

# 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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## *Knowing and Not Knowing*

'It is important to realise that all temptations come to us under the guise of some kind of goodness. No sane person chooses the purely evil unless some positive benefit is seen to come from it. In the first reading, the serpent says, "When you eat from this tree your eyes will be opened, and *you will be like gods*, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and that *it was desirable for the knowledge it could give*, she took some and ate it. The original temptation /sin was to satisfy our need to be in control, to make our own judgments on **what** is good and what is evil – and **who** is right and who is wrong. It is our demanding to know and insisting that we know! This false moral certitude is the complete opposite of the meaning of faith: not knowing, and not needing to know. This is a deeper way of knowing and leads to a deeper compassion. This is why all great traditions teach some form of contemplation, because it is a different form of knowledge that emerges, a much deeper consciousness of who we all are in God.[1]

'In today's Gospel reading, the temptations are preceded by the words: "**If** you are the Son of God..." The evil one tempts us to make us doubt our divine identity.' [1] 'Whether Jesus said yes or no did not determine his sonship, his belovedness. They already were a reality. Jesus could neither earn them nor lose them, and neither can we. The temptations and struggles in the desert, did not determine how God would see Jesus but how Jesus would see himself. Jesus' response to temptation was grounded in knowing and experiencing the truth about himself. [2]

'We will all want to 'do' something during Lent to leave ourselves open to God's transforming love and to respond to the temptations which disconnect us from our awareness of our original beauty and goodness. Whatever we decide, Howard Thurman reminds us that, "the true purpose of all spiritual disciplines is to clear away whatever may block our awareness of God in us." This could be our daily 'mantra' during Lent. Each day will reveal what it is that is blocking our awareness – variations on the themes of our need to be in control, our need to know all the answers. 'When the quest for certainty and control is pushed to the background, the possibility of wonder returns. Wonder provides a gateway to wise insight.' [3] 'We need transformed people today, and not just people with answers.' [1]

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

First Sunday of Lent  
26th February 2023

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# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 25th February 2023

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Bill Gornall / Harry Jones	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For our parish Geoff Plumb & family	<b>First Sunday in Lent</b>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Francis O’Gara	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Roy Graham	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Thomas Lonergan	
Thur 9.15pm	<i>H.Family</i>	Maureen McMurrugh	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Barbara Twine	Stations of the Cross 6pm
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Philip Melling	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For our parish Kath Connolly & family	<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b>

**Last Weekend:** Attendance: 237 (112 & 125). Offertory: £601.37.

The Turkey/Syria Earthquake collection came to an amazing £936.45.  
Thank you for your great generosity.

**Masses received this week:** Bill Ellis, Maureen McMurragh, Roy Graham, the Lumb family, Gracy James, Victoria Francis, Tomas Lonergan.

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

## 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)

## Lancaster Diocesan Directories 2023

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

### 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, Marie Morris, Francis O’Gara.

We pray for those who have died recently: Kathleen Connolly, Terence Arkwright, Jim Thomas, Roy Graham, Vera Bolton.

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Barbara Twine, Hettie Miller, Teresa Holden, Joe Gornall, Ellen Horan, Gerard Knight, May Smith, Tom & Daisy Walmsley, Bill Heaps, Geoffrey Nickson, Sandy, George McMillan, Richard Clegg. May they rest in peace.

## LENT

**Stations of the Cross** During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6.00pm in St. Anthony’s church led by parishioners.

## CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal

Next Friday is Lent Fast Day. Please take an envelope from the back of church. This Lent, your donations to CAFOD’s Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) and please join us in praying for CAFOD’s development and emergency response work all over the world.

## CAFOD Lent Calendar

CAFOD have produced a Lent calendar, providing prayers, stories and suggested action for each day of Lent. Click on this link to get them sent to your e-mail:

[Lent calendar with daily prayers and reflection \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://cafod.org.uk)

## CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal

Thank you for the generous donations which totalled £936.45. Donations can still be made to CAFOD’s Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

## First Reconciliation

Thirty-two children from our parish received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week, with another five to come next week. This marks an important step forward in their faith. Keep them in your prayers.

## Fair Trade stall

- next weekend at Saturday and Sunday Mass. Easter cards and baskets will also be on sale for Rwanda.

## Day of Renewal at St. Clare’s

Led by Fr. Frankie Mulgrew on Saturday 11th March 10-00am-4.00pm. \* poster

## ‘Things That Matter’ - Day Retreat in Lent

On Sat 11th March, 10-3.30-4.00pm, led by Philip McParland in JMc Conference Centre at Corpus Christi. Donation £20. Tea/coffee provided.

## Mater Ecclesiae Catholic Multi-Academy Trust.

The Catholic schools in Preston (as in other parts other Diocese) are forming together into an Academy. Seven primary schools signed up in December 2022 and further schools will join shortly. The Directors of this Multi-Academy Trust wish to appoint a Chief Executive Officer with effect from Sept 2023. For an informal and confidential chat about the post, please contact Julie Ingham, HR Officer by email [julie@justpeoplehr.com](mailto:julie@justpeoplehr.com) or downloaded application pack from website <https://mater-ecclesiae-trust.co.uk/>

## Our next parish social event - sold out

An afternoon of music with Joe Pollard. Sunday 5th March 2-4 pm at the Parish Centre.

## St Anthony’s St Vincent De Paul Society News

Thank you to everyone who continues to donate to the Food Bank collections every week. There is still a need for dried and tinned food and/or toiletries. Our next meeting is at 11am on Wednesday 8th March in the Padua Room, you are welcome to join us.

## Mornings with James Finley

One-hour sessions of reflection with James Finley’s contemplative insights and beautiful poetic imagery. Every Thursday in March: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th from 10.30am – 11.30am. Contact Cathy York at [cathmyork@gmail.com](mailto:cathmyork@gmail.com) or 01772 723568