

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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Remain in My Love

When reflecting on the readings every Sunday, we can feel overwhelmed by the many images presented to us. For many years the practice of Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) has been a recognised way of praying the Scriptures, where we read through a passage a few times and become sensitive to a word or phrase which speaks to us. It is less a practice of reading than one of listening to the inner message of the Scripture.

When reading today's gospel we could stay with the words 'Remain in My Love'. 'The word remain tells me that I am already in Love; that my DNA is divine; that I am already connected to all that Love has created.' [2]

We can stay with this reality for as long as we want and as often as we want. When we do so, we will come to realise that 'abiding in something is not the same as emulating it. We often treat Jesus as a role model, and then despair when we can't live up to his high standards. Jesus' love is not only our example; it is our source. It is where our love originates and deepens; where it replenishes itself. In other words, if we don't abide, we can't love. Jesus' commandment to us is not that we wear ourselves out, trying to conjure love from our own easily depleted resources. Rather, it's that we abide in the place where divine love becomes possible, that we make our home in Jesus' love.

Jesus' commandment leads us straight to paradox: we are called to action via rest. "Love one another." "Bear fruit." As we abide in love, we are called to become love. We will become what we attend to; we will give away what we take in. The commandment — or better yet, the invitation — is to drink our fill of the Source, which is Christ, spill over to bless the world, and then return to the Source for a fresh in-filling, over and over again. ' [2] The more we experience that we remain in His Love, the more we will love others, the more we will bear fruit and the more our joy will be complete.

Adapted: [1] Richard Rohr [2] Debie Thomas

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 4th May 2024

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Gerard Machin	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Juliette Banks For our parish	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Bridget Rogers	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Bill & family	
Wed 9.15am 7.30pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Joan & Len Airey For our parish	
Thur 9.15am 10.30am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Vincent Machin For our parish	<i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Sarah O'Donnell	
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	<i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>

Last Weekend: Offertory. £ 594.54 Attendance: 210 (84+126).
Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Bridget Rogers, Joan & Len Airey, Bill & family, Jessica O'Connor, Anthony O'Connor, Jane Proctor.

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

Welcome into the family of faith:

Lucy-Belle Forrest and Lottie-Cora Forrest-Neale who were 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. John Heaney, Fr. Tom Forster, Brenda Loughran, Darren Towey, Helena Galvin, Ellen Kenyon;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Bridget Rogers, Kenneth McKenzie, Dorothy Hedley, Goy McCann-Moon, Geraldine Fazio, Molly Rogers, Frances Fragle, Marie Coombes, George Ross, Christopher Cain, Audrey Cross, Lily Anna Forrest-Cottam, Moira Madden, Robert Garlington, Michael How, Marie Gardner, Carole Worgan, Margaret Yates, Jean Browick. May they rest in peace.

First Holy Communions

The children of our parish will be receiving their first holy communion at the two Masses next weekend. Please pray for them and their families.

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.

Fairtrade stall is operating this weekend.

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.

CAFOD Emergency Sudan Appeal

CAFOD are launching an emergency appeal for the people of Sudan. At least 25 million people need immediate emergency help, the situation has gone from serious to desperate very quickly. 'This crisis threatens to become the worst in living memory.' The UN is calling it 'the world's worst displacement crisis'. When violence broke out last year between government and paramilitaries, most aid agencies evacuated. Now, humanitarian workers are struggling to get back into Sudan to help. Many borders are shut. But the Church and CAFOD's local partners are still there and already responding. We will hold a Special Collection at the Sunday Masses on 4 th/5 th May. As always you can contribute on-line and further information is on the CAFOD website.

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.