

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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Only One Thing is Necessary

'Today's gospel is not just about Mary and Martha but about us and the choices we make. Jesus is saying that choices matter. We are always making choices. Sometimes we choose unconsciously, sometimes quickly and easily; other times with great deliberation and struggle. Some choices are insignificant. They are forgotten the next day. Other choices have great meaning and significance and the consequences are long lasting. We are always discerning the one thing needed for this time, in this place and these circumstances. What is the better part, given our particular situation?' [1]

'Jesus didn't question Martha's choice of hospitality. It was not her cooking, cleaning or serving that bothered him but that she was worried and distracted by many things. The root meaning of the word 'worry' is 'strangle' or 'seize by the throat and tear.' The root meaning of the word 'distraction' is 'a separation or a dragging apart of something that should be whole.' These are violent words: words that wound and fracture; states of mind that render us incoherent, divided, and un-whole. Jesus found Martha in just such a state of fragmentation — a condition in which she could not enjoy his company, savour his presence or find him present in her work in the kitchen.' [2] 'If we, too, find our inner life fragmented then perhaps we can hear Jesus' words to Martha, and to us, not as a criticism, but as an invitation to choose to be present to Him, whether sitting at his feet or in the kitchen, or wherever we find ourselves.' [3]

'How do we be present, show up to the divine presence that is already and always before us? What is the one thing needed right now, in this moment? Not forever or what we think will fix all our problems and let us live happily ever after. Just for now. What is the one thing needed that will keep us awake, aware, open, receptive and present to Christ? Choose that. That is the better part but hold your choice lightly because there will be another choice to be made after that, and another after that one. We choose our way into life, love and relationships. [1]

'For each choice we make, only one thing is necessary. It must be rooted in Jesus. It must begin at his feet.' [2]

Adapted: [1] Michael Marsh [2] Debi Thomas [3] Joel Osteen

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
17th July 2022 missal 1025

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 16th July 2022

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Frank Wilson	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Fr. Michael O'Dowd For our parish	<i>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Trevor Cocker	<i>Feast: St. Benedict</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Lancs Infirm Secular Clergy	
Wed 9.15pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	<i>7.00pm 'The Chosen' film night.</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Lionel Devanney	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Alice Doherty	<i>Feast: St. Mary Magdalen</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Bernard Ward	<i>Feast: St. Bridget of Sweden</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Joan Green For our parish	<i>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

Last Weekend: Attendance: 187 (76, 111) Offertory: £723.30.
Apostleship of the Sea: £70.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Trevor Cocker, Alice Doherty.

Livestreaming Mass

The 9.30am Sunday Mass from St. Anthony's church is livestreamed. Go to the St. Anthony of Padua YouTube page for the link.

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, Les Farrer, Rev. Tom Butler.

We pray for the souls of those who have died recently:

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Norah Matthews, Collette Rigby, Peter Meade, Kathleen Warburton, Eneas McNulty, Bernard Ward, Graham Irving, James Stott, Roy Anderton, Bridget Coulton, Brian Maguire, Patrick Mason, Joan Green. May they rest in peace.

Mr. Nigel Ranson

After spending most of his life at Our Lady's High School Mr. Ranson retires this week. We thank him for his dedication to the children of our community in Preston and to Catholic education in general. We wish him a long and enjoyable retirement. We are also pleased to know that the school will henceforth be in the capable hands of Mr. Richard Charnock. As always, these are changing times in education and we pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit upon all our school leaders and teachers.

Farewell also to Fr. Andrew Allman

- as he leaves St. Clare's this weekend to take up his post as vice-Rector of Oscott seminary. Fr. John Mark will be moving from St. Gregory's to look after both parishes and RPH. He will be joined in a few weeks by Fr. Stephen Talbott.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

Several parishioners are going to Lourdes this week with our Diocese. They will be happy to take Petitions to our Lady of Lourdes. Do not include any money in these envelopes. If anyone wishes to send petitions, have candles lit, wants anything bringing back, or simply to be particularly prayed for have a word with Bernadette or Mary Simpson (or Fr. Peter if you can't find them).

Padua Room Coffee Morning

Our school 'Mini Vinnies' (SVP Group) hosted a coffee morning last Sunday and raised over £100. They were extremely grateful for your support. Today (Sunday) the adult SVP Group will host the Coffee Morning on what happens to be the 30th Anniversary of the start of the SVP in the parish. They are happy to welcome new members to join in their work.

Notice Board

Bernadette recently revamped the notice board in the porch and she continues to update it regularly. Take a look at it either when entering or leaving church.

Society for the Protection of the Unborn child (S.P.U.C.)

There is a Preston office from which they operate their telephone work. They are seeking volunteers to assist their work. The office is at 10 Lockside Road, Preston. PR2 2YS. Email caroleadamson@spuc.org.uk or call 01772 258580

Film Nights – The Chosen

We will continue to meet over the summer to watch series 2. In the Padua Room on Wednesdays at 7.00pm. Details from Jackie Stopyra on 07934 667292.

Cor et Lumen Summer Conference - Empowered

On Saturday 23rd July at 10.00am All Hallows Catholic School, Preston. Details from: www.coretlumenchristi.org or stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org, tel:016973 5623

St Vincent De Paul Society - St Anthony's

There is still a need for food items such as dried food and tins of fruit and vegetables for the food banks. If anyone has any old (in good condition) sleeping bags they no longer require, the SVP can donate them to local charities. Thanks for your continued support.