

# St Anthony of Padua

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Confessions: 5.30—5.50pm

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## *Binding and Unbinding*

'The whole of Matthew 18 is a discourse on mutual relations within the Christian community and especially what to do when divisions arise, as must inevitably happen. In today's passage we see a procedure for dealing with a community member who has done 'something wrong'. Presumably it is some form of behaviour which is harmful to the quality of the whole community's witnessing to the Gospel. There have been various interpretations of this passage and it is one of the gospel passages which has been related to those who have a say in decision-making.' [1]

'But Jesus is not only addressing Peter or anyone in a position of authority. He is talking to all of us. What is it that we 'retain' in relation to what others have done to us, what we have done to others and what we have done to ourselves? When we allow ourselves to be bound by our negative memories, our hurts and our anger, we just keep repeating that past over and over again.' [2] Nelson Mandela described his awareness of this when he was released from prison where he spent 27 years. "As I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison."

'Forgiveness is the only way to free ourselves from the entrapment of the past. Forgiveness unbinds, frees us and loosens us so that something new can happen.' [1] In the second reading, Paul tells us that "love is the answer to every one of the commandments." 'Although we may not at first realise it, Jesus is saying the same thing when he says to treat the wrongdoer 'like a pagan or tax collector.' How did Jesus treat pagans and tax collectors? ... 'He treated them with the dignity that was due to someone created in the image of God. We can love the person without necessarily loving the actions of that person. When we speak and act with love, God will act through our words, our actions, our attitudes, our gestures or even by silence, a listening, accepting silence; [2] When we unbind others, we are also unbound.

Adapted: [1] Living space [2] Richard Rohr

*23rd Sunday of the Year*  
10th September 2023

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# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

## for the week beginning Saturday 9th September 2023

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Elizabeth Anne Allen	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Stanley Rodrigues For our parish	<b>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Collection: Cath. Education Service</i>
Mon 9.15am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Gabrielle Shea <i>Funeral Service: Gabrielle Shea</i>	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Joyce Sergant	<i>Feast: St. John Chrysostom</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	For our parish	<i>Feast: The Exaltation of the Cross</i>
Fri 12.30pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	<i>Funeral Mass: Maureen Fegan</i>	<i>Feast: Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Norman Mercer	<i>Feast: St. Cornelius</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For our parish Sandra	<b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>

**Last Weekend:** Attendance: 209 (107 + 102). Offertory: £656.65.  
Thank you for your generosity.

**Masses received this week:** John Talbot, Joyce Sergant, Ellen Fogell, Peter Fogell.

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

### Fair Trade

Last week Fair Trade sales were £32.85 with £1 donations. Thank you.

### 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: Derek Williams, Marie Cooper, Gabrielle Shay, Maureen Patricia Fegan;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: John Sanderson, Ron Carruthers, Roy Hull, Norman Mercer, Thomas Loughran, Lydia Etherington, Regina LaValle, Lilian Iddon, baby Gerard John, Helena Bradley, William Wilson. May they rest in peace.

### 'The Eucharist in Scripture'

Join us in the Padua Room at 7.00pm on Wednesday 13 September for a short course to explore the meaning of the Mass and Holy Eucharist. 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.

### St Vincent De Paul Society 1

Bishop Paul Swarbrick cordially invites you the celebration of Mass on Saturday, 16th September 2023 at Lancaster Cathedral at 12:15pm. Bishop Swarbrick will be dedicating this Mass for the St Vincent De Paul Society England and Wales and most especially for those in our diocese. There will be light refreshments following the Mass.

### St Vincent De Paul Society 2

"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 the 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.

### Fulwood Farmers' Market

The next one will be on Saturday 23rd September from 9.30am-1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church, Watling Street Road, PR2 8EA. Come and stock up on fresh local produce and Fairtrade products, and stay for a drink and a snack. The New to You stalls will also be open. Hope to see you there.

### Annual Diocesan Education Mass

Friday, 6th October at 6:30 pm at St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster LA1 3BT. The celebration gives us the opportunity to express our thanks and acknowledge the contribution made by all those in the Diocese involved in the work of education and formation in the faith. Following the Mass there will be the usual presentations of certificates, commissioning cards and commendations to those retiring. After the presentations refreshments will be served in Ashton Hall at Lancaster Town Hall, Dalton Square, a five minute walk from the Cathedral.

### St. Anthony's Social Events Group

There is a planning meeting on Tuesday 26th Sept at 7-15 in the Parish Centre. Suggested ideas include: Halloween party, Christmas carols event, Advent retreat. Then Look ahead to next year: Feb / Aarch adult event eg murder mystery, quiz, Casino night, Race night. Further ideas are always welcome.

### Carols Service!

Advance notice. On 10th December at 2pm. We will start rehearsing the choir at 10.45 on Sunday mornings from 3rd September. New singers are welcome.

The community choir 'Lost and Found' will be back from summer break on Tuesday 5th September from 7pm till 8.30pm in the school hall. All new members of any age and ability are welcome to join us.

### Celebration of Mass in Royal Preston Hospital

In the chapel every Monday at 5.30pm. Patients, visitors and staff all welcome.