

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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Celebrate

The words "glory" and "glorify" are not part of our everyday language and consequently we perhaps don't relate to them in the same way as people living in Old and New Testament times. Various dictionaries give many familiar definitions of and synonyms for these words eg to glorify: to praise, honour, respect, revere, proclaim. We may also find these definitions difficult to relate to and they can make us think that glorifying God is something that we do in response to what God does or who we think God is and there may be an element of obligation in our response. This may be good but it isn't the whole picture. As for everything in our lives, it's not so much what we do or don't do, but why we do or don't do it.

In the Merriam-Webster thesaurus, one synonym given for the word 'glorify' is celebrate. We can immediately relate to this word. We all love a celebration. We are usually united in our reason why we celebrate a person or an event and we usually experience oneness with that person or event which leads to our spontaneous expression of that oneness in celebration. Henri Nouwen captures the reason why we celebrate when he talks about birthdays. 'Birthdays are so important. On our birthdays we celebrate being alive. On our birthdays people can say to us, "Thank you for being!" On our birthdays let us be grateful for the gift of life.'

When we read today's gospel, and if we use the word 'celebrate' instead of 'glorify' we may experience the oneness which is Jesus' prayer for us. Catherine T. Nerney tells us that 'oneness is less a goal towards which life is pressing, as it is a return to the truth in which we have always been held.' Our growing awareness of this truth will lead us to gratefully celebrate [glorify] God's life within everyone and within all creation.

Seventh Sunday of Easter Year A
21st May 2023 Missal: p399

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 20th May 2023

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Ellen Fogell	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Bob & Marie Garlington For our parish	7th Sunday of Easter World Communications Collection
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Mary McCafferty	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Elizabeth Anne Coupe	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Robbie & Patsy Hasson	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Fr. Joe Diskin	<i>Feast: St. Bede the Venerable</i>
Fri 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Funeral: Kathleen Webb	<i>Feast: St. Philip Neri</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Fr. Martin Peyton	<i>Feast: St Augustine of Canterbury</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention For our parish	Pentecost

Last Weekend: Attendance: 212 (90, 122). Offertory: £573.31.

Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Mary McCafferty, Anna O'Donnell.

The Catholic Voice

There is a new issue of our free diocesan newspaper at the back of church.

Tea, Coffee, cake etc. is served in the Padua Room after both weekend Masses. You are welcome to come and join us.

Welcome into the family of faith

- Hattie Rose Burns who was baptised in St. Anthony's last Sunday.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick, especially Mary Lawler, Jo Counsell, Bill Embery, Marie Morris, Carole & Gary Adnitt, Maureen Cafferkey, Les Farrer, Margaret Rainford, baby Mairead, Angela Russell;

We pray for those who have died recently: Kathleen Webb;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Hilda Doreen Myerscough, Hannah Myerscough, Stephen Green, Eileen Cummins, Dorothy Hedley, Hilda & Peter McNeela, Maureen Moss, Jack Bradley, Cyril O'Reilly, Barry Crook. May they rest in peace.

World Communications Day

We pray for all who work in the media; that they may be open to the work of the Spirit and help to promote the Kingdom of God by their work. There is a Collection to support the work of the Catholic Media Office.

Sunday Tea/ Coffee Sunday in the Padua Room

This week is run by the school SVP group (Mini-Vinnies) with lots of home made cakes etc. They are fundraising for our parish charity: The Hygiene Bank.

First Holy Communion

Please pray for the children and their families as they prepare to receive their first holy communions on the weekend of 10th/11th June—the feast of Corpus Christi.

Receiving Holy Communion from the Chalice

We are now able to offer Holy Communion from the chalice for those who wish to receive it. We would welcome new readers and eucharistic ministers who can serve our parish.

Parish Afternoon Tea –today at 2.00pm

-with entertainment from Gathered Voices choir. Tickets are on sale after each Mass this weekend. Cost £7.50. Monies raised are for the Parish charity the Hygiene Bank.

Raffle tickets are on sale this weekend at back of church and raffle will be drawn during the afternoon tea event.

Fulwood Farmers' Market

On Saturday 27th May from 9.30am to 1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church. You will be able to stock up on fresh local produce and Fairtrade products, refreshments will be available. The 'new to you' stalls will also be open.

"Messy Church"

In St. Clare's Church Hall on Saturday 3rd June, 1.30=3.00pm. Come and enjoy an afternoon of activities, games and bible stories. All ages and denominations welcome.

St. Anthony's Wednesday Faith Group 7pm in the Padua Room

D. "The Chosen" series 3. 12th April to 31st May. No breaks.

E. The Story of the Old Testament: Six meetings in June & July from 7th June.

F. The Eucharist in Scripture: Six meetings starting in September 2023.

For details—or to suggest future topics please contact Jackie Stopyra 07934 667292 or e-mail jackie.stopyra@gmail.com

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Porch Notice Board

The notice board in the porch is particularly well decorated this Easter-time. It is well worth a look. We thank Bernadette for the weekly updates.