

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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True Leadership

'In biblical times there were two kinds of shepherds - the **hired hand** for whom keeping the sheep was just a job, moving from one flock to another depending on the job, but he wouldn't risk his life for the sheep. Then there was the **shepherd-owner** of the flock who grew up with the flock and stayed with its all his life. He knew each sheep individually and called each one by name. The sheep were kept in an enclosed space with only an opening for the sheep to go in and out. At night the shepherd would usually lay down across the opening so that the sheep would not wander out and wolves would not get in.' [1]

By calling himself the Good Shepherd, Jesus shows the kind of leadership that should exist in the community of his followers. We are all called to shepherd each other. "Our calling as shepherds is not to introduce something new, but to reveal, purify and intensify what is already there. Every shepherd is called to be a Sacrament of the mystical, a reminder for others of their divine loveliness." [2]

The world is in need of true leadership. 'Genuine leaders recognise the sacredness of the human presence. Leadership is not about function or bureaucracy. It is about awakening and empowering human presence.' [3] John O' Donohue offers us a prayer for leaders:

*May the gift of leadership awaken in you as a vocation,
Keep you mindful of the providence that calls you to serve...
May you have the wisdom to read time clearly
And know when the seed of change will flourish.
In your heart may there be a sanctuary
For the stillness where clarity is born.
May your work be infused with passion and creativity
And have the wisdom to balance compassion and challenge.
May you never put yourself at the centre of things.
May you act not from arrogance but out of service.
May your power never become a shell
Wherein your heart would silently atrophy.
May you welcome your own vulnerability
As the ground where healing and truth join.
May integrity of soul be your first ideal,
The source that will guide and bless your work.*

[1] Queen of Apostles community [2] Daniel O'Leary [3] John O' Donohue

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 20th April 2024

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Fr. M. Keane	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Tessa Frank For our parish	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Anthony Keane	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Fr. M. Murphy	<i>Feast: St. George</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Charles John Luzenze	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Fr. Peter Dolan	<i>Feast: St. Mark</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Neuza Maria Seles Paulino Stella Reid	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>

Last Weekend: Offertory. £593.19 Attendance: 243 (106 & 137).
Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Bill & family, Charles John Luyenze, Neuza Maria Seles Paulino.

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

Sacrament of Confirmation

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

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, Michael Connors, Karen Gunter, Fr Ossie Aisbitt, Fr. Harry Holden, Fr. Michael Murphy, Fr. Gerard Dakin;

We pray for those who have died recently: Fr. John Heaney, Fr. Tom Forster, Annie King, Brenda Loughran;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Winifred Marchant, Ellen Mason, Leo McGinty, Ronnie King, Gerald Walsh, Christina Gleeson, Sarah Jane Knowles, Vincent Machin, Anthony Proctor, Gabrielle Mills, Carole Nash. May they rest in peace.

Music at 9.30am Mass

For the next few weeks Angie will be unable to lead the singing at Sunday Mass. Have we any other musicians who can stand in—at least for one week? We thank Angie for playing every Sunday and Patrick for playing on Saturday evening Mass. It is a great contribution to our parish worship.

Lourdes young volunteers

Galvin and Emily are volunteering to go to Lourdes as youth helpers of the sick. They have to pay their own fare and keep so they will be running the after-Mass Coffee along with a Raffle this week-end. They will be glad of your support.

Vocations Sunday

Next Sunday we are asked to pray for and promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated religious life. There will be a Special Collection for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund.

SPUC Pro-Life Chain: Saturday 27th April 11.00 am – 1.00 pm

Please join us for this annual silent act of witness to remember the millions of unborn babies lost to abortion. Meet on London Road, Preston – just north of Ribble bridge. Stay for all or part of the time; bring a chair if required. For info tel 01772 723094.

Wednesday Film Night

Starts again this week, On Wednesday 17th April, we will learn more about the feast of Divine Mercy Sunday by watching "The Face of Mercy" narrated by Jim Caviezel. 7.00pm in the Padua Room. All welcome.

St. Anthony's Social Events

Details of the plans for St Anthony's Feast day celebrations will be given soon. We will need volunteers to bake, buy cakes, Raffle prizes, stall holders, catering. The teeny SVP are helping with the cakes, but we will need more cakes.

Preston Annual Corpus Christi Procession

At St. Walburge's Shrine Church on Sunday 2nd June 2024 at 2.00pm. All Parishioners and Parish group welcome.

A Year of Encounter

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. A Year of Encounter is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/ encounter for more information, including online sessions on 25 April and 4 May to learn more.