

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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Live Into the Images

"Deep spiritual transformation happens primarily in the presence of images. They touch the unconscious. They move you to a new place. And so it is that in our Gospel passage today Jesus uses powerful, transformative images, telling us, "You are the salt of the earth," and "You are the light of the world." And then he leaves it at that. He doesn't explain to us what it means; he doesn't give us instructions. He leaves us to live into the images." [1]

Our images associated with light's life-giving attributes would probably be similar to the images conjured up by the people listening to Jesus. Light was as precious to them as it is to us. And salt? It's easy for us to miss the significance of this in our modern world where salt is cheap and plentiful. How were Jesus' followers moved when they became more aware of the transforming qualities of this priceless daily commodity in their lives? What links did they make to the ways in which they could be agents in bringing out the best in their own lives and in the lives of those around them? What links do we make?

- 'Salt enhances the flavour of food. It only produces its effect when it is totally merged with the food. It is indistinguishable from the rest of the food but its presence or absence is very obvious.' [2]

- 'Salt is meant to enhance, not dominate.

- Salt does its best work when it's poured out, when it's scattered, when it dissolves into what is around it. It's meant to give of itself. It's meant to share its unique flavour in order to bring out the best in all that surrounds it.

- Salt is used for medicinal purposes. It cleanses and purifies.

- Salt is used as a preservative.

- Salt is precious.' [3]

And Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth."

'Jesus knowingly named a commodity that was priceless in his time and place. He conferred great value on those who did not consider themselves valuable. He is still doing this. For us. Now.' [3]

Adapted: [1] R.Rohr [2] Living Space [3] Debbie Thomas

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 4th February 2023

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Michael Osbaldeston Geoff Plumb	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Sarah O'Donnell	<i>Feast: Sts. Paul Miki</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Bernard Scanlon	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	John Kay	
Thur 9.15pm	<i>H.Family</i>	<i>Funeral Mass: Teresa Duncan</i>	
Fri 10.30am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Anne Beggs	<i>Feast: St. Scholastica</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Dominic Petrila	<i>Feast: Our Lady of Lourdes</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Tom & Marie Hooper For our parish	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Weekend: Attendance: 181 (74 & 107). Offertory: £742.94

Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Sarah O'Donnell, Bernard Scanlon, Anne Goode, Anne Beggs, Special Intention (deceased family & friends MH).

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

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

We pray for those who have died recently: Chris Goldsmith, Valerie Hope, John Kay, Mary Teresa Duncan, Marguerite Warburton, Kathleen Connolly;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Harry Billington, Agnes Embry, Ivor Hilton, Irene Oldham, May Eccles, Maureen Berry, Mary Radcliffe, Ian Holmes, Gabrielle Sudell, Eric Ridge, Malcolm Brindle, Gertrude Docherty, Canon Leo Harrison, Catherine Mary Holmes, Olive Hughes, William Etherington, Maureen Stella Cox, Thomas Riding, Joan Wane, Margaret McKeown, May Rigby. May they rest in peace.

Ash Wednesday is on 22nd February

You are invited to return last year's palms to burn for the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion

The next session is on Wednesday. We'll send out a reminder through school. Any-one not in St. Anthony's school should speak to Fr. Peter as soon as possible.

Mornings with James Finley Beginning February 2023

These are now going to be scheduled as Preparation for Easter One-hour sessions of reflection with James Finley's contemplative insights and beautiful poetic imagery. They will take place every Thursday in March: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th from 10.30am – 11.30am. Evening sessions could also be offered if needed. The venue is still to be confirmed.

Please contact Cathy York at cathmyork@gmail.com or 01772 723568

'Laudato Si' Action Platform.

Parishes, schools, families & individuals, hospital & aged care facilities, economic institutions, religious orders etc. are invited to join in a journey towards Integral Ecology. Meeting on Saturday 11th February, 10:00- 14:00, at the Xaverian Missionaries' Spiritual Centre. 169 Sharoe Green Lane, PR2 8HE Fulwood (bring a packed lunch) Information, Menchu: casa72@virginmedia.com 07434 760 656

Winckley Square Convent School Reunion

The annual reunion will take place on Saturday February 18th from 1pm - 4pm at Our Lady and St Edward's Parish Centre, Marlborough Drive. Fulwood. PR2 9UE. All past pupils (and Staff) are welcome to attend and bring along memorabilia and photographs to share. Anyone who needs a lift to get there please contact Diane 07546173802 or let us know on the facebook group page Winckley Square Convent School.

Sacrament of Confirmation

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

Castlerigg Manor

Apply for a Gap Year - for people aged 18+ to join the 2023-24 team. If that's you check out the recruitment page or email Jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk.

World Youth Day - Still spaces for the WYD trip to Lisbon this summer. Your chance to see Pope Francis and make some friends along the way.

Easter 2023 – Annual retreat for anyone aged 15-25 (or in Year 10). April 6th – 9th.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2023

Bishop Paul Swarbrick is leading the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 21-28 July 2023. For more info, please see posters at the back of church or go to the Diocesan Pilgrimage website www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk

Porch Notice Board

Bernadette updates the notice board in the porch every week with current events and prayer intentions. Its well worth a look.