

St Anthony of Padua

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Weekday Mass: Mon-Wed, Fri: 9.15am. (Thurs 9.15am at Holy Family)

Confessions: on request

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Christ the King of the Universe

The official name of today's feast is Christ the King of the Universe. What does this mean? Jesus himself rejected the title of king. "That's not what I'm about. I just came to reveal the Big Truth, not to be a king in your worldly sense." Jesus didn't come to proclaim any kind of domination or control of history. He simply says, "I am naming the deepest meaning of history and the deepest meaning of humanity." The Franciscan understanding is that the first idea (the Alpha) of history is that God who is spirit, who is shapeless, who is formless, wanted to take form; that creation, every creature, everything that exists in the material universe, would reveal the invisible God. In a moment in time, this eternal Christ mystery came as a person that you and I call Jesus. This is the deepest, the biggest and vast meaning of the feast of Christ the King of the universe. Rather than 'king' maybe we should use the words 'the first revelation of what's going on', 'the inner DNA of everything.'

There has to be a correspondence between how the universe started and where it's going; there has to be a connection; there has to be a direction. The second reading tells us that the direction and the meaning were set from the very beginning. "I am the Alpha and the Omega" says the Lord God. The Alpha and the Omega are the same thing. When we experience the universe as Christ-soaked, when we know that the universe is both the hiding place and the revelation of God, when we grow in awareness that in Christ all things were made, we will experience that we are inside of something very sacred, very beautiful, inherently holy and eternal. Each one of us can say, 'In my beginning is my end.' (T.S. Eliot)

Jesus bears witness to the Big Truth. The longer I live, the more I believe that truth is not an abstraction or an idea. Truth is who we are.

Adapted: Richard Rohr

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 20th November 2021

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Dec relatives & friends Whelan family	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H. Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Chris Burscough Kevin Patrick O'Kane Chacko Antony	<i>Christ the King</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Anthony Swarbrick	<i>Feast: St. Cecilia</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Joe Holmes	<i>Feast: Andrew Dung-Lac</i>
Thur 9.15am 12.30pm	<i>H. Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Michael Myerscough Funeral Service: Michael Myerscough	
Fri 9.15am 6.30-7.30pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H. Family</i>	Christina Bolger	<i>Exposition & Holy Communion</i>
Sat 2.00pm 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	For our first Holy Communion children Kenneth Greig	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H. Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	David Hardman For our parish Charles & Kathleen Harley	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>

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, Charles & Kathleen Harley, Pat Lynch, Tony Swarbrick, Chacko Antony.

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

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, Michael Myerscough, Mary Hough, Mary Patricia Gorrell, Anthony Swarbrick; and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Leslie Bashall, Edward Nightingale, Christina Bolger, Victoria Makishti, Jack Fitzgerald, Jim Barnes, Kathleen Machin, Frederick Langdell, Teresa Whelan, Barbara Strettle, Evelyn Eccles, Joe Holmes, Patricia Pilkington. May they rest in peace.

First Holy Communions

Next weekend we welcome the children and their families to church for their first holy communion. It has been difficult trying to balance caution about health alongside the desire to let the whole parish celebrate this important step forward for the children of our parish. With that in mind there will be an additional Mass next Saturday afternoon at 2.00pm. Some of the children will be coming to the Saturday vigil Mass and the Sunday morning Mass. Please pray for them and their families.

ADVENT Next Sunday is the beginning of Advent.

There will be a Service of Reconciliation for our parishes in St. Gregory's church on Tuesday 30th November.

CAFOD Schools Carols Service

Unfortunately the annual CAFOD Schools Carols Service which is usually held in St. Anthony's Church will not take place this year due to the current health difficulties.

Stuck for Christmas presents?

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

St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) Monthly meeting

- on Wednesday 24th November at 2pm in the Padua Room.

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.

Becoming A Catholic

The lockdown put a stop to many things including Church activities and practise. Things are gradually getting back to normal so maybe this is a good time to offer preparation for anyone who wants to know more about how to become a Catholic. We have a couple of people enquiring at the moment. Does anyone else want to have a word about this? See Fr. Peter.

Fulwood Christmas Farmers' Market with Fairtrade

- on Saturday 27th November from 9.30am till 1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church, Watling Street Road, PR2 8YU. There will be Christmas cards and crafts, plus all the normal Farmers' Market stalls. Come and look for that special Christmas gift or stock up on Fairtrade and local food. Traidcraft orders also taken. All stalls BACK INDOORS. Drinks and snacks available.

The Gift of Jesus - A Day Retreat for Advent

Led by Philip McParland on Saturday 27th November 2021, 10.30am to 4.00pm at JMC Conference Centre, Corpus Christi High School. Donation: £20. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee will be provided

Choral Director - Diocese of Lancaster. Vacancy

Our Diocese is seeking a Choral Director who can play a pivotal role in this bold and exciting new venture, engaging children and young people across the Diocese and enabling evangelisation through music in schools. The Choral Director will lead high quality weekly choral singing sessions in schools, conducting choirs and helping to shape the ministry of music throughout the Diocese. For more information and receive a full information pack and details about how to apply please email: head@st-clar.es.lancs.sch.uk

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