

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
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“What must I do to inherit eternal life?”

You come here not to gaze at God
but to let God gaze at you [1]

We could stay with these words for as long as it takes to reawaken our awareness that we already ‘possess’ eternal life. Like the man in today’s gospel, we can’t fully understand what that means ‘because we can only allow ourselves to be grasped by it. That kind of surrender is needed if we are ever to experience the Eternal within us.’ [2] Jesus looked steadily at that young man and loved him. ‘Jesus saw that the young man had identified himself with his possessions. His sense of self was wrapped in his belongings. To give them up he felt that he would lose himself.’ [3] So he went away sad, for he was a man of many possessions.

‘Our ‘possessions’ can take the shape of a person, ideology, place or thing that we have an attachment for: someone or something to whom we have handed over the power to make us happy or unhappy. To really hear a symphony, we must be sensitively attuned to every instrument in the orchestra. When we take pleasure only in the drum, we cease to hear the symphony because the sound of the drum has blotted out the other instruments. A preference does not damage our capacity to hear and enjoy the other instruments, but the moment our preference turns into attachment, it hardens us to the other sounds and we suddenly undervalue them. Awareness, rather than renunciation, shows us the loss we suffer when we overvalue the drum and when we turn a deaf ear to the rest of the orchestra. When we no longer think that our happiness depends on a person, place or thing, we will move through life living from one moment to the other, wholly absorbed in the present, carrying with us little from the past, living in the eternal now. And we will have found in our heart the answer to the question, “Master, what is it that I must do to gain eternal life?”’ [4]

[1] Words quoted in a Hindu temple [2] R.Rohr [3] Matthew Wright

[4] Anthony de Mello

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 9th October 2021

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Patrick Gormley	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Stany Rodrigues Special Intention Francis Kellet	28th Sunday of the Year <i>CAFOD envelopes return</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	<i>Feast: St. John XXIII</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Harry Thompson	<i>Feast: St. Wilfred</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Michael Wren-Hilton	<i>Feast: St Edward the Confessor</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention	
Fri 9.15am 6.30-7.30pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Joe & Margaret Counsell	<i>Feast: St. Teresa of Avila</i> <i>Exposition with Holy Communion</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Frank Routledge	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Deacon Tom Butler Lawrence Cartmell For our parish	29th Sunday of the Year

Last Weekend: Offertory £572.88. Attendance 186 (6pm 75, 9.30 80, 5.00 31)
Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Michael Wren-Hilton, Frank Routledge.

Welcome into the family of faith... Ruari Lucas who was baptised in St. Anthony's last Sunday.

BIDDING PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for our Holy Father Pope Francis that God may give him health and strength to continue his ministry as shepherd of the flock of Christ.

On this Prisoners' Sunday, we pray for the needs of those imprisoned and for their families and children, that they may receive care and support to find new purpose in life.

Let us pray for those in our community suffering from the cut in universal credit, and for all who are suffering financial difficulties. May they be given the help they need.

We pray for the sick, and the elderly needing care to be able to live their remaining years in dignity. We pray for those who suffer long-term disability and illness that they may find support and joy in family, friends and neighbours, especially Julie Mary Butler (Machin), Deacon John Kilshaw, Deacon Tom Butler, Veronica Judge, Jo Counsell, Carole Adnitt, Bill Embery, Theresa Wilkinson, Frank Stanton, Alice Myerscough, May Rigby, Chris Goldsmith, Lawrence Dunnagan, Les Farrer. May God bring them health and strengthen their faith.

Let us pray for the souls of those recently departed this life, in particular George Fegan and Bill York;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: John McCormack, Ron Reid, Bill Cosgrove, Philip Fitzgerald, George McMillan, Margarett Moylan (Ogle), Frank Routledge, Joe & Margaret Counsell, Joseph Henry Thompson, John McDermott. May they rest in peace.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Thank you for the CAFOD envelopes returned this week. We'll count them this week.

CAFOD virtual meeting with MP Ben Wallace

Our CAFOD Group has written to request a zoom meeting with our MP around the time of the Climate Conference, Cop26. Ben Wallace has agreed but the date has not yet been fixed. Would any parishioners like to be involved in this discussion? Have a word with Fr. Peter or one of the CAFOD Group.

Children's Liturgy: On the first Sundays of the month at 9.30am Mass.

Fair Trade Stall—first weekend of each month.

Bernadette writes: We took £74.90 for Traidcraft sales; £23.95 for cards; £5.00 CAFOD donations and card orders of a further £94.80....Wonderful! Thank you everyone.

The Catholic Voice—new issue today. There are now paper copies of our free Diocesan Newspaper available from church.

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

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.

Christmas Carols Service

We will have our annual Christmas Carol service on Sunday 12th December at 2pm, COVID-19 rules permitting. This year we will be inviting the congregation to join in with many of the carols. As usual, we will move to the Parish Centre for refreshments, a raffle and a Christmas sing along led by the 'Lost and Found' community choir. If anyone would like to join the church choir, St. Anthony's Singers, we will be rehearsing in church, at 10.15 on a Sunday from 17th October.

St. Anthony's Afternoon Tea

- with entertainment from Preston musical comedy show choir. On Sunday 14th Nov 2-4 pm at St Anthony's Social Centre. Final tickets £5 each are available after Masses this weekend. We would appreciate the help of any bakers and there is a box at the back of church for raffle prizes. From Tess on 01772 774554 or mtpollard24@gmail.com.

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

Exposition & Holy Communion - at Holy Family Fridays at 6.30pm

We had to suspend the Friday Exposition and Holy Communion at Holy Family. However we have now re-introduced this weekly devotion from 6.30-7.30pm.

St Catherine's Hospice Sale

Feel free to come and browse winter coats, shoes, clothes, books and bric-a-brac—at The Filberts, on Tuesday 12th October, 12noon-2.00pm.

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 10.00-12noon or alternatively knit any garment at home." Any questions please contact Karen Hardman on 464110.

Deacons

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?