

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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Unbinding

In his Spiritual Exercises St Ignatius Loyola suggests that when reading a particular Gospel passage we should put ourselves in the place of each character in turn and use our imagination to see how we would feel in those circumstances. While attempting to put ourselves imaginatively in Lazarus' place we might become aware of how tomb-like our present way of life is, and we might rekindle a longing for freedom which has perhaps been buried for years.' [1]

'We each garb ourselves in routines and practices that carry us through our relationships, our work, our hungers, our lives. Those routines and practices influence how we receive and respond to God's call. We may be swathed in layers of habits that may have once fitted us, habits we may once have found beautiful, habits we may yet be attached to long past their usefulness but which now insulate and shroud us from the presence of God.

Jesus enacts Lazarus' raising in the context of a community. Jesus calls Lazarus forth, but he calls upon those around Lazarus—sisters, kinfolk, neighbours—to unbind him and let him go. The season of Lent beckons us to examine our most entrenched habits as individuals and communities: to sort through them and to recognise that Christ has power over them. This season reminds us that the miraculous and the mundane are intimately intertwined. We are called to wrestle with the very details that shape our lives together so that new life may emerge. In our daily living, what patterns are life-giving and help us notice the presence of God? Which habits keep us bound? What helps us hear the voice of Christ who stands at the threshold between death and life? What will help us choose to come forth, and to help someone else do the same? Are there people who can help with our unbinding? Are there people we can help with their unbinding?' [2]

'Unbinding and letting go of the past is not a rejection but an offering. We do not reject the past, throw it away, or deny its value and importance to us. Instead, we free it to be made new, to be given new life.' [3]

Adapted: [1] Association of Catholic priests [2] Jan Richardson [3] Michael Marsh

Fifth Sunday of Lent
26th March 2023

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 26th March 2023

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Peter Fogell	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For our parish Joyce Hilton	Fifth Sunday in Lent
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Joe & Mary Traynor	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Jean Martin	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention	Service of Reconciliation 7pm
Fri 12.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Helen Tierney	Stations of the Cross 6pm
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Anne Goode	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For our parish Marie & Tom Hooper	Palm Sunday

Last Weekend: Attendance: 217 (91 + 126). Offertory: £548.95.
Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Marie & Tom Hooper, Francis O’Gara, Mollie Walmsley.

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

Welcome into the family of faith

- Joseph Taylor who was baptised in St. Anthony’s last Sunday.

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, baby Mairead, Marie Morris, Sarah O’Donnell, Fr. Frank Flynn.

We pray for those who have died recently: Francis O’Gara, Catherine Welsby, Robert Dobson, Fr. Joe Diskin;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Mary Bamber, Harry Daggers, Joe Rogers, Frank Clarkson, Margaret Langtree, Rose Salter, Anne & Bert Keane, Frances Dewhurst, Dorothy Pickles, Wladyslaw Stopyra, Thomas Hooper, Albert Butler, Michael Atkinson, Melvyn Evans, Doreen Murray, Dorothy Heskin, Margaret Holden, Elizabeth Proctor, David McBride, James Gormley, John Myerscough. 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.

Lent Service of Reconciliation—with absolution

In St. Anthony’s at 7.00pm this Thursday, 30th March.

PALM SUNDAY

Next Sunday Mass will begin at 9.15am with the blessing of palms. Weather permitting we’ll be outside on the lawn behind the Padua Room

Receiving Holy Communion from the Chalice

Bishop Paul has now given permission to parishes to offer Holy Communion from the chalice with effect from the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Maundy Thursday. We may need a few more eucharistic ministers to assist with presenting the chalices. Please have a word with Fr. Peter.

Offertory Envelopes

New sets of envelopes are available from today. Please let us know if your envelopes are not there, or if you have changed address, or if you would like some envelopes. Thank you to all who support our parish in this way.

Fairtrade

Next weekend is the Fairtrade stall with Easter eggs. Easter chickens will also be sold for Rwanda.

Easter Retreat at Castlerigg Manor: 6th – 9th April.

Open to anyone from Year 10 up to age 25. A chance to journey through the powerful story of Easter, having fun and making friends along the way. Cost is £65 but Castlerigg may be able to assist. See castleriggmanor.com email jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk

St Anthony’s After school club vacancy

We are looking for a friendly, reliable and energetic playworker to join our team. Post hours are 3pm till 5.30pm Monday to Friday, 38 weeks of the year. Training and induction will be provided as well as a uniform. For further details about the duties involved and to visit the club, please call 07507304908 to speak to the manager or email saafter-schoolclub@gmail.com.

‘Music from Stage and Screen’

Angie asks us to mention a performance by Blackpool Symphony Orchestra TODAY 26th March. Tickets from the Box Office 01253 290190 or www.blackpoolgrand.co.uk/book-instance?EventInstanceId=488618

“Doing Christianity: How religion is about what you do, not what you believe”

Paul Higginson is a former parishioner and altar server at St. Anthony’s and recently retired from teaching R.E. in Catholic High schools. He has written this book which is available from Amazon and good bookshops.

Lourdes volunteer raffle

One of our senior altar servers, Galvin, is going to Lourdes as a volunteer this year. Coffee with Easter cakes after Mass this weekend to support his fare.

Palm Sunday cake sale and sale of work

After the Masses on Palm Sunday weekend the Knit & Natter group are hosting tea and coffee, a raffle, cake sale and sale of work in the Padua room. Their aim is to raise money for wool for the proposed knitted poppy art work in the church for Armistice Day.