral flow test carried out on the day. Starts at 8.00pm. £2.00"