

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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We Want to See Jesus

Jesus' disciples tell him that some Greeks wanted to see Him. [1] 'The word for "see" is derived from the Greek ὁράω which means more than glancing at. They wanted to become acquainted with Jesus, to have a deeper experience of Him, to know Him more intimately.' [2] 'At first Jesus' response to their request sounds good: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified". But then as he goes on, we become uncomfortably aware he has a different definition of glory; his glory is all bound up with his suffering and death.' [1]

'Sometimes we want to see Jesus on our terms. However, seeing Jesus is a way to be followed, a truth to be embodied, a life to be lived. We all know that dying is about more than our physical death. We die a thousand deaths throughout our lifetime: the loss of a loved one, a relationship, health, opportunities, a dream; all deaths we didn't want or ask for. Other times we choose our losses and deaths. We give up parts of ourselves for another. We change our beliefs and values so that we can be more authentically ourselves. And sometimes there are things we need to let go of, things we cling to that deny us the fullness of life we want and God offers: fear, anger or resentment, regret and disappointment, guilt, the need to be right, approval. It's being a grain of wheat that falls into the ground and dies so that it might bear much fruit. That's where we see him. It's the letting go, the emptying, the leaving behind, and the dying that makes space for new life to arise.' [3]

'The seed is in the ground.

Now may we rest in hope

While darkness does its work.

Often, I associate the idea of hope with light, and so the connection to darkness caught me off guard. But in the life of a seed, darkness is indeed the context of hope, where hope must be greatest, before the realisation of that hope opens into the first glimpses of light and bits of green.' [4]

Adapted: [1] Tim Chesterton [2] Jim Holbeck [3] Michael Marsh [4] Wendell Berry: Waiting in Hope

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 16th March 2024

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	George Keane	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For our parish Joseph Malinowski	<i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Margaret Rawcliffe	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	John & Agnes Cookson	<i>7pm Service of Reconciliation</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Marie Hooper	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	For our parish	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Frances Rocks	<i>6pm: Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Peter Fogell	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Alice & John Myerscough Joyce Hilton	<i>Sixth Sunday in Lent</i>

Last Weekend: Attendance: 244 (104 + 140). Offertory: £671.36.
Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Alice & John Myerscough, Joyce Hilton, Mollie Walmsley;

Tea, Coffee, cake etc. is served in the Padua Room after both weekend Masses.

Welcome into the family of faith:

Hazel Auri Patterson who was baptised in St. Anthony's last week.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick, especially Jo Counsell, Bill Embery, Les Farrer, Marie Morris, Angela Russell, Maureen Cafferkey, Deacon Tom Butler, baby Mairead, Fr. Harry Holden, Fr. Michael Murphy, Fr. Gerard Dakin, Fr. Daniel Etienne, Michael Connors, Karen Gunter;

We pray for those who have died recently: Barbara Cairns, Terry Robertson, Catherine Anderton, Jean Walkden;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Joan Bleakley, Margaret Rawcliffe, Elizabeth Murphy, Joseph Madden, Marie Hooper. May they rest in peace.

Covenant Books at Holy Family Church

For religious books, statues, rosary beads and all kinds of religious items.
tel. 01772 735993. Opening hours: Thursday & Friday 10am-4.00pm; Sat 10.00-12noon

LENT

Stations of the Cross In St. Anthony's Church each Friday in Lent at 6.00pm, led by members of our parish.

Service of Reconciliation

There will be a Lenten Service of Reconciliation in St. Anthony's Church next Tuesday at 7.00pm

Murder Mystery Social Evening

Thanks to all those who came along and to all who helped. It raised just under £500 for the parish charities.

Wednesday Evening Group

We are taking a break from our meetings until after Easter. We shall meet on 17th April 7.00pm. Keep an eye on the noticeboard and newsletter for what we are watching next.

Sacrament of Confirmation

We've asked bishop Paul to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in the parish soon. Arrangements will be announced soon.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion

The children are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Help Support a pro-Life Amendment

Support an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law. Collect a post-card today from the back of church and post it to your MP urgently in support of this amendment.

Offertory Envelopes

The next set of envelopes for 'planned giving' have arrived and will be distributed from next Sunday; these envelopes start at the beginning of April. Please let us know if you no longer pay tax or if you have started to pay tax. There are Gift Aid forms at the back of church for anyone who hasn't yet completed one to enable us to reclaim the tax on your donations. And if you don't have a set of envelopes just ask and we can let you have some.

We are also investigating the possibility of installing a card reader in church. Increasingly people are saying that they don't carry cash and this option has proved useful in some parishes.

"In the Know"

Rachel, our local P.C.S.O. has asked us to publicise their messaging service which allows residents to get direct updates and information from their local neighbourhood policing team. It offers essential crime prevention advice, information about burglaries and current crime trends. It also conveys good news stories of what the P.C.S.O.'s have been doing in the area and offers an opportunity for you to send messages directly to them. There is a short questionnaire at the back of church on which you can sign up for this email service. We can return them to Rachel, our P.C.S.O.