

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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Sowing is about releasing life

'There's always room for a story that can transport people to another place.' (J. K. Rowling) Jesus was the Master Storyteller. He knew that 'when we move into mystery, into what is a meeting of the transcendent and the ordinary, we need words and images to express what is beyond expression. Today's Gospel story uses the images of a sower and seeds to express the mystery of God's kingdom, the "where God is experienced." [1]

The first parable focuses on the attributes of the sower who represents us and our efforts to live fruitful lives. **'Sowers are people of hope,** a hope that comes from letting the past be, like the turning over of the soil before a new crop is planted. Once he has planted the seed, the sower has no way of knowing how the seed is doing. That is the great lesson of sowing, learning to wait, trusting what we cannot see.' [2] 'It is a time of surrendering to the transformation process within us. This surrender is almost the exact opposite of giving up. In fact, it allows us to be given to.' [3] 'How we grow depends on how we receive what comes to us.' [2]

'Sowers are life-givers. The sower respects the sacredness of life and knows that sowing is about releasing life, about releasing hidden beauty and potential.' [2]

The second parable focuses on the seed, which represents our awareness of the gift of God's life and love within us. As our awareness grows, so does our desire to help others deepen that awareness within them. 'We do this in small ways, from small acts of kindness, from reaching out of one person to another, from the smile extended to a stranger: little things done with love. That's the story of most of our lives. [3] These 'mustard-seed-size' ways of expressing our love through everyday actions are ways that will create a world in which everyone will find a home.

Adapted: [1] Sundays into Silence - A Pathway to Life [2] Sister Stan [3] Richard Rohr

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 15th June 2024

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Fr. Bill Bootle Dads of the parish (Fathers' Day)	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Graham Worswick	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Delia Lavelle	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Roy Garside	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Mary Wignall	<i>Feast St. Alban</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	<i>Feast: St. Aloysius Gonzaga</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Rita Keane	<i>Feast: Ss John Fisher & Thomas More</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Lisa Marie Matsubara For our parish	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Weekend: Offertory. £696.98. Attendance: 387 (108 & 279).
Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Graham Worswick, Lisa Marie Matsubara, Rita Keane.

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

Covenant Books at Holy Family, Ingol

Please note the new phone number for Covenant Books at Holy Family Ingol: 07396 796969. The shop is open Thursday and Friday 10.00-4.00 and Saturday 10.00-12noon.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick, especially Jo Counsell, Bill Embery, Marie Morris, Angela Russell, Michael Connors, John Mulholland, Deacon Tom Butler, Karen Gunter;

We pray for those who have died recently: Fr. Bob Halshaw, Maureen Cafferkey, Mary (Molly) Wignall;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Fr. Thomas Harrison, Mary Derry, Teresa Routledge. Jackie Bennett-Baut, Robert Whittacker, Roy Garside, Robert Salisbury, John Gielty, Anne Jervis, Doreen Noon, Thomas Donaghy.

St. Anthony's Feast Day

A big thank you to all the Parish societies, groups and parishioners for making St Anthony's feast day celebration such a success—everyone for making the Mass special which included – altar servers, Angie and the choir and visiting organist, CAFOD, SVP and Uniformed for Offertory procession, Scouts and guides paraded in, School in terms of the display board, Bidding Prayers and singing on the altar, the readers, the flower ladies for their preparation of lovely displays, children's liturgy, Parish Group displays at back of Church, Harry for putting the bunting up outside.

From every cup washed, cake baked, knitted garment sold, and candle lit, it was a real Parish event. After expenses were paid a staggering £708.50 was raised for our Parish charities. Not all the raffle prizes were collected. The list of winners are on the notice board and the unclaimed prizes are in the shop.

Sacrament of Confirmation

We will be pleased to welcome Bishop Paul to St. Anthony's to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday 8th July at 6.30pm.

CAFOD Parish Walk & Picnic

The (by now traditional) CAFOD Parish Walk & Picnic will take place on Sunday 30 June. Starting from church at 2pm, a gentle stroll along the canal, through Haslam Park. Bring a picnic and picnic rug! Level route - pram friendly! This is not a CAFOD fundraiser - just for fun!

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)

There will be a meeting to establish a new Preston Branch of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children on Saturday 6th July at 1pm at the Preston SPUC Office. The office is located at Unit 10, Lockside Office Park, Lockside Road, Preston, PR2 2YS. Everyone is warmly invited to attend. For further details, please contact Terry Graham, SPUC Northern Development Officer, on 07549 068226 or by email at terrygraham@spuc.org.uk

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. 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.

St. Walburge's Summer Fair!

Sunday, 23rd June from 12.30 to 3.30pm. Food, games, bar, etc., Fun for the whole family. All welcome! St Walburge's Hall, off Weston Street, PR1 1TW

Wednesday Evening Group

We are currently watching The Chosen - series 3. Padua Room, Wednesdays at 7.00pm. Each session lasts around one hour. Come and try! All are welcome.