

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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Creating a new environment

'Mark 13, along with parallel Gospel passages, is a primary example of apocalyptic literature which uses hyperbolic images, as we see in today's gospel. While we primarily use the word "apocalypse" to mean to destroy or threaten, in its original context apocalypse simply means to reveal something new. *Kaluptein* is the Greek word for 'to cover' and *apo* means 'un', so *apokaluptein* means to uncover or unveil. The key is that in order to reveal something new, we have to get the old out of the way.

Neale Donald Walsch says: 'Yearning for a new way will not produce it. Only ending the old way can do that. We cannot hold onto the old all the while declaring that we want something new. There is only one way to bring in the new. We must make room for it by clearing out the old—old ideas, old stories, old priorities, old ways of thinking—especially if we've become overly attached to them.' That's what apocalyptic literature does. It helps us make room for something new. Apocalyptic literature is not meant to strike fear in us about the end of the world, but to encourage in us a radical rethinking of the worlds that we have created.' [1]

Inevitably the letting-go process is accompanied by what we would describe as the painful experience of emptiness, a vacuum. "There is no such thing, either in the world or in the heart, as a literal vacancy, as a vacuum. And whatever space is really left by death, by renunciation, by parting, by apparent emptiness, there is God." [2]

As we approach the end of the liturgical year we are invited to reflect on the truth that in the worlds we have created nothing lasts forever. 'Everything changes and nothing remains the same. The only thing that doesn't change is change itself.' [1] The current climate change conference is a stark reminder of this. Today's gospel invites us to uncover the veil created by our inner pollution, to find ways to re-create a new inner environment which will enable us to touch upon that which lasts forever. And in those moments when we do find eternity we may have a déjà vu experience as we realise that what we have discovered is not new. It is an experience of remembrance: we are remembering who we are in God.

Adapted: [1] Richard Rohr [2] Karl Rahner

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 13th November 2021

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Holy Souls	
Sun 9.30am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Robert Fletcher	<i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Remembrance Sunday</i>
11.00am	<i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention	
5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Patricia & Robbie Hasson	<i>Feast: St. Albert the Great</i>
Tue	<i>St. Ant</i>	NO MASS - see opposite	<i>Feast: St. Edmund of Abingdon</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Martha Mangine	<i>Feast: St. Hilda of Whitby</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H. Family</i>	Special Intention	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	David Hardman	<i>Exposition & Holy Communion</i>
11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Funeral Service: David Hardman	
6.30-7.30pm	<i>H.Family</i>		
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Dec relatives & friends Whelan family	
Sun 9.30am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Chris Burscough	<i>Christ the King</i>
11.00am	<i>H.Family</i>	Kevin Patrick O'Kane	
5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	

Last Weekend: Offertory £572.88. Attendance 178 (6pm 51, 9.30 85, 5.00 42)
Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: David Hardman, Martha Mangine, Kevin Patrick O'Kane, dec members Whelan family, dec. members Russell family, Pat Lynch, Kenneth Greig, Tony Swarbrick.

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

Welcome into the family of faith: Beatrice Peacock who was baptised in St. Anthony's last Sunday.

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, Alice Myerscough, Chris Goldsmith, Theresa Wilkinson, Lawrence Dunnagan, Carole Adnitt, Bill Embery, 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 David Hardman, Veronica Judge and Audrey Ryding;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Julie Butler, Joseph Etherington. Keith Yates, Eva Cookson, Stephen Slater, Lilly Morrison, Kathleen Cummins, Elizabeth Clune, Alfred Kenneth Craven, Sean Finn, Thomas McTigue, Mary Balshaw, Sylvia Wilcock Taylor, Christopher Burscough, Francis Farr. May they rest in peace.

Today is Remembrance Sunday

- a day to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. During November, the Church invites us to remember those who have nurtured us in body and spirit, our loved ones who have gone before us, our teachers and guides who have encouraged us and enabled us to be where we are today.

DEANERY MASS for Deceased Clergy

The annual Deanery Mass for Deceased Clergy will be on Tuesday at St. Clare's at 10.00am There will be no Mass in St. Anthony's that day.

St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) Monthly meeting

- on Tuesday 17th November at 2pm in the Padua Room.

CAFOD virtual meeting with MP Ben Wallace

Our M.P. has not been able to give us a date so with the Climate Conference Cop26 ending regrettably this proposed meeting will not now take place.

Fair Trade Stall

Sales, last week, amounted to £51.60, with a card order of £21.45 and £8.07 donations for CAFOD. Rwanda Group Trust cards made £26.50. Many thanks to all who looked in.

Stuck for Christmas presents?

There are copies of the CAFOD 'World Gifts' catalogue at the back of 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.

"The Universe"

The Universe ran into difficulties with the lockdown of churches last year. This Catholic Weekly now announce the launch the launch of a new on-line newspaper with the full support of our first subscriber none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Order your Digital copy by going to www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk or call us on 0743661 7650 and ask for Michelle. Special offer: Only £20 for 3 months.

The Catholic Voice

- a new issue of our free Diocesan newspaper in available from the back of church.

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 rehears in church at 10.15 on Sundays.

'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. TODAY 2-4 pm at St Anthony's Social Centre. Contact Tess on 01772 774554 or mtpollard24@gmail.com. Please advise Tess if you have any food allergies. There will be a raffle in support of St Catherine's Hospice.

Coffee Mornings - after 9.30am Mass on Sundays.

Virtual Coffee Morning on zoom on Sundays at 11.00am. Access codes: 879 1587 6429 Passcode 766018