

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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"Lord, teach me your ways." We have all joined the psalmist many times in our search for help to live each day guided by divine truth. [1] When we ask God to reveal His direction for us do we want to experience Him, or do we just want a formula for life? When we seek God just for a formula, too often we miss entering into a relationship with Him. Yes, He wants our obedience. But a beautiful thing about the Hebrew word we translate as 'obey' in English is that it is the same word in Hebrew for 'hear'. It's a hearing that brings response. What God wants is a relationship with us. He wants us to hear Him, know Him, and respond. [2]

'In today's gospel we are asked, "Which of the two did the will of his father?" The question of 'doing God's will' ultimately brings us to a place of metanoia i.e. change of mind and heart. This change of heart can take us in different directions, as can be seen in the decisions the two sons made. True metanoia is not about escaping the circumstances of our life but about engaging in those circumstances in a new and different way – God's way. Metanoia opens us to see ourselves and each other as we really are in God.' [3]

'So how do we discover what is ours to do? First, we must go through a process of discernment. Christian discernment is not the same as decision making. Reaching a decision can be straightforward: we consider our goals and options and then we choose the action that meets our goals most effectively. Discernment, on the other hand, is about listening and responding to that place within us where our deepest desires align with God's desire. As discerning people, we sift through our impulses, motives and options to discover which ones lead us closer to divine love and compassion for ourselves and other people and which ones lead us further away.' [4]

The Dalai Lama said it well: "Every change of mind is first of all a change of heart."

Adapted: [1] Theology of work.org [2] Christianity.com [3] Michael Marsh [4] Henri Nouwen

26th Sunday of the Year
1st October 2023

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Missal: p780

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 30th September 2023

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Ellen Fogell	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H. Family</i>	For deceased friends Bill York	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>CAFOD Family Fast envelopes</i>
Mon 1.30pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	<i>Feast: The Holy Guardian Angels</i>
Tue 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i>	<i>Funeral Mass: Rosemary Wright</i>	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	<i>Feast: St. Francis of Assisi</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H. Family</i>	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	<i>Feast: Dedication of the Cathedral</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Private Intention	<i>Feast: Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H. Family</i>	For successful eye operation For FCJ Jubilarians	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>CAFOD envelopes returned</i>

Last Weekend: Attendance: 239 (97 + 142). Offertory: £664.83
Bishop's Administration Collection: £68.22. Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Margaret Taylor, for successful eye operation, for FCJ Jubilarians.

Carols Service Advance notice. On 10th December at 2pm.
Choir rehearsals are at 10.45 on Sunday mornings. New singers are welcome.

Tea, Coffee, cake etc. is served in the Padua Room after both weekend Masses.
Last week's cake sale to help with the cost of going to Castlerigg for families who are struggling financially raised £85. They thank you for your support.

Welcome into the family of faith:

Eric Joseph & Olive Anna Dombrowski who were baptised in St. Anthony's last week.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick, especially Jo Counsell, Bill Embery, Marie Morris, Carole & Gary Adnitt, Maureen Cafferkey, Les Farrer, Margaret Rainford, baby Mairead, Angela Russell, Jack Morton, Fr. Joe O'Connor;

We pray for those who have died recently: Catherine Game, Joan Pollard, Rosemary Wright;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Helen Duckworth, Tom Turner, Jack Greenwood, George Elliott, Terry Farrell, Francis Kellett, Lily Doyle, Maria Sheridan, Drina Hope. May they rest in peace.

Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependents.

Prisoners' Sunday is a time to think about how we as individuals, as a Church and as communities are serving those affected by imprisonment. Prisoners, people with convictions, and their children and families often find themselves on the margins of our society. Yet Jesus challenges us with His words: I was in prison and you came to see me.

CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal –

Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope in church, give online at cafod.org.uk

St. Anthony's Pram Club

Baby & Toddler Group meets on Tuesdays from 1.30-3.00pm (term time only) in the Annexe (St. Anthony's Drive). £2 per family including refreshments. Play * Music * Crafts * Chat

St Anthony's After School Club

are looking for a friendly, reliable and energetic playworker to join our team. Common sense, a willingness to get stuck in and a sense of humour are essential. Hours are 3pm till 5.30pm Monday to Friday, 38 weeks of the year. Holiday pay, sick pay, £10.42ph. Details on 07507304908 during opening hours or email safterschoolclub@gmail.com

"Two October Saints"

Join us on Wednesday in The Padua Room to explore the lives and teachings of two saints with feast days in early October. Sessions start at 7.00pm and will last an hour. On 4th October, we look at St Francis. For more information contact Jackie Stopyra on 07934 667292 or jackie.stopyra@gmail.com. The first two sessions explore the Mass as the heavenly banquet or supper of the Lamb.

Church Music

It would be good to involve other musicians from the parish, especially younger members. A number of our children receive tuition in school. Come and put your skills to good use, even if you don't feel particularly confident. Angie is very happy to give encouragement and support. If you want to speak to her ring 07581 629798.

More Daffodils!

Last Autumn the parish raised money for CAFOD when we planted daffodils in the church lawn, and they made a great display when they bloomed in April. We are planning to 'top up' the existing bulbs with another bag of bulbs (about 450-500) from Grow Preston, with the proceeds once again going to CAFOD. Planting will be on Sunday October 8th - which ties in with MiniVinnies running the coffee morning that day. The bulbs will be on sale at the back of church (50p, or 3 for £1.00) after the weekend Masses 23/24 Sept; 30 Sept/1 Oct; and 7/8 October.

St Vincent De Paul Society

"SVP would welcome anyone who might want to learn more about the work of this group within the community to join our St Vincent De Paul Meeting in the Padua Room 11am on 11th October 2023. The meeting takes up to an hour and we would love to meet you and talk about our work." Mary Ward, President.