

St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday Masses: 6.00pm (Saturday Vigil), 9.30am.
Weekday Mass: Mon-Wed, Fri: 9.15am. (Thurs 9.15am at Holy Family)
Confessions: 5.30—5.50pm

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Where there is no love, put love and you will find love

'Love is our origin. Love is our constant calling. Love is our destiny. God created us out of love, calls us to be mirrors of his love in the world and reach our goal of living in love in his presence for ever. Love has the power to effect change. God's love which is faithful and unconditional sets a very high ideal for us in every aspect of our lives. However, God's love is a forgiving and healing love when we find it difficult to live up to those ideals.' [1]

We do not find that compassionate approach in the Pharisees. 'Their question is not a pastoral question. It is a legal question. They are not worried about the spiritual or emotional well-being of a couple. In fact, as on other occasions, their main objective is to find a way to destroy Jesus.' [2]

'In his responses to the Pharisees and to his disciples, Jesus, in his vision for marriage, sets out a high ideal: God's ideal, that was there from the beginning. We are well aware that there can be a gap between what we are and what we want to be, between the reality and the ideal.' [2] Whatever decisions we make, 'somehow love has to be preserved if wounds are to be healed. Love is something we learn. Love is something we live. Love grows as it is 'forged' by the concrete situations in which we find ourselves. Love is born and constantly develops amid lights and shadows. Love can flourish when we try not to make conflict the last word, but rather a new opportunity: an opportunity to seek help, an opportunity to question how we need to improve, an opportunity to discover the God who is with us and never abandons us.' [3]

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Adapted: [1] galwaydioces.ie/reflection [2] Michael Marsh
[3] Pope Francis. Synod on family 2015 [4] St John of the Cross

27th Week in Ordinary Time

6th October 2024

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Missal 931

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 5th October 2024

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Marjorie Garside For our parish	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Cafod Fast Day envelopes</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Mr & Mrs Livesey	<i>Feast: Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	In thanksgiving	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	May Cookson	<i>Feast: St. John Henry Newman</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Ellen Fogell	<i>Feast: St. Wilfrid</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Francis Kellett For our parish	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Prayer for Prisoners & their families</i>

Last Weekend: Offertory: £684.97. Attendance: 249 (88 + 161). Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Mr & Mrs Livesey (Ruby anniversary), May Cookson, In thanksgiving;

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

Welcome into the family of faith:

Remi Anna Eastham who was baptised in St. Anthony's last week. And to Ivy Marie Rawcliffe.

Diocese of Lancaster Centenary

Centenary BALL: Join an evening of dining, dancing, and fellowship as we mark this significant milestone on Friday 3rd January 2025, from 6pm at The Villa, Levens (near Kendal). Please visit www.lancastercentenaryball.com or alternatively contact info@lancastercentenaryball.com for further details and ticket reservation.

Fairtrade Stall: Please support our Fairtrade stall this weekend.

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;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Helen Duckworth, Tom Turner, Jack Greenwood, George Elliott, Terry Farrell, Francis Kellett, Lily Doyle, Maria Sheridan, Drina Hope. 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.

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.

Choirs in Harmony

- will be performing TODAY (Sunday) 6th October at 2pm in St Anthony's church and afterwards for refreshments and a raffle in the Social Centre. The tickets are £5.00 and can be purchased after the evening or morning Mass, or direct from Karen Hardman 07954575548. All proceeds are for the Parish Charities.

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

Wednesday Evening Group.

Film Night this week and next 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. Also there will be Rosary 'with a difference' at 6.30pm in the Padua Room each Sunday. Future starting time can be discussed with anyone interested.

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 de Guzman, 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/>

Catholic Voice Newspaper

Copies of the October issue are at the back of church – please take one.

'Bringing Communities Alive'

- an event organised by Lancaster Diocese Faith & Justice Commission is on Saturday 12th October at the Lancaster Cathedral Social Centre, Balmoral Road, Lancaster, LA1 3BT. Speakers will include: Bishop Paul Swarbrick, Sir John Battle and Clare Dixon from CAFOD. You are most welcome to attend for some or all of the day but please bring your own lunch if you are attending over the lunchtime period. Tea and coffee will be provided. To register your interest please contact Sue Grubic- ldfjsue@gmail.com or 07791444417