

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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Endings and Beginnings

Each year at the end of December, the end of the chronological year, we often reflect on our experiences during previous years and we also wonder what the future holds for us. When we do this, our concept of time is that it can be exactly measured. We call that chronos time. At the end of November, we celebrate the end of the Liturgical year which is lived in kairos time, a qualitative time also known as "Deep Time", an experience where our perception of chronos stops or disappears, when past, present, and future time all come together as one.

Today's first reading and the gospel passage contain prophecies of what will happen after certain events – in chronos time – have taken place. 'Maybe these readings are about 'an' ending and not 'the' end.' [1] 'These passages are examples of apocalyptic literature which uses exaggerated images. While we normally use the word "apocalypse" to mean to destroy or to threaten, in its original context apocalypse simply means to reveal something new. Kaluptein is the Greek word for 'to cover' and apo means 'un', so apokaluptein means to uncover or unveil. The key is that in order to reveal something new, we have to get the old out of the way. Apocalyptic literature is not meant to strike fear in us about the end of the world, but to encourage in us a radical rethinking of the worlds that we have created.' [2]

'Today's gospel reading takes place as Jesus is leaving the temple and follows on from when he foretells its destruction. Jesus is telling his disciples that the story of their life and identity is changing and will be replaced with another. He's telling them that they will need to let go of the old view of life, the world, themselves, even of God. They will have to let go of their 'temple story'. So must we. We all have stories and experiences that have defined us, shaped who we are, given meaning and direction to our lives, and have been the motivation for what we do, how we think, and the ways we relate. They are powerful stories that give structure to our lives and upon which we have built our life and identity. They are the 'temple stories' that shape our view of the world, ourselves, others and God.[1]

Our life stories are mainly written in chronos time and are therefore finite. However, when we look back on our lives, we will remember those moments when we have had a taste of the infinite, a taste of eternity, an experience of kairos time. Those memories will sustain us during the apocalyptic painful times of our many endings and the insecure unveiling times of our new beginnings. Our experiences of re-remembering give us an assurance that our chronos times are but a taste of the coming infinite experience of our oneness with Christ, our Alpha and Omega, our Beginning and End.

Adapted: [1]Michael Marsh [2] Richard Rohr

33rd Week in Ordinary Time

17th November 2024

Year B

Missal 948

DIARY and MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 16th November 2024

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Colin Nicholls	
Sun 9.30am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For our parish Fr. Bill Bootle	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Joseph Etherington	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Monica & Ernie Hindle	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Joe Holmes	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Fr. Alf Parker	<i>Feast: Presentation of Bl. Virgin Mary</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Chris Burscough	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Angela Russell	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Kathleen Machin For our parish	Christ the King (34th Week)

Last Weekend: Offertory: £559.27. Attendance: 234 (97 + 137). Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Joseph Etherington, Kathleen Machin, Joe Holmes, Mollie & Ernie Hindle.

Tea, Coffee, cake etc. is served in the Padua Room after both weekend Masses. The Sunday morning coffee session this weekend is hosted by MiniVinnies from school. Should be lots of home made cakes!

The Salvation Army Christmas gift collection.

The Salvation Army are running their Christmas Toy Appeal once again. We have taken part before. Details and a box at back of church. Deadline is the end of November.

Rosary

We pray the rosary, as Our Lady requested, for World Peace, every Monday and Friday in church, after morning Mass and Sundays at 6.30pm in the Padua Room. All welcome.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick, especially Jo Counsell, Bill Embery, Marie Morris, Michael Connors, John Mulholland, Deacon Tom Butler, Deacon Michael Dolan, Fr. Robert Horn;

We pray for those who have died recently: Rosalinde Forrest, Jade Park, Fr. Alf Parker, Anita Peters;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Julie Butler, Joseph Etherington. Eva Cookson, Stephen Slater, Lilly Morrison, Elizabeth Clune, Sylvia Wilcock, Mary Balshaw, Kathleen Cummins, Alfred Kenneth Craven, Thomas McTigue, Keith Yates, Sean Finn, Taylor, Christopher Burscough, Francis Farr, Maree Denise Evans. May they rest in peace.

100 Years of the Diocese of Lancaster

On 22nd November 1924 Pope Pius XI created the Diocese of Lancaster to care for Catholics in Cumbria and North Lancashire. St Peter's in Lancaster was made a cathedral. We begin our year of celebrations and thanksgiving to God for our diocese on 24th November, the Feast of Christ the King. The Bishop will open the centenary year at the 10.30am Mass in the Cathedral. In the afternoon he will celebrate Vespers (evening prayer) and Benediction at 4pm. During Benediction we will sing the Church's great hymn to thanksgiving and praise, the 'Te Deum'

Schools Academies

In line with the Bishop's vision for all Catholic schools within Lancaster Diocese to join a Catholic Multi Academy Trust, we are undertaking a consultation period to explore St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School converting to academy status and joining the Mater Ecclesiae Catholic Multi Academy Trust. The consultation will run from Friday 1st November until 3pm on Friday 29th November. Further information, including frequently asked questions, is available on the school website <http://www.st-anthonys.lancs.sch.uk/consultation/>

Suggestions for parish charities 2025.

Every year we choose one charity at home and one further away. So far this year we have raised over £3700 for Mary O'Gara Foundation and Sightsavers, and are on target to raise well over £4000. Suggestion slips are available at the back of church. Deadline for suggestions is end of November.

Donating by Card

The card machine is now working properly. We apologise to those who were seeking to use it. Angela and Louise will be on hand again to explain how to use it for anyone who is unsure. Donations can be Gift Aided.

The New Lectionary

The new Lectionary will be introduced from the first Sunday of Advent (1st December). There are new Missals available at £19.95. Please let Fr. Peter know if you ordered a new Missal and haven't yet received it. There are two available from the sacristy and more can be obtained from Covenant Books at Ingol.

Messy Church

at St Clare's parish hall starting at 1.30pm on the 14th December.

Fulwood Farmers' Market with Fairtrade and Christmas Fair

at Fulwood Methodist Church, Watling St. Road, PR2 8EA on Saturday 23rd November 9.30am-1.00pm. Come and look for that special Christmas gift and stock up on good local and fairly traded food. Plus Christmas activities and visits to Santa. Drinks & snacks available. For more info phone 07813 870641 Or check www.fulwoodmethodist.org.uk

Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the Diocese

Bishop Paul Swarbrick will offer Mass for all the deceased clergy of the Diocese of Lancaster on Tuesday 19 November at St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster at 12.15pm. He will be joined by the Canons of the Cathedral. All the faithful of the Diocese are invited to gather with the Bishop to pray for those priests, now departed, who have shared in your life of faith. The Mass will be followed by the blessing of the Cathedral graveyard.

Assisted Dying (Suicide)

There are information cards at the back of church.