

# 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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## *Location...Location...Location*

The weeks of Advent could be likened to our experience of searching for our forever home which we hope to find in the perfect location. In our scrutiny of countless estate agents' advertisements, we won't find Jesus' words, "Make your home in me as I make mine in you." If we invest all that we can in making our home in God, then we will always be 'at home' no matter where we physically live, even if the location is in the wilderness of homelessness, of war or the wilderness of those times when 'our usual ways of being and our ordinary coping mechanisms are stripped away. These times can leave us feeling vulnerable and thin-skinned, easily tipping over into sorrow, anxiety and despair and sometimes even feeling truly destabilised. But our wilderness times can be opportunities for us to venture into a deeper way of being in relationship with ourselves and with God.' [1] 'There's something about the wilderness. It's the place where our lives can be transformed, the place we are most open to changing and being changed. Hidden within every wilderness is the beauty of divine presence.' [2]

In our search for our forever home we travel many winding roads, both physically and mentally until we find the way that leads to the home of our dreams. And in our search to make our home in God, how do we know which is the way? 'Travel the most ancient way of all: the path that leads you to the centre of your life. This journey is not about miles. It is not about how far you can walk or how fast. It is about what you will do with this moment. The treasure in our map is buried not at journey's end but at its beginning.' [3]

'The real spiritual path is wherever you are. God is everywhere. The spiritual journey is **a growth in awareness** that what you are seeking is where you are.' [4]

'Catherine of Siena once wrote, 'All the way to heaven *is* heaven.' Perhaps this roadmap is enough to keep us walking, reminding us that the wind we feel on the back of our necks is nothing less than the breath of God.' [5]

*Adapted: [1] Sharon Grussendorff [2] Michael Marsh [3] Jan Richardson [4] Imre Vallyon [5] Jan Phillips*

# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 3rd December 2022

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Kenneth Grieg	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant H.Family</i>	Michael Gildea For our parish	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Funeral: Barbara Osbaldeston	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Ian George Whalley	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Rachel Leeming	<i>Feast: St. Ambrose</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	For our parish	<i>Feast: The Immaculate Conception</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Robbie & Patsy Hasson	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	John McDonagh	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant H.Family</i>	Dec members Osbaldeston & Golder families Geoff Plumb	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> <i>Gaudete Sunday</i>

**Last Weekend:** Attendance: 254 (80 + 174). Offertory: £570.27

Poor Missions: £69.49. Thank you for your generosity.

**Masses received this week:** Fr. Peter Chapple, Jack Doyle, Margaret Nickson, Edmund Machholz, Kathleen Jones.

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

## St Walburge's Christmas Bazaar - TODAY (Sunday)

12-30 pm. Lots of Stalls, Raffle Cakes and food, Bric-a-Brac, Toys Tombola & Games All Profits to Rose Window Restoration.

## Lancaster Diocesan Directories 2023 - just arrived

Price is £5.00 or £6.00 for ring-bound. Please put payment in the slot in the green safe.

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick, especially Mary Lawler, Mandy Davis, Jo Counsell, Alice Myerscough, Chris Goldsmith, Theresa Wilkinson, Bill Embrey, Carole & Gary Adnitt, Les Farrer, Rev. Tom Butler, Maureen Cafferkey, baby Mairead, Vera Bolton.

We pray for those who have died recently: Barbara Osbaldeston, Joan Gregson;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Vincent Crook, Helen May, Bernard Swarbrick, Michael Keane, Francis Myerscough, Winnie Rawcliffe, Brenda Gray, Edmund Machholz, Edward Giddens, Mary Kay, Agnes McMillan, Francis Bilsborough, Ava Loughlin, Margaret Mary McFetridge, Mary Dunn, Michael Gildea. May they rest in peace.

### Garden of Hope—bulbs

An enjoyable day last Sunday with the planting of the daffodil bulbs. The children were delighted to plant their own bulbs. We now have to wait patiently for them to bloom. We were also able to send £162 to CAFOD.

### Mini-Vinnies Cake Sale

At the same time, St. Anthony's School 'Mini-Vinnies' SVP Group held a cake sale after Mass which raised £1215.85 for the purchase of blankets for the homeless. Well done!

### Advent Service of Reconciliation

There will be a Service of Reconciliation for St. Anthony's & Holy Family parishes in St. Anthony's church on Tuesday 13th December at 7.00pm.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

We are hoping to welcome Bishop Paul to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation during Advent or in the new year for those in Years 8 & 9 (and above). There is an application form at the back of church today.

### CAFOD Christmas gift catalogues

- are available from the back of church.. Inside you will find imaginative gifts which can be bought perhaps for family members who would appreciate a gift helping those in the developing world who are in dire need.

### St Anthony's St Vincent De Paul Society

- thank everyone who has contributed so generously to our weekly Food Bank collections. There is a pressing need to continue with our donations now that the Christmas season is approaching. Thanks for all the donations of packet, tinned and Christmas food for our local food banks in the Preston area.

### Salvation Army Toy Appeal

If you wish to donate to the annual Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal click on [www.salvationarmy.org.uk/christmas-present-appeal](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/christmas-present-appeal) to get details of suitable gifts for different age groups. The Appeal closes tomorrow to allow for distribution. Thank you.

### St. Anthony's Advent Carol Service

In church on Sunday 11th December, at 2.00pm, followed by sing-a-long with St. Anthony's Singers in the Parish Centre - and the drawing of the Christmas Hampers Raffle.

### Christmas Hampers Raffle

Tickets will be on sale after both Masses on w/e's of 4th and 11th December. £1.00 a strip. The Raffle will be drawn after the Carol Service and the "Sing a Long."

### St. Anthony's School Key Stage One Advent Service

The Key Stage One children and staff at St Anthony's would like to invite all members of the parish to our annual Advent Service on Wednesday 14th December 2022 at 10AM. This will take place in church after Mass.

**Fair Trade stall TODAY**, with Christmas cards.

### Rwanda Group Trust

- will have a stall on the Preston Market Car Boot on Tuesday, 6th December from approx. 7a.m. until approx. 2.30 p.m. Anyone with any goods to donate to the stall may take along on the day. Thank you.