

# St Anthony of Padua

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Weekday Mass: Mon-Wed, Fri: 9.15am. (Thurs 9.15am at Holy Family)  
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## *You are my Beloved*

At the beginning of his public ministry Jesus chooses to be baptised by John and it is significant that as he begins his mission he hears the words that every human being longs to hear and needs to hear: 'This is my beloved....' It is the experience of who we are in God that enables us to carry out our mission in life even in those times when it is difficult to experience love because of experiences of failure, humiliation, suffering and difficulties in relationships.

It is true that we not only are the Beloved, but also have to become the Beloved. It is true that we not only are children of God, but also have to become children of God. It is true that we not only are brothers and sisters, but also have to become brothers and sisters. If all that is true, how then can we get a grip on this process of becoming? If the spiritual life is not simply a way of being, but also a way of becoming, what then is the nature of this becoming? Could it be that:

\* our growing awareness of being the beloved will gradually lead us to stop identifying ourselves with our jobs, our emotions, our life situations? These are not who we really are.

\*finding people and places where we are reminded of our deepest identity will renew our experience of what is already within us?

\*celebrating our belovedness with gratitude and wonder for our many daily experiences of love, we will fully live even when life is full of hurt?

When we claim and constantly reclaim the truth of being the beloved, we soon discover within ourselves a deep desire to reveal to others that they are also beloved. Once we deeply trust that we ourselves are precious in God's eyes, we are able to recognise the preciousness of others. At the beginning of a new year, today's gospel tells us that being the beloved constitutes the core truth of our existence. Our main mission in life is to embrace our belovedness and to become who we are.

(Henri Nouwen: Life of the Beloved. Adapted)

The Baptism of the Lord  
8th January 2023

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# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

## for the week beginning Saturday 7th January 2023

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Gerry Allen	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H. Family</i>	Catenian families Province 10 For our parish	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Paul Dermody	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Frank Parkinson	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention (TB)	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H. Family</i>	For our parish	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Bernard Ward	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Joe Morrison	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H. Family</i>	Ray & Doris Wilson Geoff Plumb	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>

**Last Weekend:** Attendance: 182 (82 & 100). Offertory: £674.34  
Thank you for your generosity.

**Masses received this week:** Maureen Dignon, Tony Slater, Tom & Marie Hooper.

**Tea, Coffee, cake etc. served in the Padua Room after weekend Mass.**

### Lancaster Diocesan Directories 2023

Price is £5.00 or £6.00 for ring-bound. Please put payment in the slot in the green safe.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

We are hoping to welcome Bishop Paul to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in the new year for those in Years 8 & 9 (and above). There is an application form at the back of church.

#### PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick, especially Mary Lawler, Theresa Wilkinson, Jo Counsell, Alice Myerscough, Chris Goldsmith, Bill Embery, Maureen Cafferkey, Carole & Gary Adnitt, Les Farrer, Rev. Tom Butler, baby Mairead, Vera Bolton.

We pray for those who have died recently: Pope Benedict XVI, Fr. Peter Chapple, Mgr. Joseph Branson, Geoff Plumb, John Walker, baby Lucia Niblock, Bill Gunter;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: George Anderton, Joan Rushton, Mary O'Connor, Sheila Arkwright, William Mason, Paul David Stanley, Jack Cocker, Dennis Ball, Dominic McDonnell, Margaret McCann, Jenny Smethurst, Margaret Devereux, Jean Dunn, Alice Moxham, Cynthia Nightingale, Winifred Alty, Irene Lyon-Hayes, Liam Breslin, Frank Burscough, Irene Mary Cottam, Joseph Welsby. May they rest in peace.

### Parish Charities

Our Parish Charities in 2022 raised £2620, and that this will be split equally between 'The Rwanda Group Trust' and 'Life'. Thanks to all who supported the different fund raising events.

The Parish Charity for 2023 is 'The Hygiene Bank'. See the poster in the porch for details.

### Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI

Bishop Paul Swarbrick will celebrate a public Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI at St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster, on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7pm. Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful are invited to join him.

### Crib Offerings

- are again for 'Friends of the Holy Land' - a non-political Christian Charity, who work to secure a resilient and enduring Christian community in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan - the Holy Land. At the beginning of the 20th century, Christians made up roughly 29% of the overall population of the Holy Land. Today they account for less than 2%. Visit [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk)

### St. Walburge's Spire at Night

An opportunity to climb St. Walburge's spire 7th, 14th, 21st January from 4pm to 8pm. All proceeds will go to assist in the maintenance of this structure and especially the restoration of our amazing Rose Window. Every 45 minutes, 15 people will be able to climb the 172 steps, tours of the Church will be offered and refreshments served in the Hall. Children over 7 years welcome. The times of access are 4 pm to 8pm and ticket price is £10 (plus eventbrite fee). Tickets can be purchased on line at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/spire-at-night-tickets-469175465447?aff=ebdssbdestsearch> where you can select your date. There will not be any sales on the door.

### 'Catholicism'

The series of films about "Catholicism" starts again this week on Wednesday 11th January at 7.00pm in the Padua Room. This session covers the Sacraments, and especially the Mass. All are welcome; you do not need to have seen the other episodes.

### Mornings with James Finley Beginning February 2023

Cathy York (who writes the reflections on the front of the Newsletter each week) is proposing to run a series of reflections led by James Finley. James is a faculty member at the Centre for Action and Contemplation, New Mexico. He has given many retreats and has also presented podcasts with very human and profound guidance on how to become aware of God's life within us, within others and within all creation. His teaching has often been quoted in the weekly reflections.

If you are interested in spending some quiet time with James Finley's insights and beautiful poetic imagery please contact Cathy York at [cathmyork@gmail.com](mailto:cathmyork@gmail.com)

### CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

- are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our church? What aspects of church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish? Could you help in our parish, bringing people together to help build a better world or by visiting local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese? Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided.