

St Anthony of Padua

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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

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‘What goes around comes around.’

‘In the gospel passage, Jesus summarises not only the cost of discipleship but also its rewards. The conditions of discipleship outlined may appear harsh yet they underline for us a truth: choosing anything with one’s whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from the perspective of love. For many in Matthew’s community, this choice brought division in their families.’ [1] ‘This is a gospel of scattered sayings that are found in Mark, Luke and John. The passage is a collection of good one-liners whose focus is not on those who suffer the most, but on those who love the most. And Jesus tells us that how we give out is how we receive. We might say, ‘What goes around comes around.’ [2].

The gospel highlights the importance of hospitality in living a Christ-centred life and this is also beautifully illustrated in the first reading. ‘Looking for no reward, a Shunammite woman provided a sacred space for a holy man and within the space of her own self, an unexpected child began to grow. It’s a strange economy, this kind of hospitality. We can’t know what we will set in motion when we offer some space to the ones whom Jesus tells us to welcome. We offer a cup of cold water, or a place to rest, or an extra room, or a corner of our heart, not always knowing that each person comes with a word from God. And all of a sudden, we’re carrying something we never expected to carry. Maybe it’s not a literal child, as it was for the Shunammite woman. But this kind of hospitality always makes room for new life to take root in us and to come through us in ways that we can’t predict. That’s part of the strange economy, the curious ecosystem of hospitality: open a space to the holy stranger and God creates a sacred space within our own selves; an extra room in our own souls; a place for God to grow.’ [3]

At times *we* are the stranger receiving the mutual life-giving welcome of hospitality. We give and receive ‘with respect and reverence that the unknown between us might flower into discovery and lead us beyond the familiar field blind with the weed of weariness and the old walls of habit.’ [4]

Adapted: [1] Fr Ron Bagley [2] Richard Rohr [3] Jan Richardson [4] John O’ Donohue

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
2nd July 2023 Missal: p732

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 1st July 2023

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Ann Kathleen Corless	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Michael Fitzgerald For our parish	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Doreen Kerr	<i>Feast: St. Thomas</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Linda Salter	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Margaret Smith	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	For our parish	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Freda Thornton	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Eric Kellett	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Rita Keane Brian Farnell	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Sea Sunday Collection</i>

Last Weekend: Attendance: 219 (94 + 125). Offertory: £610.82.
Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Special Intention (DM), Special Intention (MO), Hilda Warbrick, Operation success (KO), Patrick Callaghan.

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

The Catholic Voice

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

We welcome into the family of faith

- Grace Charters 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, Tony Fraser, Fr. Joe O'Connor;

We pray for those who have died recently;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Jenny Turner, Tom Gardner, Mgr. Eddie Gould, Clare Campsey, Josephine Higginson, Irene Gee, John Smethurst, Cecilia Lonsdale, Joan Jump. May they rest in peace.

St. Anthony's Parish Walk—TODAY

Our CAFOD Group are organising another Parish Walk & Picnic, 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.

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 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

Flower Festival in Blackpool

St. John Vianney parishioners are celebrating the 90th anniversary of their church with a Flower Festival on the theme: 'Thanksgiving for the past, working together for the future'. Friday and Saturday 30th June/ 1st July @ 10am - 12(noon) & 2pm -4pm; Sunday 2nd July 12noon - 4pm. Come and view our beautiful floral displays. Adults entry £1 [to include free programme] children free. Refreshments & Raffle.

Knights of St. Columba

Knights of St Columba are active in helping in the spiritual and faith development of young people through local and national initiatives. You can make a difference by being part of a greater voice working in Faith, family and Fraternity towards a greater good. To find out more about the Knights of St. Columba please contact Andrew Fowler on 07914 751020 or Philip Wilcock on 07710 225868 or go to www.ksc.org.uk.

Porch Notice Board

The notice board in the porch is like a weekly magazine. It well worth a look. We thank Bernadette for the weekly updates.

Blessed Edward Bamber

Annual Mass at St Winefride's House for retired priests, Low Moor Road, Bispham, Blackpool, FY2 0PA on Thursday, 13th July at 6.30pm.

Fair Trade stall is open today