

# 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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## *Beyond wrongdoing and rightdoing*

'We can too easily forget that the law is more about relationships than it is rules. When that happens we're in grave danger of keeping the rules and losing the relationship.' [1]

'Laws can inform and form us but they cannot transform us. Law is a necessary stage one, but if we stay there it actually becomes a stumbling block. It often frustrates the process of transformation by becoming an end in itself. Torah, or Law, is the best and most helpful place to begin but not the best place to stay, and surely not the best place to end.

Juridically, law is an end in itself, absolutely good and necessary for social order. Spiritually, law is a means, not an end at all. What is the law really for? It's not to make God love us. He does love us and we are powerless to change that one way or another. The purpose of spiritual law is simply to sharpen our awareness of who we are and who God is, so that we can name our insufficiency and, in that same movement, find God's fullness. Spiritual power is the ability to influence others and events through our very *being*. Spirituality is a concern for our real inner Source, as opposed to any primary concern for our 'doing'. *Doing* will always take care of itself when our *being* is right.

When telling his Jewish followers to be faithful to their own tradition Jesus strongly distinguished between essentials and non-essentials, and then pushed it even further. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus uses six repetitions of the same phrase: "You have heard it said . . . but I say. . . ." I call this the "yes/and" approach: *yes* the law, *and* there is something more, which is the real and deep purpose of that very law. Law is never an end in itself. Only people of the Spirit actually change things. The rest of us just rearrange them.' [2]

***Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing, there is a field.***

***I'll meet you there. [3]***

*Adapted: [1] Michael Marsh [2] Richard Rohr [3] Rumi*

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
12th February 2023

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# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 11th February 2023

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Dominic Petrila	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Tom & Marie Hooper For our parish	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Anne Goode	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Catherine Holmes	<i>Feast: Sts. Cyril &amp; Methodius</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	John Calvey	
Thur 9.15pm	<i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention	
Fri 2.30pm	<i>H.Family</i>	Funeral Mass: Kathleen Connolly	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Sp. Intention -dec. family/friends	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Jim Thomas For our parish	<b>Seventh Sunday of Year</b>

**Last Weekend:** Attendance: 244 (91 & 153). Offertory: £742.94  
Thank you for your generosity.

**Masses received this week:** Chris Goldsmith, Evelyne Bamber, Catherine Holmes.

**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.

## Lourdes Pilgrimage 2023

Bishop Paul Swarbrick is leading the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 21-28 July 2023. For more info, please see posters at the back of church or go to the Diocesan Pilgrimage website [www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk](http://www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk)

## Fairtrade

The stall took £56.05 and £6.50 donations for Rwanda. Thank you.

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

We pray for those who have died recently: John Kay, Mary Teresa Duncan, Marguerite Warburton, Kathleen Connolly, Jim Thomas, Terence Arkwright;  
and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Pauline Howard, Jim Whiteside, John Turner, Winifred Cooper, Joe Cassidy and John Calvey. May they rest in peace.

## CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

\* If you wish to make a donation please use the bucket at the back of church.

## Shroud of Turin Exhibition, Stonyhurst

The Shroud of Turin Exhibition, features a full-size replica of the Shroud, and will be on display at Theodore House, Stonyhurst from 6th to 22nd March 2023. See website for more details <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/shroud-of-turin-exhibition/> Visit this fascinating exhibition and find out more about the history, science and theology of the most enigmatic artefact known to man.

Opening Lecture - Thursday 9th March @ 7:30pm – Cost £10. Book on the website.

Public Viewings – No booking required. Free, donations welcome. From Friday 10th (9.00 – 5.30pm) and Saturday 11th /Sunday 12th March 10.00 -5.00pm)

Group Visits – Monday 13th to Wednesday 22nd March

JOIN THE ST ANTHONY'S GROUP VISIT on FRIDAY 17th MARCH 2023 11.00am

For further details contact Jackie Stopyra on 07934 667292 or [Jackie.stopyra@gmail.com](mailto:Jackie.stopyra@gmail.com)  
Deadline for joining this group is Monday 6th March.

## Ash Wednesday is on 22nd February

You are invited to return last year's palms to burn for the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

## First Reconciliation and Holy Communion

The next session is in a fortnight. We'll send out a reminder through school. Anyone not in St. Anthony's school should speak to Fr. Peter as soon as possible.

## Mornings with James Finley

One-hour sessions of reflection with James Finley's contemplative insights and beautiful poetic imagery. They will take place every Thursday in March: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th from 10.30am – 11.30am. Evening sessions could also be offered if needed. The venue is still to be confirmed.

Please contact Cathy York at [cathmyork@gmail.com](mailto:cathmyork@gmail.com) or 01772 723568

## 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.

## Our next parish social event

... is an afternoon of music with Joe Pollard . Sunday 5th March 2-4 pm at the club . Tickets £3 includes refreshments. Bar and raffle. Tickets available after each Mass or from Tess: 01772 774554/ 07788402606 . [mtpollard24@gmail.com](mailto:mtpollard24@gmail.com). Book early to avoid disappointment. All proceeds to The Hygiene Bank.

## Castlerigg Manor

Apply for a Gap Year - for people aged 18+ to join the 2023-24 team. If that's you check out the recruitment page or email [Jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:Jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk).  
World Youth Day - Still spaces for the WYD trip to Lisbon this summer. Your chance to see Pope Francis and make some friends along the way.