

# St Anthony of Padua

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Confessions: 5.30—5.50pm

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## *Experiencing the Mystery of the Trinity*

'The deepest and most profound truths of our lives are not provable facts. They are those which offer experiences and meaning, not explanations and understanding.' [1] 'We have framed the teaching on the Trinity as a belief rather than as an experience.' [2] How can we experience the mystery of the Trinity? It may surprise us to discover that we have many fleeting experiences of the Trinity in our daily lives.

We experience God as Father, the invisible Source of all life, whenever we stop in wonder at the birth of a child; whenever our hearts rejoice to see the first signs of Spring; or whenever we 'give ourselves over to the beauty of the setting sun giving itself over to us.' [3]

We experience God as Jesus, as Christ, the Son of God, God-among-us; 'the one who makes visible this eternal invisibility.' [4] We do not experience Jesus in his humanity. We experience Christ as the Word. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." (John 1:1-3) 'Christ is deeply embedded in all things – as all things. We live in a Christ-soaked universe.' [4]

'We experience God deeply within us as Holy Spirit when we experience a oneness with God and with each other, when we are energised to find ways to deepen and sustain that oneness. Our core, our deepest DNA, is divine; it is the Spirit of Love implanted within us by our Creator.' [4]

To choose to be baptised in the name of the Trinity, and to affirm that choice, is to respond to the invitation to live our lives growing in awareness of the reality of being one with God the Father, Source of all life; with Christ the Son of God, God among us; and with God within us as the Holy Spirit, deepening our awareness of our oneness with God and with each other. Here we have an understanding of the Trinity that moves out of abstract doctrine into intimate experience.' [2]

Adapted: [1] M. Marsh [2] Matthew Wright [3] J. Finley [4] R. Rohr

*Trinity*  
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(8th week in Ordinary Time)  
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# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

## for the week beginning Saturday 25th May 2024

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Ellen Fogell	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Bob & Marie Garlington For our parish	<b>Trinity</b>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Canon Maurice O'Connell	<i>Feast: St. Augustine of Canterbury</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Lockheart family	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Jane Proctor	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Norah Stanton	<i>Feast Visitation of Bl Virgin Mary</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Maureen Cafferkey	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Robbie & Patricia Hasson For our parish	<b>The Body &amp; Blood of Christ</b> <i>(Corpus Christi)</i>

**Last Weekend:** Offertory. £556.18. Attendance: 218 (84 & 134).  
Thank you for your generosity.

**Masses received this week:** Sabina McDonagh, Canon Maurice O'Connell.

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

### Covenant Bookshop at Holy Family, Ingol

Please note the new phone number for Covenant Books at Holy Family Ingol:  
07396 796969

### Fr. Gerard Dakin's Funeral Mass

Is at Sacred Heart church this Friday at 11.30am.

#### PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick, especially Jo Counsell, Bill Embery, Les Farrer, Marie Morris, Angela Russell, baby Mairead, Michael Connors, John Mulholland, Deacon Tom Butler, Karen Gunter, Fr. Bob Halshaw, Fr Ossie Aisbitt, Fr. Harry Holden, Mgr. Patrick Mulvaney, Fr. Michael Murphy;

We pray for those who have died recently: Fr. Gerard Dakin, Maureen Cafferkey; and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Brian Davies, Maria Feldwick, Vincent Gale, Joseph Gildert. Gerald Hadyn Curwen, Leslie Curwen, Jack Burke, Gerald Wilding, Louise Baxendale, Bill Carling, Gerald Ibison, Robert Bradley, Ian Speight. Sabina McDonagh, Norah Stanton, Teresa Clarkson, Peter Clayton. May they rest in peace.

### St. Anthony's Feast Day will be celebrated on 9th June.

St. Anthony's school are doing a display board - other groups including children's liturgy, CAFOD, SVP etc; our school preparing a song for the end of mass - writing and reading the bidding prayers - the Scouts and guides will parade in, the altar will be a treat as usual, visiting organist in place and singers, souvenir cards. After 9.30 Mass there will be refreshments in the Parish Centre, with cakes, drinks and hot dogs, School children singing and dancing, Professional entertainment for all, Stalls, raffles, crafts and games. All proceeds to the Parish Charities. Volunteers are needed or cakes please, and donations for tombola prizes are especially welcome (see (box at back of church). Thanks to Ian and the Social Group for arranging all these.

### New Lectionary

There will be a new translation of the Lectionary in use from Advent this year. All parishes have to move from the Jerusalem Bible translation (with psalms from the Grail) to the English Standard Version: Catholic Edition (ESV-CE) of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter.

Just to be clear, the liturgical books in use in Church are the Missal, which contains the prayers for every Mass, and the Lectionary, which contains the Scripture Readings. If you have your own Missal this will contain both the prayers and the Scripture Readings but these Readings will no longer be the ones in use after the first Sunday of Advent. There will be new Missals available and we are hoping there might be a discount for buying these in quantity but no news on that yet. We are not sure if we will still be able to print the Readings on the back of the Newsletter as we do currently. We need copyright permission. We believe the new translation of the Readings will be available on the Universalis app for use on phones and tablets.

### Preston Annual Corpus Christi Procession

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

### Stop Abortion Up To Birth

Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have tabled amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill that would make extreme changes to our abortion laws. Both amendments would make it more likely that babies are aborted at home for any reason, up to birth. To oppose the abortion up to birth amendments, email your MP via this easy-to-use link: [www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth)

### 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?

### 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.