

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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From Darkness into Light

Early in the morning, while it was still dark... 'That's where Easter began two millennia ago. It's where Easter still begins now: in the dark. Easter began with fear and bewilderment. The first disciples had to hope *in the midst* of their struggles, in the heart of the shadows.' [1]

....*While it was still dark, Mary came running to the tomb*, while there was no hope, while she was in despair, while she felt lost, alone and bereft. The dawning of hope arises in those places where we are most hopeless, lost in the darkness of our despair. It is a hope that we are unable to engineer ourselves because it is a much larger hope than we can ever imagine. Unless the small picture that we have of our lives is shattered, we will not be able to awaken to the fuller picture that is possible.' [2] 'Every life crisis carries within it the kernels of a reversal, a renewal, an expansion, a leap in consciousness, and a letting go of the old and a birth of the new.' [3]

'The Easter message of **life** is found in the midst of death, not apart from it. The Easter message of **hope** arises from the centre of our sorrows and losses, not apart from them. The Easter message of **new possibilities** is at the heart of business as usual, not apart from it.

Death is real but it is not the end.

Those are truths of this day. They do not change the circumstances of our life but they change us in the midst of those circumstances. They do not eliminate our difficulties and problems, but they see us through those difficulties and problems.' [4]

May the spirit and light of this Easter morning lead us from darkness into the light of peace and hope and transfiguration. We were sent here to search for the light of Easter in our hearts, and when we find it we are meant to give it away generously. [5]

*Adapted: [1] Debie Thomas [2] Sharon Grussendorf [3] David Hawkins
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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 30th March 2024

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Mollie Walmsley Evie Bamber	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Harry Lonsdale	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Ann Lister	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Marie Kilshaw	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	K.M. Job	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Theresa Lockheart	<i>6pm Stations of the Resurrection</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 (S.A.) For our parish	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Divine Mercy</i>

Last Weekend: Attendance: 286 (93 + 193). Offertory: £573.23.
Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Joe Rogers, Marie Kilshaw, Special Intention (S.A.), Harry Lonsdale, Moira & Jim Airey;

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

Welcome into the family of faith:

Millie India Worden 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, Mgr. Frank Slattery, Fr. John Heavey, Michael Connors, Karen Gunter;

We pray for those who have died recently: Jean Walkden, Annie King, Marie Kilshaw; and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Mary Bamber, Harry Daggars, Frank Clarkson, Joe Rogers, Margaret Langtree, Rose Salter, Anne & Bert Keane, Melvyn Evans, Dorothy Pickles, Frances Dewhurst, Wladyslaw Stopyra, Thomas Hooper, Albert Butler, Michael Atkinson, Doreen Murray, Dorothy Heskin, Margaret Holden, Elizabeth Proctor, David McBride, James Gormley, John Myerscough, Alice Myerscough. May they rest in peace.

Covenant Books at Holy Family Church

For religious books, statues, rosary beads and all kinds of religious items.

Holy Week and Easter

Thanks again to all who generously gave their time to ensure worthy celebrations of these great liturgies of the year - it takes many people, many hours and generosity of gifts and time - sacristans; altar servers; organists; singers; readers; flower arrangers; those cleaning and preparing the churches; stewards; and last but not least all who come and join our community to celebrate together. Thank you to all who support our parish community in any way, not least through your offertory collection throughout the year. May God bless you all abundantly this Easter!

Stations of the Resurrection - Friday 5th April 6.00pm

Join us to reflect on 14 moments in the resurrection story.

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.

Offertory Envelopes

The next set of envelopes for 'planned giving' have arrived and are available today from the back of church.

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.

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

*May you have a very
happy and blessed Easter!*

