

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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A Blessing in the Dust

Knowing when to stay, knowing when to leave: this is one of the most challenging invitations for discernment that we will ever encounter. There are times for leaning into the resistance that meets us; times when God calls us to engage the difficulty and struggle that will shape and form us in a way that ease and comfort never can. There is ground that becomes holy only when we remain long enough to see the blessing that can emerge from struggle, that shimmers through only after the dust, kicked up by the struggle, finally begins to settle.

And then there are times for leaving; times when—as Jesus counsels his disciples—the holy thing to do is to shake the dust from our feet and leave behind a place that is not meant for us. This blessing is for those times.

You thought the blessing would come in the staying;
in casting your lot with this place, these people;
in learning the art of remaining, of abiding.
And now you stand on the threshold again.

The home you had hoped for, had ached for, is behind you—
not yours, after all.

The clarity comes as small comfort, perhaps, but it comes:
illumination enough for the next step.

I promise you there is a blessing in the leaving,
in the dust shed from your shoes as you walk toward home—
not the one you left but the one that waits ahead,
the one that already reaches out for you in welcome,
in gladness for the gifts that none but you could bring.

Adapted: Jan Richardson

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
3rd July 2022 missal 1016

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 2nd July 2022

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Francis & Sheila O'Gara (60th)	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant H.Family</i>	Michael Fitzgerald For our parish	<i>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Lawrence Dunnagan	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Blanche Critchley	
Wed 9.15pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	In thanksgiving KW	<i>7.00pm 'The Chosen' film night.</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Brian Farnell	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Catherine Keane	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Tom Gardner	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant H.Family</i>	Cecilia Lonsdale For our parish	<i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

Last Weekend: Attendance: 183 (71, 112) Offertory: £621.60. Peter Pence: £61.00
Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: David Smith, Blanche Critchley, In thanksgiving KW, Lisamarie Matsubaba.

Tea, Coffee, cake etc. after both weekend Mass in the Padua Room.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick, especially Mary Lawler, Mandy Davis, Frank Stanton, Jo Counsell, Alice Myerscough, Chris Goldsmith, Theresa Wilkinson, Bill Embrey, Carole Adnitt, Gary Adnitt, Les Farrer, Rev. Tom Butler.

We pray for the souls of those who have died recently: George Barry Crook; and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Jenny Turner, Tom Gardner, Mgr. Eddie Gould, Clare Campsey, Josephine Higginson, Irene Gee, John Smethurst, Cecilia Lonsdale, Joan Jump. May they rest in peace.

Welcome—Simon Marley

Simon is a seminarian at the Beda College in Rome. He has joined us for the next three weeks for pastoral experience. He's from Blackpool so he's not a stranger to these parts.

Film Nights – The Chosen

In this week's episode, Jesus explains his mission to Nicodemus. He, like Matthew, must decide how to answer Jesus's invitation to follow him. You don't need to have seen the previous episodes, so why not come along this week". In the Padua Room on Wednesdays at 7.00pm. Details from Jackie Stoprya on 07934 667292.

The Rwanda Group Trust

Mark is cycling the 500 mile 'Camino de Santiago' pilgrimage route. You can find an update here: <http://rwandagrouptrust.blogspot.com/>
To sponsor him go to <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mark-ibison-rgt> or use the form at the back of church. Thank you.

Fair Trade stall

Will be open at 9.30 Mass today, Sunday, 3rd July. There are also some plants for sale which have been donated. The proceeds will go to the Rwanda Trust.

Diocesan Altar Servers Mass at Ladyewell

Mass for Altar Servers across the Diocese will be celebrated by Bishop Swarbrick on Saturday 9th July. Mass at St Mary's, Fernyhalgh at 11.00am, followed by a procession to the shrine with Benediction. All welcome.

Castlerigg

"We are looking for a Programme Leader to join the Leadership Team at Castlerigg. It's an opportunity for the right person to spend some time living in the Lake District and working with young people. Closing date 15th July. Details and application from director@casteriggmanor.co.uk"

Catholic Voice

A new issue of our Diocesan newspaper is available from the back of church today.

"Fix the food system"

- Special CAFOD event on the food crisis. St Mary Newhouse, Barton, Saturday 16 July 11 am. Learn about the world food system and how it affects the poor. Followed by a family picnic. For more information contact Stephen Garsed 01772 717376

Livestreaming Mass

The 9.30am Sunday Mass from St. Anthony's church is livestreamed. Go to the St. Anthony of Padua YouTube page for the link.