

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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Come forth from within us.

‘Since we are created in the image and likeness of God, we all are temples of the Holy Spirit, equally, objectively, and forever! The only difference is the degree to which we know it, draw upon it, and consciously believe it. When we fan into flame the gift we already have then our lives will bear the fruits of ‘love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.’ (Gal 5:22) [1] ‘I used to think of these fruits as ‘things’ given to us, like something in gift boxes. Now I think of them not as *things* but as *energies*. They are dynamic sources of growth in us. We often pray “Come Holy Spirit” as if the Holy Spirit is separate from us. As we grow in awareness that the Spirit of God is already within us, our prayer then becomes, “Come forth from *within* us and help us to recognise and live your energies.” [2]

Joyce Rupp speaks of an occasion when she was hiking in the Colorado Rockies: ‘The forest can be so still and silent; then suddenly a whoosh of wind sways the trees and whispers across the hills. This is so unpredictable and oftentimes when the wind is strong it brings quick changes in the weather but a good hiker is always attentive to its movement. The Spirit of God came upon the followers of Jesus as unexpectedly as wind in the mountains. In that Upper Room, people who had been terrorised suddenly experienced an immense freedom and a deep sense of God’s life within them. They discovered a new dynamic power of love and a new determination to live what Jesus had proclaimed to them.

We need to stay tuned to the movement of the Spirit if we are to hear the call to transformation or deeper growth. Our Pentecosts are rarely large, powerful gales; rather they are usually little, unpredictable and unexpected gusts that change our lives a little at a time. We can forget or take for granted the smaller breezes if we are not deliberately attentive to them. It is easy to dismiss these moments of transformation, either because we are too busy or because we do not recognise the activity of the Divine.

Pentecost is a feast of the mysterious movement of God. Each year it is an invitation to be attentive once more to God’s marvellous presence in our lives.’ [2]

Adapted [1] Richard Rohr [2] Joyce Rupp

Pentecost Year A
28th May 2023 Missal: p418

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 27th May 2023

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Fr. Martin Peyton	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Francis & Gertrude Dewhurst For our parish	Pentecost (week 8)
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Jane Proctor	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	<i>Feast: Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Ray Cope	<i>Feast: Our Lord Jesus Christ, Priest</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Teresa Clarkson	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Sabina McDonagh.	<i>Feast: St. Charles Lwanga & Comp</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Norah Stanton For our parish	Trinity (week 9)

Last Weekend: Attendance: 233 (91 + 142). Offertory: £573.31.
Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Francis O’Gara, Mary O’Gara, Lisa Robinson.

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

- Elijah Samuel Thompson 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, Jack Adamson;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Brian Davies, Maria Feldwick, Vincent Gale, Joseph Gildert. Gerald Hadyn Curwen, Leslie Curwen, Jack Burke, Gerald Wilding, Louise Baxendale, Bill Carling, Gerald Ibison, Robert Bradley, Sabina McDonagh, Norah Stanton, Ian Speight, Teresa Clarkson, Peter Clayton. May they rest in peace.

Sunday Tea/ Coffee Sunday in the Padua Room

Well done to the school children in the school SVP group (Mini-Vinnies) and thanks to parents for excellent baking. They raised £64.63 for the parish charity. This is about three times more than is usually donated on a Sunday.

Parish Afternoon Tea –

-A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all last Sunday. £595 was raised for the Parish charity— the Hygiene Bank. A list of prize winners will be displayed in church porch.

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.

Annual Corpus Christi Procession

- at St. Walburge’s Shrine Church on Sunday 11th June 2023 at 2.00pm. All Parishioners and Parish groups, Schools, Colleges, Choirs, Uniformed organisations, Readers, Religious, Clergy, Catholic Organisations, Families, Children and especially, First Holy Communicants, are all invited to take part, on this special and important Feast Day, in this public act of Witness of our Faith.

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

E. 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

CAFOD Update:

Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that “Love - caritas - is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace.” For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to cafod.org.uk/latest_campaigns.

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