

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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‘Where love is, God is there.’

In today’s gospel, we can see from the Jewish leaders’ cynical reaction to Jesus that they had their own agenda and consequently they failed to experience the Spirit at work in Jesus. ‘Jesus didn’t follow the prescribed order. He wasn’t subservient to the system. And that didn’t sit well with them because they had taken charge of the Sabbath and they thought that that put them in charge of humanity.’ [1] ‘They could not deny the good that Jesus did, but in order to cling to their own fixed position they could only reinterpret it, saying that it was a trick of the devil.’ [2]

By refusing to be open to the presence of God’s Spirit, the Scribes punished themselves, imprisoned by their adherence to their systems and structures. ‘Yet for Jesus, all is forgivable. Forgiveness is something much more than escaping punishment or responsibility for a misdeed. Forgiveness means freedom, restoration, transformation, renewal and healing. And there is nothing outside of it. There is no one and nothing outside of the transforming, renewing, resurrection power of the Divine.’ [1] Jesus always stands before us as the image of unity, wholeness, integration. The road back to wholeness involves openness and humility. It is a journey that does not involve positions of guaranteed privilege. Even the blood relatives of Jesus have no special standing in the kingdom. To belong to Jesus is equally open to all.’ [2]

Today we are invited to find ways which will enable us to experience the presence of God ‘who comes to us disguised as our lives.’ [3] ‘Our task is to find that which moves us to love and to give ourselves to it in love.’ [4]

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Adapted: [1] Rev. Hanson spiritinthedesert.org [2] Michael Marsh [3] Paula D’Arcy
[4] James Finley [5] Hymn: Ubi Caritas

10th Week in Ordinary Time Year B

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 8th June 2024

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Sabina McDonagh	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For our parish Ray Cope	10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Cletus Aduku (birth)	
Tue 10.00am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Funeral Mass: Maureen Cafferkey	<i>Feast: St. Barnabas</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	For operation success (CS)	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Wedding blessing (Zoe & Jake)	<i>Feast: St. Anthony of Padua</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>	Fr. Bill Bootle Dad's of the parish (Fathers Day)	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Weekend: Offertory. £494.16. Attendance: 229 (94 & 135).
Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Delia Lavelle, Fr. Bill Bootle, for operation success.

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

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;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Tom Singleton, Gertrude Dewhurst, Elsie Nickson, Bill Moon, Maria Feldwick, Gerard Dunderdale, Jill Burns, Dick Salisbury, Mildred Wareing, Josephine Higginson, Doreen Corr, Kathleen Beardsworth, Ronald Livesey, Frank Parkinson, Dermot O'Malley, Lisa Marie Matsubara, Laurence Dunnagan.

May they rest in peace.

St. Anthony's Feast Day will be celebrated this weekend

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). Contact Karen Hardman 07954575548 if you need any further information. If you have any cakes please bring them to the Padua Room after 6pm mass on Saturday or to the Parish Centre BEFORE Mass.

Thanks to Ian and the Social Group for arranging all these.

D-Day Landings

This week has seen celebrations to mark the 80th anniversary of the D-Day invasion. We have our own tribute in church this weekend. Thanks to Karen and the knitters.

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.

Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries Red Box 2023

In 2023, our Parish raised £1,541 through our Red Boxes and other donations in support of their vital work overseas in enabling people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and improving the lives of the those living in poorer communities. Grateful thanks to all those who support the missions in this way and to those who volunteer their time in collecting the Red Box offerings.

Fair Trade stall last week

The proceeds were air Trade £41.70; Cafod £1; Rwanda £26.40
Many thanks to all who supported.

There is a Rwanda Table Top Sales next Saturday, 15th at 10a.m. until 1p.m. See poster for details and to book a table for £10.

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