

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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Advent Poem

It is not true that creation and the human family are doomed to destruction and loss --

This is true: For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life;

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction --

This is true: I have come that they may have life, and that abundantly.

It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word, and that war and destruction rule forever --

This is true: Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, his name shall be called wonderful counsellor, mighty God, the Everlasting, the Prince of peace.

It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world --

This is true: To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo I am with you, even until the end of the world.

It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the Church before we can be peacemakers --

This is true: I will pour out my spirit on all flesh and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions and your old men shall have dreams.

It is not true that our hopes for liberation of humankind, of justice, of human dignity of peace are not meant for this earth and for this history --

This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that the true worshippers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.

Dan Berrigan

Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B
24th December 2023 Missal: p57

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 23rd December 2023

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Kathleen Jones	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Dec. relatives/friends Whelan families Reed family	Fourth Sunday of Advent
6.00pm 8.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Francis O'Gara For our parish	Christmas Vigil
Mon 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Doris Wilson Draper family	CHRISTMAS DAY
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Frank Machin	<i>Feast: St. Stephen</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Marion Hughes	<i>Feast: St/ John</i>
Thur 12.45pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	<i>Funeral Mass:</i> Winifred Crabbe	<i>Feast: Holy Innocents</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Leonard Stevens	<i>Feast: St. Thomas Becket</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Peter Fogell	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Margaret Burns For our parish	The Holy Family

Last Weekend: Attendance: 206 (88 + 118). Offertory: £689.40.
Poor Missions: £10.00 Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: James Goss, Leonard Stevens, Enid Moran, Ray Wilson, Doris Wilson.

Catholic Voice: New issue is available from the back of church.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick, especially Jo Counsell, Bill Embery, Marie Morris, Carole & Gary Adnitt, Maureen Cafferkey, Les Farrer, baby Mairead, Angela Russell, Fr. Harry Holden, Fr. Jim Allen, Canon Dunstan Cooper;

We pray for those who have died recently: Jack Morton, Irene Atherton, Winifred Crabbe; and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Stan Surwila, Bill Moon, Ray and Doris Wilson, Winifred Williams, Eileen Dwyer, Daniel McCarthy, Gerard Allen, Mary Parkinson, Mary Frances Thompson, Frank Baron, Vera Cottingham.

May they rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sun: Vigil Mass at St. Anthony's 6.00pm (Carols from 5.30pm)

Sun: Vigil Mass at Holy Family 8.00pm (Carols from 7.30pm)

Christmas Day at St. Anthony's 9.30am

Christmas Day at Holy Family 11.00am

St. Anthony's School

At the end of term we said 'Goodbye' to our headteacher, Mrs Rachel Ballard. She has been a fine leader of our school for the past 10 years and moves on to be a schools advisor with Lancashire County. We thank her for her dedicated service of the children of our parish and particularly for the links she has been keen to build between the school and the parish. We wish her every success in her new role.

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Mrs. Jane Barnes as our new headteacher who will start at Eater. She is no stranger, being a parishioner and a former Governor of our school. She was also very involved in creating and delivering preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion unless her current commitment prevented that. As in recent years, she will be leading the music for us on Christmas morning.

Christmas Cribs Thanks once again to Harry and his elves for erecting and installing the two wonderful cribs inside church and outside the Presbytery. And to Ian for adding the figures and decoration.

And thanks to the Indian Catholic families for decorating the church again with such style! A Christmas favourite!

Crib Offerings

Bishop Paul has asked that the Crib offerings this year should go to the Holy Family Parish in Gaza.

Diocesan Directories

New Directories are at the back of church. Ringbound are £7 and ordinary bound are £6. Please put money in the Directories slot in the green safe.

Parish Charities 2024

69 ballot papers were received, and the Mary O'Gara Foundation will be our Domestic charity in 2024, and our Overseas charity will be Sightsavers. Full details are on the board at the back of church. Thank you to everyone who took part in this parish vote.

Wheelchairs

Has anyone borrowed a wheelchair from the back of church? We used to have two and now we have none.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024

with Bishop Paul Swarbrick, 23rd – 30th July 2024. There is a leaflet at the back of church or visit www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk