

# St Anthony of Padua

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Confessions: 5.30—5.50pm

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## *The Shaping of Community*

The Kingdom of heaven is a central theme running all the way through the Gospel of Matthew. 'It is the only gospel which has the word "church" in it and it is considered to be the "Church's Gospel" because of the passage which speaks of Peter's faith as the "Rock" on which the Church will be built (16:18) and also the reference to the church community in 28:19.' [1]

'It has been well said that the test of a story is the sort of person it shapes, and ultimately the sort of community it forms. Matthew's gospel story is an identity-forming, lifestyle-shaping narrative calling for a discipleship deeply rooted in a way of life envisioned by Jesus' teaching. Jesus' story disturbs the status quo, creates new priorities and identities, gives new purpose, commissions people to new tasks, and creates an alternative ecclesial expression that looks more like a movement than an institution. It shatters our tendency to focus solely on the temple or stained glass sanctuary and it takes holiness onto the road, redeeming the ordinary, reclaiming and proclaiming all of creation as the kingdom of heaven.' [2]

In today's gospel, Jesus gives us an example of how we can 'take holiness on the road.' When he saw how the crowds of people were lost and dejected he was moved with compassion. 'The original Greek word used is the strongest word for pity in the Greek language. It describes the compassion which moves us to the deepest depths of our being.' [3] 'When we choose to be compassionate, we are yielding to the compassionate nature of God flowing through us. Compassion is the love that recognises and goes forth to identify with the preciousness of all that is lost and dejected within ourselves and others. Compassionate action means working with ourselves as much as working with others.' [4]

Jesus limits the apostles' outreach to the lost sheep of Israel. 'He is not excluding the Gentiles or the Samaritans from the all-encompassing compassionate love of God. But since the labourers are few they can only concentrate on one specific area at a time.' [3] We can all be labourers of compassionate action wherever we find ourselves. Our prayer is that we deepen our awareness that 'compassion does not originate in us. It begins with God.' [5] It is a gift freely given to us for us to freely share.

*Adapted: [1] Rev. James Richardson [2] Larry Chouinard [3] William Barclay [4] James Finley [5] C.S. Lewis*

***11th Sunday in Ordinary Time*** Year A  
18th June 2023 Missal: p725

# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

## for the week beginning Saturday 17th June 2023

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Eddie Osbaldeston Ray Cope	<b>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Day for Life—Collection</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Tom Hunt	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Roy Garside	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Paula Thompson	<i>Feast: St. Aloysius Gonzaga</i> 7pm 'The Story of the Old Testament.'
Thur 9.45am	<i>H.Family</i>	Funeral Mass: Ray Cope	<i>Feast: Ss John Fisher &amp; Thomas More</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Mary O'Gara	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Alfred Forgell	<i>Feast: Nativity of John the Baptist</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Jack Adamson For our parish	<b>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>

**Last Weekend:** Attendance: 511 (164 + 347). Offertory: £553.45.  
Thank you for your generosity.

**Masses received this week:** Jack Adamson, Leonard Airey, Roy Garside, Tom Hunt, Winifred Akers.

### 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.

### 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: Winifred Akers, Ray Cope;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Mary Chandler, George Earnshaw, Frances Robins, Eric Kellett, Bill Donaghey, Mary McMurrough, Patrick McMurrough, Edward David Knowles, Steven Green, Mary Cicely Ashurst, Catherine Togher, Rita Keane, Mary-Jo Cuerden, Joyce Dobson, Elizabeth Grizedale. May they rest in peace.

### St. Anthony's Feast Day—today

Celebrated at 9.30am Mass with representatives of our school and Parish Groups, including a visiting organist for the main organ and St. Anthony's Singers. There will be displays at the back of church too. Get-together straight after Mass in the Parish Centre for refreshments.

### Day for Life Collection

This day in the church year is dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. The theme is 'Listen to Her' and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and families. Google Day for Life Message 2023 to read it.

### First Holy Communions

Thanks to all involved in our celebration of first holy communion last weekend making it a memorable occasion for the 37 children. Please continue to pray for them and their families. Especial thanks to our catechists who prepared them over the last six months.

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

'The Story of the Old Testament.' Join us at 7.00pm on Wednesday 14th June for a six week course to explore the basic narrative of the Old Testament. Bring a Bible. For more information contact Jackie Stopyra 07934 667292 or e-mail jackie.stopyra@gmail.com

### CAFOD Petition

A petition is being organized by CAFOD to protest at policies which restrict the rights of small scale farmers to trade locally produced seeds amongst themselves. In the interests of food security and bio-diversity scientists believe farmers in the developing world should be allowed to continue this practice. Please support this petition which aims to get the World Bank to protect these farmers against the power of the international agricultural industry. The petition will be available in church for you to sign. Please support it.

### St. Anthony's Parish Walk

Our CAFOD Group are organising a Parish Walk & Picnic on Sunday 2nd July, leaving from church at 2pm. As previously it is a pretty level, buggy friendly route along the canal towpath and into Haslam Park where we will have the 'bring your own' picnic. It is intended as a friendly, social event, not a CAFOD fundraiser.

### Churches together Fulwood and Broughton

Annual stroll starts at the Sherwood pub, 7pm for a 7:15 start on Wednesday 21st June. A stroll around the Tower Lane area with prayers for the Coronation and the environment. It will finish at the Sherwood pub for refreshments.

### St. Walburge's Summer Fair

On Sunday 25th June from 12.30pm. Raffle, cakes, bric-a-brac, tombolas, games. All proceeds to restoration fund.

### St Vincent De Paul - Request for Help

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the Food Banks regularly. Tinned vegetables and fruit continue to be requested by the local food banks in our area. Our local GIFT 92 - Unit 2, off Boundary Road, Fulwood. PR2 3DS - tel 716572 supports local people in real need and urgently requires donations of furniture, fridges, washers and cookers. GIFT 92 promotes reuse goods for the benefit of those struggling financially who are referred to them for help. If you are able to help please contact by phone or email mail@gift92.com. Free collection service Monday to Friday up to 1pm.