

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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Rest

The story is told of a South American tribe that went on a long march, day after day, when all of a sudden they stopped walking, sat down to rest for a while and then made camp for a couple of days before going any farther. They explained that they needed the time of rest so that their souls could catch up with them. [1]

'Maybe our idea of rest isn't really rest. When I felt the need to start slowing down, I took that literally. I spent more time on the couch. I crossed items off my to-do list. And I felt worse. I'm coming to see that when God asks me to rest it is actually more about my heart. Learning to trust instead of strive; learning to enjoy rather than push so hard; learning to focus on the moment instead of results. It's an intimate invitation—not to step away from life but to embrace the Giver of it. "Come to me. I will give you rest." We need Sabbath time.' [2]

'Sabbath can refer to a single day of the week, a day of rest. A Sabbath experience is not confined to chronological time. Sabbath is a way of being in time where we remember who we are, remember what we know and taste the gifts of spirit and eternity. Sabbath time is sacred time. We need Sabbath-keeping not only for ourselves but also for the times when we go forth to heal the wounds of our world. Whatever we build, create, craft or serve will then have the wisdom of rest in it. Rested and refreshed, we more generously serve all those who need our care. The human spirit is naturally generous: the instant we are filled, our first impulse is to share, to be useful, to be kind, to give something away. The world aches for the generosity of a well-rested people.

A closer reading of Genesis reveals that the Sabbath was not simply a day off! The ancient rabbis taught that on the seventh day, God created *menuha* – tranquillity, serenity, peace and joyful repose; rest, in the deepest possible sense of fertile, healing stillness. God celebrated and delighted in his creation. Until the Sabbath, creation was unfinished. Only after the birth of *menuha*, only with tranquillity and rest, was the circle of creation made full and complete.' [1] "Rest is the very, very biggest miracle of all." [3]

Adapted: [1] Wayne Muller: Sabbath [2] Holley Gerth [3] Fynn: Mister God, this is Anna

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
9th July 2023 Missal: p737

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 8th July 2023

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>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Hilda Warbrick	<i>Feast: St. Benedict</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Operation success thanks	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Cecilia Lonsdale	
Thur 9.15am 11.00am	<i>H.Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Celine Reed <i>Funeral Service: Celine Reed</i>	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention DM	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Tom Gardner	<i>Feast: St. Bonaventure</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	David Plater For our parish	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Weekend: Attendance: 218. (87 + 131). Offertory: £.
Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Cecilia Lonsdale, Ray Cope, David Plater, Margaret Fox, Esther Murphy.

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.

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: Celine Reed, Tony Fraser;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Barbara Fraser, Ronald Whitby, Frank Coates, Robert Whittaker, Winifred Chadwick, Charles Hodson, David Noon, Margaret Stopyra, Gary Clarkson, Mary Molloy, Harry Murphy. May they rest in peace.

Stella Maris

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Today is Sea Sunday. The Church prays for those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. See www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work.

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 agrichemical industry. The petition will be available in church for signing. Thank you.

"Share IT" Food Bank

During the six week holiday there will be a lot of "Fridge Raiders" so parents will be very pleased to have extra groceries in the cupboard. Thank you for your donations to the holiday food bags so far. If you wish to help us further we would appreciate please, packets of pasta, pasta sauce, tinned fruit.

Blessed Edward Bamber

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

Parish Charities

By popular demand, WaterAid has now been added as one of our parish charities for 2023, alongside the HygieneBank. WaterAid works to provide clean water and decent sanitation throughout the world. 1 in 4 don't have a decent toilet at home; 1 in 10 don't have access to clean water; 1 child dies every minute from diarrhoea. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Stonyhurst Summer Courses

Catholicism and Contemporary Culture, 3rd-6th August (will be of particular support to teachers of RE, catechists and those working with youth and young adults). Human Nature, Gender and Identity, 25th-28th August (of particular interest to those teaching theology and those providing training and CPD to other educators and catechists).

John Bradburne Memorial Society Annual Cross Fell Pilgrimage Walk

Cumbrian born John Bradburne used to climb Cross Fell regularly. Considering his impending beatification to become a Saint, the John Bradburne Memorial Society, which funds the Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre where Bradburne spent his latter years, are once again holding an annual pilgrimage on Saturday 15th July led by Bishop Paul Swarbrick. So, if you are coming, please be suitably equipped." The day will start with a service in Skirwith, at St John the Evangelist Church at 10am and even if you are not coming on the walk, you will be very welcome, followed by the climb up the fell. For further information about this event please contact JBMS: Tel: 07979 187498 or Email: info@johnbradburne.com Website: www.johnbradburne.com