Holy Week





Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

11.00am: Stations of the Cross

Passion

- solemn reading of the Passion
- veneration of the cross & holy communion

Holy Saturday

8.00pm: The Easter Vigil

- lighting the paschal candle
- proclamation of the Exultet
- baptismal liturgy

Easter Sunday

9.30am Mass of Resurrection

Good Friday

3.00pm: Celebration of the Lord's 3.00pm: Celebration of the Lord's **Passion**

- solemn reading of the Passion
- veneration of the cross & holy communion

Holy Saturday

1pm: "Swieconka" - Polish Blessing of the Baskets. All are welcome



Easter Sunday

11.00am Mass of Resurrection

St Anthony of Padua

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Priest: Fr. Peter Draper. (Tel: 725193) Deacon (retired): Rev. Tom Butler

Sunday Masses: 6.00pm (Saturday Vigil), 9.30am.

Weekday Mass: Mon-Wed, Fri: 9.15am. (Thurs 9.15am at Holy Family)

Confessions: 5.30—5.50pm

Annexe: 725544 Social Centre: 735963 Primary school: 726621

Playgroup/Preschool 07963 700591

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"Why is this week different from all other weeks?"

Holy Week begins just as any other week, but it is a week unlike any other. Holy Week is accompanied by a sense of anticipatory heaviness in the air, almost indiscernible, yet definitively present. [1] The words and actions of the liturgy speak for themselves. We are invited to live, truly live, enter into and walk with this Mystery of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection, [2]

And this Mystery we need to live, this mindset we need to embrace, can all be summed up in the words from our second reading. St. Paul tells us to "have the mind of the Messiah," to think and look at things just as Christ himself did. And what is that mindset? 'Christ Jesus, though his state was divine, did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself, to assume the condition of a slave, becoming as human beings are. Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him.' (Philippians 2). Jesus didn't accomplish things by use of divine power and imposition. Instead, he emptied himself, humbled himself, and became obedient. [2]

'During this week, we enter into the great mystery of obedience. Obedience and not doing whatever we want leads to the greatest things in life, to exaltation, to eternal life. The real question is, "Obedience to what?- to divine law?; to the rules?; to what? And the answer? We are to be obedient to who we really are, obedient to our humanity. At our core, at the core of our humanity, we are in relationship with God. When we don't recognise this, when we decide to live our life without God, we end-up making ourselves the centre of everything.' [2] 'We are called not just to remember Christ's life but to reproduce his life in the day-to-day events of our own, without picking and choosing what aspects of his life we wish to experience. [3]

During Holy Week, the liturgy invites us to surrender to the mystery of the cross which teaches us that the price we pay for holding together the contradictions within ourselves, others and the world is always some form of crucifixion. [4]

Adapted: [1] David La Mar [2] Fr. Michael Brungardt [3] Spiritual direction.com [4] Richard Rohr

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 1st April 2023

Sat 6.00pm	St. Ant	Anne Goode	
Sun 9.15am 11.00am	St. Ant H.Family	Marie & Tom Hooper Evelyne Mary Bamber	Palm Sunday
Mon 9.15am	St. Ant	Matthew Bond	
Tue 9.15am	St. Ant	The Lumb family	
Wed_9.15am	St. Ant	For our parish	
Thur 7.00pm	H.Family	Francis O'Gara	
Fri 11.00am 3.00pm	St. Ant both		Stations of the Cross 11am Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Sat 8.00pm	St. Ant	Harry Lonsdale	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	St. Ant H.Family	Mollie Walmsley For our parish	EASTER SUNDAY

Last Weekend: Attendance: 217 (91 + 126). Offertory: £716.52.

Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Marie & Tom Hooper, Harry Lonsdale.

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, Pope Francis.

We pray for those who have died recently: Fr. Joe Diskin, Alice Myerscough;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Brian O'Kane, Florence Spicer, Harry Lonsdale Peggy McQuillan, Albert Butler, Elizabeth Noble, Anthony Keane, Fr. Manus Keane, Barbara Howe, Julie Mason, Francis Benson, Kitty Winstanley, George Crook, Maureen Walmsley, Doreen Cook. May they rest in peace.

PALM SUNDAY

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.

Chrism Mass

In Lancaster Cathedral on Maundy Thursday at 11.30am.

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.

Lourdes volunteer—Coffee morning & Raffle

Thanks to everyone for helping to raise a magnificent £487,86 via raffle, donations and refreshments over the weekend to support Galvin's fare to Lourdes. A list of prize winners will be displayed in church.

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

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

The Chosen - Series 3

This will be shown in the Padua Room on Wednesday evenings 7.00pm starting on 12th April. Please contact Jackie Stopyra with any queries. jackie.stopyra@gmail.com or 07934 667292.

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.

Palm Sunday cake sale and sale of work

After the Masses this 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. All contributions go to the British Legion. Thank you.

John Bradburne Pilgrimage Walk 2023: Saturday 15th July

With the John Bradburne Memorial Society who support Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre in Zimbabwe. The Pilgrimage Climb will be on Cross Fell with Bishop Paul Swarbrick joining and saying prayers along the route. Pilgrimage leaflets are in church.