

# 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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## *Thin Places, Veils and Transfiguration*

'We use the word 'immaterial' when describing something that to us is unimportant, irrelevant or insignificant. But 'immaterial' also means spiritual rather than physical. We often limit our world and our experience to the five senses and we treat the spiritual as immaterial, as unreal.' [1] P.A.

We tend to live with a veil that separates the external world of tangible, measurable, rational information from that other world, the inner world of mystery, transformation, and encounter. There are moments, however, when we stand in what the Celtic tradition calls a *thin place* where the veil is parted between this world and the other world, between heaven and earth, between the divine and the human, between matter and spirit, between the eternal and the temporal. Thin places invite us to enter the tremendous mystery of God's presence and love. We all have our personal experiences of thin places: watching a sunrise or sunset; gazing at a starlit sky; marvelling at the wonders of creation; being with a loved one in whose presence we know ourselves to be unconditionally loved. Thin places transform our lives and continue to sustain us. The veil parts and we know ourselves to be different. We and our whole world now stand in a different light. That is what happened to Peter, James, and John. Jesus led them to a thin place, a place where human ears would hear God's voice, human eyes would see divine light, and human life would be enveloped in the cloud of God's presence.

Peter, James, and John came face to face with the really Real. It was not simply an outer experience of the senses. It was rather an experience of inner transformation, one that left them silent. Instead of *talking about* what they saw and heard, they would *become* that which they encountered. We do not often talk about our experiences of thin places. Instead, like the three apostles, we keep silent, telling no one of our encounter. It is not because those encounters are not real. It is, rather, because they are too real, too real for words. Words could never describe the experience and would only diminish the mystery and greatness of that encounter. We are now different and can never go back to the way it was before.' [2] 'That moment of transfiguration now resides eternally within us, helping us to see and hear the sacred both in our mountaintop and our valley experiences. Can we hold the mountain and the valley *as one*— denying neither, and embracing both?' [3]

Adapted: [1] Pietro Archiati [2] Michael Marsh [3] Debie Thomas

Second Sunday of Lent  
5th March 2023

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# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

## for the week beginning Saturday 4th March 2023

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>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Barbara Twine	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Joan Taylor	
Thur 9.15pm	<i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	George Keane	Stations of the Cross 6pm
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Betty Murphy	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For our parish Tony Hardman	<b>Third Sunday in Lent</b>

**Last Weekend:** Attendance: 221 (87 + 134). Offertory: £601.37.  
Thank you for your great generosity.

**Masses received this week:** Anne Goode, Jean Martin, Francis O’Gara, Tony Hardman, George Keane, Patricia Lavery, Helena Tierney.

**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, Sarah O’Donnell.

We pray for those who have died recently: Vera Bolton, Anne Thornton, Francis O’Gara, Robert Dobson.

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Charlotte Snalam, John Cooke, Bert Smith, Dorothy Pickles, John & Lucy Swarbrick, George Keane, Luke Kehoe, Maureen Berry, Imelda Salisbury, Joan Taylor, Alan Kenny, Lucia LaValle, Bernard Simpson, Judith Smith. 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

Last Friday was Lent Fast Day. If you didn’t get an envelope last please take one 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)

### Fair Trade stall

- this weekend. 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.

### ‘Laudato Si’ Lent Day

Reflect, Pray and Renew your spirit to face the realities of the world. Saturday, 18th March, 10 am-2 pm at the Xaverian Missionaries’ Spiritual Centre, 168 Sharoe Green Lane, PR2 8HE Fulwood. Tea & coffee facilities, bring a packed lunch. More info: [Menchu.casa72@virginmedia.com](mailto:Menchu.casa72@virginmedia.com)

### 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. TODAY 2-4 pm at the Parish Centre.

### 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

### 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 - 22nd March. Join St. Anthony’s Group visit on Friday 17th March 11.00am. Details from Jackie Stopyra on 07934 667292 or [Jackie.stopyra@gmail.com](mailto:Jackie.stopyra@gmail.com) Deadline for joining this group is Monday 6th March.

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