

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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Daily Focus for Advent week 2

May these stars of Divine Love and Light shine through you this Advent

8. Let the Star of **Acceptance** nudge you to receive the unwanted ones.
9. Let the Star of **Forgiveness** draw you nearer to those with whom you are alienated.
10. Let the Star of **Courage** grow bright in whatever requires your inner strength.
11. Let the Star of **Joy** dance in the corners of your heart that have forgotten to sing.
12. Let the Star of **Gratitude** encourage you to be generous with your gifts.
13. Let the Star of **Patience** permeate that which you find difficult and irritable.
14. Let the Star of **Wonder** draw you to appreciate the beauty in and around you..

Advent reminds us of, and returns us to our true roots, to God's first dream for us.

Daniel O'Leary

Second Sunday of Advent

5th December 2021

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 4th December 2021

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Michael Gildea	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Relatives & friends Russell family Three Sisters in Dublin (Sr. Eileen) Michael Bell	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	
Tue 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Funeral Mass: Philip Acton Brady	<i>Feast St. Ambrose</i>
Wed 7.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	David Hardman	<i>Feast: Immaculate Conception</i>
Thur 9.15am 11.00pm	<i>H. Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Stany Rodrigues Funeral: Brian Michael Hayes Jones	
Fri 12.15am 6.30-7.30pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention	<i>Exposition & Holy Communion</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Ann Bolton	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Michael Keane Edna Widdowson For our parish	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>

Last Weekend: Offertory £6. Attendance 214 (6pm 86, 9.30 96, 5.00 32)

Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE NOTE: Wednesday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. For this day only the Mass will be at 7.00pm instead on 9.15am.

Welcome into the family of faith: Alfie David Strange who was baptised in St. Anthony's last Sunday.

Masses received this week: Michael Keane, John McDonagh, Paddy Joe McDonagh, Edna Widdowson, dec. members Fitzgerald & Williams families, In thanksgiving.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick, especially Mandy Davis, Deacon John Kilshaw, Deacon Tom Butler, Jo Counsell, Alice Myerscough, Chris Goldsmith, May Rigby, Theresa Wilkinson, Bill Embery, Lawrence Dunnagan, Carole Adnitt, Les Farrer. Frank Stanton. May God bring them health and strengthen their faith.

Let us pray for the souls of those recently departed this life, in particular Mary Hough, Mary Patricia Gorrell, Philip Acton Brady, Brian Michael Hayes Jones; and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Michael Bell, Vincent Crook, Helen May, Bernard Swarbrick, Michael Keane, Francis Myerscough, Winnie Rawcliffe, Brenda Gray, Edmund Machholz, Edward Giddens, Mary Kay, Agnes McMillan, Francis Bilsborough, Ava Loughlin, Margaret Mary McFetridge, Mary Dunn, Michael Gildea. May they rest in peace.

Returning to Sunday Mass

After the lockdowns and covid caution most of our parishioners have returned to Sunday Mass. Our bishops have sent a letter regarding the Sunday Mass obligation. Here is part of it:

"The Sunday Mass is the very heartbeat of the Church and of our personal life of faith. We gather on the "first day of the week," and devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers (Acts 2:42). The Eucharist sustains us and spurs us on, renewing our gratitude and our hope. When we say "Amen" to Christ in receiving his Body and Blood, we express the love of God which is deep within us, and at the end of Mass, when we are sent forth, we express our love for our neighbour, especially those in need. These two dimensions reveal the full meaning of our faith. We are gathered together and sent out, we pray and are fed, we worship and we adore; these are intrinsic to our lives as those baptised into Christ."

First Holy Communions

Special thanks to our catechists who prepared the children in recent weeks and to all who helped the children reach their special milestone. Please continue to pray for them and their families.

CAFOD Schools Carols Service

Unfortunately the annual CAFOD Schools Carols Service which is usually held in St. Anthony's Church will now take place online due to the current health difficulties.

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.

Carols Service

St Anthony's Singers invite you to join in with us to sing carols at our Advent Service. Next Sunday 12th December at 2pm St Anthony's Church, Fulwood. There will be refreshments and a raffle afterwards in the parish centre and a singalong with Lost and Found. The bar will also be open.

St. Anthony's Singers rehearse in church after 9.30am Mass 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.

Fair Trade Stall

Bernadette will be running the Fair Trade Stall again today with Christmas cards and Rwandan Christmas cards.

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

Children's Liturgy: On the first Sundays of the month at 9.30am Mass—this weekend

Christmas Mass times.

With the rise in covid cases and the fact that Christmas Day falls on a Saturday we are proposing the following Mass times:

Fri 24/12 Christmas vigil - 4.00pm and 6.00pm

Sat 25/12 Christmas Day - 9.30am (no Saturday Vigil)

Sun 26/12 Feast of Holy Family - 9.30 and 5.00