

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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“What must I do to inherit eternal life?”

You come here not to gaze at God but to let God gaze at you. [1]

We could stay with these words for as long as it takes to reawaken our awareness that we already ‘possess’ eternal life. Like the man in today’s gospel, we can’t fully understand what that means ‘because we can only allow ourselves to be grasped by it. That kind of surrender is needed if we are ever to experience the Eternal within us.’ [2] Jesus looked steadily at that young man and loved him. ‘Jesus saw that the young man had identified himself with his possessions. His sense of self was wrapped in his belongings. To give them up he felt that he would lose himself.’ [3] ‘So he went away sad, for he was a man of many possessions. Jesus’ love doesn’t leave the young man where he is. Jesus’ love isn’t ‘nice.’ It doesn’t prioritise the young man’s comfort over his salvation. Jesus’ love is provocative. It’s incisive. It’s sharp. Even as it offers unconditional love, it also offers a mind-boggling challenge. [4]

To describe this challenge, Jesus uses the image of the “Eye of the Needle” which has been claimed to be a gate in Jerusalem, which opened after the main gate was closed at night. A camel could only pass through this smaller gate if it was stooped and had its baggage removed. To experience eternal life now we need to take a fresh look at the baggage we carry, possessions which we think are riches. ‘These possessions can take the shape of a person, an ideology, a place or thing that we have an attachment for. While rightfully enjoying some of our possessions, we may notice a change within us when we hand over to them the power to make us happy or unhappy.

To really hear a symphony, we must be sensitively attuned to every instrument in the orchestra. When we take pleasure only in the drum, we cease to hear the symphony because the sound of the drum has blotted out the other instruments. A preference does not damage our capacity to hear and enjoy the other instruments, but the moment our preference turns into attachment, it hardens us to the other sounds and we suddenly undervalue them. Awareness, rather than renunciation, shows us how blind we can become to the world’s needs – and our own – when we remain encumbered by our baggage. The rich young man couldn’t experience eternal life not because he was bad but because he chose to be blind.’ [5] When we no longer think that our happiness depends on a person, place or thing, we will have found in our heart the answer to the question, “Master, what is it that I must do to experience eternal life?”

Adapted: [1] Words quoted in a Hindu temple [2] R.Rohr [3] Matthew Wright [4] Anthony de Mello

28th Week in Ordinary Time
13th October 2024

Year B
Missal 931

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 12th October 2024

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Ellen Fogell	
Sun 9.30am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Francis Kellett John Talbott	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Prayer for Prisoners & their families</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Veronica Judge	<i>Feast: St. Teresa of Avila</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Frank Routledge	
Thur 11.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	<i>Funeral Mass: Patricia Davies</i>	<i>Feast: St. Ignatius of Antioch</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	<i>Feast: St. Luke</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Joseph Henry Thompson	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Moira Airey Bill York	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Mission Sunday—APF Collection</i>

Last Weekend: Offertory: £623.54. Attendance: 221 (86 + 135).
Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Francis O’Gara, Moira Airey;

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

Fairtrade Stall: This will be open this weekend.

Choirs in Harmony

A very big thank you to everyone who helped make the Choirs in Harmony concert on Sunday such a success. After expenses a staggering £525 was raised for this year’s charities. Most of the raffle prizes were claimed on Sunday apart from two. The list is on the notice board and the prizes are in the shop. Karen H.

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: Audrey Patricia Davies, Theresa Hamer, Moira Airey;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Winston Daley, John McCormack, Bill Cosgrove, Philip Fitzgerald, Ron Reid, George McMillan, Margarette Moylan (Ogle), Joe & Margaret Counsell, Frank Routledge, Joseph Henry Thompson, John McDermott, Veronica Judge. May they rest in peace.

CAFOD’s Family Fast Day appeal – Harvest (Friday 4 October)

Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD and you’ll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope.

St. Anthony’s Social Events

Anyone who can help with any of these social events on a rota basis, either by baking/buying cakes or by light kitchen duties please contact Karen Hardman 07954575548

Planning our Annual Carol Concert

If you enjoy singing carols, please join us as we practice for our Annual Carol Concert. We will start rehearsing at 10.45 on Sunday after Mass.

Wednesday Evening Group.

Film Night this week will be 'Karol', the incredible story of Pope John Paul II before and after he became Pope. In the Padua Room at 7pm. All are welcome.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary

Wherever Mary appeared she always told us to pray the rosary for Peace on Earth. We will do this after morning Mass on Mondays and Fridays throughout October. This weekend we are starting a **Sunday Evening Rosary Group** to pray the Rosary with short meditations, followed by a cuppa and chat for anyone who wishes. All are welcome to come along to the Padua Room at 6.30p.m. 'Come and See'.

St. Anthony’s SVP Group

SVP National Summer Raffle winners are:-
£5,000 220150 - £1,000 288272 - £100: - 192750, 205327, 177575, 255056, 189006, 235733, 208632, 272903, 208675, 234904, 201524, 177265, 177477, 236602, 190189.
If you would like to join one of our SVP meetings you are most welcome. Our next meeting will be Wednesday 11am November 13th 2024 in the Padua Room. Thank you everyone for supporting your SVP here at St Anthonys.

Assisted Dying (Suicide)

There is likely to be a vote in Parliament before Christmas. Watch actor and disability rights advocate Liz Carr’s BBC documentary on assisted suicide, Better Off Dead? where she examines the impact of one of the world’s most extreme assisted suicide laws in Canada. Watch free online (you do not need a TV licence): righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead

Two Courses at The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst

1. St Thomas More and Religious Freedom, 18th October. Join Lord Alton and Dr Marcus Cole for a free evening lecture exploring the legacy of the great saint and martyr of the English Reformation, St Thomas More. Registration required:
<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/st-thomas-more-and-religious-freedom/>

2. Praying with St Dominic, 1st – 3rd November 2024
This retreat explores the life and faith of St Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans). His Marian devotion and the place of the rosary in Christian prayer will be a special focus of this retreat preached by Fr Lawrence Lew, OP. For information and to register, click here <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/praying-with-saint-dominic/>