

St Anthony of Padua

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Weekday Mass: Mon-Wed, Fri: 9.15am. (Thurs 9.15am at Holy Family)
Confessions: 5.30—5.50pm

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“Love one another just as I have loved you.”

These words are so familiar to us. Perhaps this new commandment is our *raison d'être*, our daily aspiration. We may even have the T-shirt. Surely Jesus' command to love one another was nothing new for the disciples and those of their time. The commandment is well known in the Old Testament: 'Love God with your whole heart and your neighbour as yourself.' So what is new?... "Love **as I have loved you.**" When we reflect on these words, what are our thought processes? Do we look for various Scripture references which speak of God's love for us and in them find a God who loves unconditionally, a God whose love is indiscriminate, a God who is loving, caring, forgiving, compassionate, understanding and self-sacrificing. We find so many qualities of love for us to emulate. We are constantly looking for ways in which we can **do** this, ways in which we can show that we love as Jesus loved. But do we have the correct starting point? We are familiar with the story of the traveller who stopped to ask someone the directions to his destination. "If I were you, I wouldn't start from here," was the reply. Jesus' starting point was his awareness that "I am in the Father and the Father is in me." (John 14:11)

'How we embark on our journey of loving others is rooted in our personal experience of who we are. Love is not something we decide to do now and then. Love is who we are. We are created in the image of God and God is love. We were created by a loving God to **be** love in the world. When we get the "who" right and realise that *who I am is love*, then we will do what we came to do: *Love God and love all that God has created.* [1]

'Jesus commandment to us is not that we should wear ourselves out, trying to conjure love from our own easily depleted resources. Rather, it's that we're invited to abide in the holy place where all love originates. We can make our home in Jesus' love. Our love is not our own; it is God's, and God our source is without limit, without end.

"Love one another as I have loved you." For our own sakes. And for the world's.' [2]

[1] Richard Rohr [2] Debie Thomas

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C
15th May 2022 Missal: p479

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 14th May 2022

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Eileen Terrins	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention For our parish	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Afternoon Tea 2pm</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	
Wed 9.15pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	<i>Film Night: The Chosen. 7pm</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Bob & Marie Garlington For our parish	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>

Last Weekend: Attendance: 187 (92, 95) Offertory: £664.37.
Priests Training Fund: £76.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Bob & Marie Garlington.

Tea, Coffee, cake etc. after 6.00pm Saturday Mass

As promised, we have re-started coffee after the Saturday vigil Mass as well as after the 9.30am Mass every weekend.

Welcome into the family of faith

Fraser Anthony Terence Hatch who was baptised in St. Anthony's last Sunday.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick, especially Mary Lawler, Mandy Davis, Frank Stanton, Jo Counsell, Alice Myerscough, Chris Goldsmith, Theresa Wilkinson, Bill Embery, Carole Adnitt, Gary Adnitt, Lawrence Dunnagan, Les Farrer, Rev. Tom Butler.

We pray for the souls of those recently departed this life: Doreen Elizabeth Cook, Deacon Frank Cole;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Karuna, Eric Welsby, John Dwyer, Veronica Chanter, Peter Kevill, Dorothy Hedley, May Dickinson, Gerard Walsh, Maria Garlington, Richard and Mary Murphy, Marie McCartney, Michael Wilson. May they rest in peace.

St. Anthony's Afternoon Tea

We're hosting another fabulous Afternoon Tea with entertainment this afternoon. Unfortunately all tickets are sold - but watch out for the next one.

Rwanda Group Trust - a Parish Charity for 2022

Mark Ibison, a trustee of the 'RGT', will be cycling the 500 mile 'Camino de Santiago' pilgrimage route, starting on 13 June. Please sponsor him at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mark-ibison-rgt> or by signing the form at the back of church. Thank you.

St. Anthony's Singers

Our parish choir will be rehearsing after the 9.30 mass from 22nd May to get ready for the St Anthony's Feast Day / Jubilee Mass. All are welcome to join the choir.

Concert for Ukraine

'Gathered Voices', an a cappella choir, will be singing in St. Anthony's Church on Sunday, 29th May at 2p.m. Admission is free but donations will be gratefully accepted for the 'Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal' via CAFOD. Tea, coffee and cake, provided by our Knit and Natter Group, will follow, in the Padua Room.

Film Nights – The CHOSEN

Join us in the Padua Room for eight weeks to watch this TV drama about the life of Jesus and the people he chose. The first meeting is this Wednesday 18th May at 7.00pm. To watch the trailer just search online for "The Chosen trailer season 1". Pick up a flyer with more details or speak with Jackie Stopyra on 07934 667292.

A.P.F. Red Box 2021

In 2021, our parish raised £2002 through our Red Boxes and other donations to Missio and The Mill Hill Missionaries in support of their vital work in poor communities across the world. Grateful thanks to all those who support the missions in this way and those who volunteer their time in collecting the Red Box offerings.

Design a Crucifix To be displayed in Cardinal Newman College

You can use any medium you choose- paper/ card/ ceramic/ wood/ metal/ glass/ plastic etc. etc. It can be a painting or a 3D sculpture, a mosaic or model but it must be a cross and have Jesus on it (though you can use your imagination here).

Good prizes including Apple AirPods Kodak Printomatic Instant Camera + paper and case £100 gift voucher (you can choose the store). Closing date: Tuesday 7 June 2022, Please send your entries to: Carol Gregson (Head of Catholic Life) Cardinal Newman College Lark Hill Road, Preston, Lancashire PR1 4HD

CAFOD

The world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food but a third is wasted. At the same time over 800 million people go hungry each day. CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our *Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey* resource.

'Finding Jesus in the Eucharist, the Poor and Creation'