

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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“What are you looking for?”

This question is not only associated with the beginning of a new year because we reflect on this question every day with every choice and decision we make, with the priorities we establish and in the relationships we create. [1] Jesus asks unnerving questions, re-aligning questions, transforming questions. He leaves us betwixt and between, leading us into liminal space and therefore transformative space where God can get at us, and where we are not at all in control. [2] In the disciples response there is very little thought of what they personally wanted. They were chomping at the bit to know more about Jesus, to stick close to him, to live life with him and learn how and where he dwelt. [3] When the disciples asked, “Where do you live?” Jesus didn’t offer information; he invited relationship. “Come and see.” And the disciples ‘saw where he lived and stayed with him.’ [1] The word that’s translated here as see comes from the Greek horao. It can be translated as perceive, understand, recognise, experience. It’s a word that implies more than casual looking. This is a kind of seeing that invites us to look closely, to enter fully. It’s the kind of seeing that can transform us. This kind of seeing rarely happens quickly. We know from the stories of Jesus’ disciples that, though passionate about following him they weren’t always terribly quick on the uptake. They didn’t always perceive or understand. But, for the most part, they stayed with him. The word used for staying comes from the Greek word meno, which can also be translated as remain, abide, endure. It’s the same word that John the Baptist had used when he said that he saw the Spirit descend from heaven and remain on Jesus. Jesus uses the same word in John’s account of the Last Supper when he invites his disciples to abide in him as he abides in them. In their remaining, in their abiding in him, the disciples began to see more deeply. [4]

‘What are you looking for? Where are you staying? Those are not so much questions to be answered as they are experiences waiting and wanting to be lived. Would we rather read a travel brochure or travel to a new land? Would we rather know about Christ or know him? Our relationship with Christ, with one another, and with ourselves must be a first-hand experience. A first-hand experience won’t let us stay where we are. It moves us to a new place. It transforms us in a way that information and facts about Jesus never will.’ [1]

Adapted: [1] Michael Marsh [2] Richard Rohr [3] beholdreflect.com [4] Jan Richardson

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

14th January 2024

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 13th January 2024

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Harry Jones & Bill Gornall	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Tom & Marie Hooper For our parish	Second Sunday of the Year
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention (TB)	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Ann Wright	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Bill Lugsden	<i>Feast: St. Antony</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Jack & Mabel Willacy	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Fr. Bill Bootle	<i>Feast: St. Wulstan</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention (SA) Bruce Hunt	Third Sunday of the Year <i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>

Last Weekend: Attendance: 202 (90 + 112). Offertory: £636.50.
Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Bruce Hunt;

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.

Cold weather

This weekend and coming week predictions show cold and severe weather and maybe snow. Just a reminder to us all to keep an eye on the most vulnerable in our communities, it can be a very trying time for our housebound and those alone. As always keep a lookout out for these people.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

We pray for those who have died recently: Jack Morton, Irene Atherton, Enid Moran, Ann Maureen Wright;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Edith Higginson, John Howarth, Bob Taylor, Francis Cross, Eileen Bashall, Mary Hardy, Matt Moran, Alice Partington, Roderick Taylor, Jean Mangan, Stuart Cave, John Magee, Geoffrey Moss, Johanna McDonnell, Joseph Holden, Stephen Gardner, Marion Barton, Ilena Taylor, Alexander Latham.

May they rest in peace.

St. Anthony's Social Committee

Next meeting is on Friday 19th January at 7-30pm. Part of the Agenda will be the next Social event —"Murder on the Golf Course" with a hotpot supper on Friday 8th March.

St Walburge's Open Doors

During January you can climb the spire. Afterwards, tours of the church and refreshments are available. 13th, 20th. 27th January 1-5pm. Tickets available on TicketTailor: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stwalburgesshrinechurch/1082309#>
No ticket sales on the door. All proceeds go to the restoration project, especially the stunning hammerbeam roof.

Wednesday Evening Film Night

We will be watching 'AD Kingdom and Empire' over the next few weeks. This drama tells the story of the first few chapters of Acts of the Apostles. Wednesdays 7.00pm in the Padua Room, starting on 10th January 2024. For further information, contact Jackie on 07934 667292 or jackie.stopyra@gmail.com

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

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

This year will be held at Christ Church (Victoria Road) next Sunday 21st January at 3pm. The theme is 'Go and do likewise' and will take the form of a Songs of Praise.

Parish Charities 2024

The total raised for the 2023 Parish charities is £4192.70, to be split 50/50 between the Hygiene Bank and WaterAid. Thank You to all who contributed through various charity events during the past year, including the coffee after Mass.

The charities for 2024 are The Mary O'Gara Foundation and Sightsavers. Details of both are on the board at the back of church.

Fulwood Farmers' Market

The first market of 2024 will be held on Saturday 27th January 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. Do spread the word and hope to see you there.

CAFOD: Our parish, our community, our world needs you

Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our church? Which aspects of church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, inspiring our church to help build a better world or by visiting our local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the area? Could you support local volunteers or share your admin or people skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with lancaster@cafod.org.uk or could you take part in The Big Lent Walk? cafod.org.uk/walk.