

# 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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## *“That they may be one, as we are one.”*

‘This beautiful prayer for union is from Jesus’ Last Supper address to his disciples. Here Jesus connects everything: he in his Father, the Father in you; you in God, God in him; God in the world, and you in the world. It’s all one. Jesus is praying that we could see things in their unity, in their connectedness. Oneness is less a goal toward which life is pressing, as it is a return to the truth in which we have always been held.’ [1] ‘We are already one. But we imagine that we are not. What we have to recover is our original unity. What we have to be is what we are.’ [2] ‘All that is absent is awareness. Awareness opens our eyes to the reality of our oneness, and our openness to the Spirit allows this awareness to transform us. To be one with everyone and everything is to have overcome the fundamental illusion of our separateness.’ [3]

On Thursday, we celebrated the feast of the Ascension, a celebration of oneness. ‘In the story of Christ’s ascension as told in Acts, angels appear next to the disciples as they gaze after the rising figure. The angels ask, “Why are you standing here staring up into heaven?” Most of Christianity has been doing just that, straining to find the historical Jesus “up there.” Where did he go? We’ve been obsessed with the question because we think the universe is divided into separate levels—heaven and earth. But it is one universe and all within it is saturated with the presence of God. The whole point of the Incarnation and Risen Body is the revelation that the Christ is here—and always was! The Ascension is the revelation of the final reunion of what appeared to be separated for a while: earth and heaven, human and divine, matter and Spirit. Jesus didn’t go anywhere. He revealed himself as the universal omnipresent Body of Christ [1] On this feast, Jesus asks us to be his witnesses. Sometimes we can get so caught up in the doing that we forget that simply taking time to be with our God is an important witness. This time helps us experience God beyond us, God among us, God within us. ‘Slowly we begin to see that both the one and the many are held together in the One—the Eternal Godhead. And as we come to know our self within this One, we also come to know our oneness with all that is held by the One.’ [3];

[1] Richard Rohr [2] Thomas Merton [3] David Benner

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# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 28th May 2022

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	John Marshall	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Robbie & Patsy Hasson For our parish	<i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i> <i>World Communications Day</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Gaafar Elomaire	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	<i>Feast: Visitation of Bl Virgin Mary</i>
Wed 9.15pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Lancs Infirm Secular Clergy	<i>Feast: St. Justin</i> <i>Film Night: The Chosen. 7pm</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Richard Ainsworth	
Fri 1.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Toby O'Connor	<i>Feast: St. Charles Lwanga &amp; Comp</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Sabina McDonagh	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Norah Stanton For our parish	<i>Pentecost</i>

**Last Weekend:** Attendance: 468 (179, 289) Offertory: £450.50.  
Thank you for your generosity.

**Masses received this week:** Francis & Sheila O'Gara, Gaafar Elomaire.

## Tea, Coffee, cake etc. after both weekend Mass

We have re-started coffee after the Saturday vigil Mass as well as after the 9.30am Mass every weekend.

### 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: Margaret Yates, Joseph Waddington;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Brian Davies, Louise Baxendale, Maria Feldwick, Vincent Gale, Joseph Gildert. Gerald Hadyn Curwen, Leslie Curwen, Jack Burke, Gerald Wilding, Bill Carling, Gerald Ibison, Robert Bradley, Ian Speight. Sabina McDonagh, Norah Stanton, Teresa Clarkson, Peter Clayton, Hilda Reilly. May they rest in peace.

### Concert for Ukraine

'Gathered Voices', an a cappella choir, will be singing in St. Anthony's Church today, Sunday, at 2pm. 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.

### First Holy Communions—

Thanks to our catechists and school for their dedicated work in supporting over 30 children in making their first holy communion last weekend. It was a lovely occasion for all.

### St. Anthony's Feast Day and the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

Special 9.30am Mass with the Parish Groups including a visiting organist for the main organ and St. Anthony's Singers. Straight after Mass in the Parish Centre for refreshments and more singing. Later, burying of the parish time capsule.

You are invited to come wearing red, white and blue. Also, would you be willing to make a St. Anthony's or Jubilee themed cake? Let Ian Mulholland know.

### St. Anthony's Singers

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

### Film Nights – The CHOSEN

Join us in the Padua Room on Wednesdays at 7.00pm for eight weeks to watch this TV drama about the life of Jesus and the people he chose. 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.

### 'Finding the Way Together'

*Women Together In the Diocese of Lancaster* invite Ladies from the parish to prayer and reflection upon our Mission in the Church. It will be led by Sr. Philomena Grimley SHCJ at Our Lady & St. Edward's Social Centre, Marlborough Drive, Preston on Saturday 11th June from 10.00am-3.15pm. Mass will be celebrated at 12noon. Details from Sue Gornall on 715495 or suegornall@talktalk.net Details at the back of church.

### The Fair Trade stall

- open next Sunday at the 9.30am Mass. If you are able, please support us in giving a fair price to farmers producing these goods.

### The Rwanda Group Trust

- copies of their quarterly newsletter are available on the table at the back of church. If you have an email address and you are willing to receive the newsletter via that, please write on the list. A small step to saving our trees!!

Mark Ibison, a trustee of '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.