

# St Anthony of Padua

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Confessions: 5.30—5.50pm

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## *Namaste*

‘When John uses the words “the world” he does not mean nature or creation; he means “the system”—as humans invariably construct it—which is all about security, status, pleasure and power. These are not bad as such, but they are only limited goods, and many people let them become absolute goods. Today we hear Jesus pray that we be “in the world but not of the world,” that we compassionately accept the strange way we humans choose to operate and be willing to work inside it, but never really buy into it. If we are to be “in the world but not of the world,” we must be ready to waste time, so to speak, in prayer. ‘Wasting’ time in prayer means being ready to sit still in the presence of God, allowing His presence to seep into us and quietly challenge us. It is through prayer that we slowly recognise this same world as pervaded with heaven. [1]

James Finley describes this quiet time as a ‘daily rendezvous with God, with no agenda but love.’ In those moments we experience the ‘oneness’ that Jesus prays for us. ‘Oneness is less a goal toward which life is pressing, as it is a return to the truth in which we have always been held.’ [2] ‘We are already one. But we imagine that we are not. What we have to recover is our original unity. What we have to be is what we are.’ [3]TM ‘We are already one with everything. All that is absent is awareness. Awareness allows us to know this reality, and our openness to the Spirit within us allows this awareness to become transformational.’ [3]

‘Transformation comes by realising our union with God right here, right now, regardless of any performance or achievement on our part. A heart transformed by this realisation of oneness, of being ‘oned’ in God, knows that only love ‘in here,’ in me, can spot and enjoy love ‘out there.’ To each person – and to everything created - we can bow and say, ‘Namaste. The divinity in me salutes the divinity in you.’ [1]

Adapted: [1] Richard Rohr [2] Catherine T.Nerney [3] Thomas Merton [4] David Benner

***SEVENTH SUNDAY*** of ***EASTER*** Year B  
12 May 2024

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# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

## for the week beginning Saturday 11th May 2024

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	First holy communion children	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Marie Gardner First holy communion children	<b><i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i></b>
Mon 9.15am 10.15am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Ellen Kenyon <i>Funeral Service:</i> Ellen Kenyon	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Anthony O'Connor	<i>Feast: St. Matthias</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Helena Galvin	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	James Masheter	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Gerard Machin	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Teresa Smith Nicholas Bryson	<b><i>Pentecost</i></b>

**Last Weekend:** Offertory. £662.55 Attendance: 221 (75+146).  
Thank you for your generosity.

**Masses received this week:** Jack Adamson, Marie Gardner, Teresa Smith, Bob & Marie Garlington, Nicholas Bryson, Joe Howard.

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

**Welcome into the family of faith:**

Freya Bland-Gallagher 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, Michael Connors, Karen Gunter, Fr Ossie Aisbitt, Fr. Harry Holden, Mgr. Patrick Mulvaney, Fr. Michael Murphy, Fr. Gerard Dakin, John Mulholland;

We pray for those who have died recently: Fr. Gerard Dakin, Brenda Loughran, Ellen Kenyon;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Josephine Slater, Malcolm Rogerson, Gertrude and Francis Dewhurst, John Dwyer, Eileen Terrins, Joyce Shufflebotham, Joseph Noon, Vera Swan, John Kay, Marlene Truesdale, Margaret Johnson, James Kinsells, John Lovett, Joseph Waddington. May they rest in peace.

### Congratulations to our First Holy Communion children!

The children of our parish will be receiving their first holy communion at the 11.00am Mass this weekend. Please continue to pray for them and their families. We are especially thankful to our catechists who give so much time and love and faith to preparing the children and their parents.

### 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?

**Fairtrade stall:** Donations CAFOD: £1.30; Rwanda books/Donations: £20.30  
Fairtrade sales: £41.20;

### Wednesday Evening Group

Over the next few weeks, we will be watching The Chosen - series 3. Padua Room, Wednesdays at 7.00pm. Each session lasts around one hour. This drama tells the story of Jesus and his followers. It explores the background of 1st century Judea and the life stories of the disciples. You do not need to have seen the first two series. Come and try! All are welcome.

### Holy Family Plant Sale

On Sundays 12 and 19 May, after 11.00am Mass, parishioners of Holy Family will be holding an annual Plant Sales in aid of WINGS, in the church hall. Cash donations please for all sales. There should be something for everybody so please come across and have a browse. Drinks and refreshments will also be provided as usual.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

We've started preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you have registered check your e-mail. If you haven't, have a word with Fr. Peter. asap.

### 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.

### Catholic Voice

The latest edition of our Diocesan newspaper is available from the back of church. Please take a copy. There's always things of interest for young people from Castlerigg.

### Congratulations!

To Jayne Morgan and Benjamin Housson who were married at St. Anthony's this weekend. May God bless them as they manifest the love of God to each other.

### "Faith in Food – From the table of the Lord to the table of the world".

This is an open meeting of the Northern Dioceses Environment Group to which all are invited. We will share and develop our understanding of the importance of food and its local, global and faith significance in today's world - a subject of increasing importance! Its this coming Saturday (18 May) at St Wilfred's Parish Centre 10.30-15.00 with Jacobs Join lunch.