

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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Let me see again

Once again we hear Jesus ask the question, "What do you want me to do for you?" Last week, we saw that James and John responded to that question by requesting positions of prestige. This week, a vulnerable Bartimaeus' response is 'Let me see again.' We can perhaps identify with the pain he has experienced in having lost the ability to see and his pain of having forgotten the beauty of all that is around him.

We are all aware that there are different ways of seeing. To illustrate this Richard Rohr tells the following story:

Three Ways to View the Sunset

Three men stood by the ocean, looking at the same sunset. One man saw the immense physical beauty and enjoyed the event in itself. This man was the "sensitive" type who, like 80 percent of the world, deals with what he can see, feel, touch, move, and fix. This was enough reality for him, for he had little interest in larger ideas, intuitions, or the grand scheme of things. He saw with his first eye, which was good.

A second man saw the sunset. He enjoyed all the beauty that the first man did. Like all lovers of coherent thought, technology, and science, he also enjoyed his power to make sense of the universe and explain what he discovered. He thought about the cyclical rotations of planets and stars. Through imagination, intuition, and reason, he saw with his second eye, which was even better.

The third man saw the sunset, knowing and enjoying all that the first and the second men did. But in his ability to progress from seeing to explaining to "tasting," he also remained in awe before an underlying mystery, coherence, and spaciousness that connected him with everything else. He used his third eye, which is the full goal of all seeing and all knowing. This was the best.

The mystical gaze builds upon the first two eyes -- *and yet goes further*. It happens whenever, by some wondrous "coincidence," our heart space, our mind space, and our body awareness are all simultaneously open and non-resistant. I like to call it *presence*. It is experienced as a moment of deep inner connection, and it always pulls you, intensely satisfied, into the naked and undefended now, which can involve both profound joy and profound sadness. At that point, you either want to write poetry, pray, or be utterly silent. (*The Naked Now* Richard Rohr)

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time year B

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 23rd October 2021

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Lily Morrison	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Mabel McNulty For our parish Roland Catlow	30th Sunday of the Year World Mission Sunday
Mon 11.45am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention (S)	
Tue 9.15am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Marie Sheridan Funeral Service: Marie Sheridan	<i>Feast: Sts Chad & Cedd</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Mary Ibison	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Margaret Curry	
Fri 9.15am 6.30-7.30pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Dominick O'Grady	<i>Exposition & Holy Communion</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Private Intention	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Marie & Tom Hooper For our parish John Rigby	<i>All Saints Day</i>

Last Weekend: Offertory £572.88. Attendance 204 (6pm 78, 9.30 81, 5.00 45)
Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Marie & Tom Hooper, Veronica Judge, Dominick O'Grady.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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, Jo Counsell, Carole Adnitt, Bill Embery, Theresa Wilkinson, Alice Myerscough, Chris Goldsmith, Lawrence Dunnagan, May Rigby, Frank Stanton, 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 Veronica Judge, baby Aaron Junior, Marie Sheridan, George Fegan and Bill York; and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Agnes Fitzgerald, Joseph Billington, Helena Windley, Joe Bowers, Richard Hoggarth, John Keogh, Jack Greenwood, John Rigby, Lily Morrison, Winifred Shorrock, Sarah Spence, Mary Ibison, Freda Fender, Sarah Smith, Betty O'Reilly, Thomas Lavery, Joseph Dugdale, Anthony Thistlethwaite. May they rest in peace.

THE SYNOD PROCESS - 17th October 2021 to October 2023

Bishop Paul's Pastoral Letter last weekend promised information about how our Diocese can engage in the Synod to be held in Rome in 2023. The title is: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission." Simply put it is about "How do we walk together from here." The diocesan part of the process should end in April.

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.

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.

Our Lady and St Edward's Ladies Group

"The next meeting will be on Thursday 28th October and will be a talk by Steve Molloy, a Preston barber called "From Behind the Chair." In the Parish Centre from 8.00 pm. Admission £2.00. £5.00 is also due for the hotpot which will be provided and served by Broadway Pantry after the Mass for deceased members on November 11th. A £10.00 deposit is also due for members who are going to the Christmas meal at Garstang Country Club on Wednesday December 8th."

Christmas Carols Service

Our annual Christmas Carol service is on Sunday 12th December at 2pm, COVID-19 rules permitting, followed by refreshments, a raffle and a Christmas sing along led by the 'Lost and Found' community choir in the Parish Centre. St. Anthony's Singers will be rehearsing in church at 10.15 on Sundays from 17th October.

'Lost and Found' choir meets in St Anthony's school hall from 7.00 to 8.30 each Tuesday. People of all ages and abilities are welcome.

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. 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 - after 9.30am Mass on Sundays.

We will suspend the Saturday evening Coffee after Mass until the lighter nights at Easter. **Virtual Coffee Morning** on zoom on Sundays at 11.00am. Access codes: 879 1587 6429 Passcode 766018

Teacher Training courses starting September 2022

The Catholic Teaching Alliance, based at Our Lady's High School is now accepting applications for our 1 year PGCE with QTS (qualified teacher status) teacher training courses. Minimum requirements are GCSEs in Maths and English (and Science for primary training), plus an honours degree. Teacher training is available in all phases (PGCE with QTS): Early Primary (3-7 years); General Primary (5-11 years); Secondary (11-16 years, in Preston or Blackburn); Secondary with post 16 (14-19 years) Please contact us for further information, or to book onto one of our online information sessions, call 01772 326931 or email ctaschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk Website: www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org/train-to-teach.html

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