

St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday Masses: 6.00 (Vigil - Saturday Evening) 9.30am, 5.00pm

Weekday Mass: Mon-Wed, Fri: 9.15am. (Thurs 9.15am at Holy Family)

Confessions: on request

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Primary school: 726621

Playgroup/Preschool 07963 700591



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Openness

‘Today’s gospel isn’t simply a story about Jesus turning a particular deaf man into a particular hearing man. This is a story about each one of us. It is more about spiritual deafness than it is about physical deafness. Hearing and deafness are not determined by our ears, but by what’s in our heart, the way we love and relate to one another. We are either open or closed to the connection with God, with one another and with the world. Sometimes we choose to be open or closed depending on people, places, and circumstances. We have selective hearing. We hear what we want to hear. When we are spiritually deaf we assume that ours is the only or the most important voice to hear. We are closed to new ideas, understandings, and experiences. Unopen to new ways of thinking, behaving, and relating, we continue business as usual and nothing ever changes. It is a lonely, isolated existence.’ [1]

‘What is *said* clearly is not always *heard* clearly. Every message is filtered as it is being received. How it is actually received depends on what is happening in the listener. The capacity of the disciples to hear clearly and interpret accurately was inhibited by factors such as fears, expectations, anxiety and what we call spiritual blindness. It’s quite a journey from hearing what we want to wanting what we hear. Like the first disciples, we develop ways of evading what we find seriously challenging, of shutting out what threatens or disturbs, of sidestepping what makes demands.’ [2]

‘The cure for our spiritual deafness is not to hear but to be open. Hearing follows openness. “Ephphatha.” That’s what Jesus tells the deaf man. He doesn’t say, “Now hear!” He says, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” He says the same thing to you and me. Jesus is always speaking, “Ephphatha,” to the closed parts of our lives. The openness to which Christ calls us transforms and heals our lives. It reconnects us to God and one another, offering new life, new beginnings, new hope, and new possibilities.’ [1]

‘You can always open more
and there is always more to open to.’ [3]

[1] Michael Marsh [2] galwaydiocese.ie/reflection [3] Stephen C. Paul

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 5th September 2021

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Marie Gardner	
Sun 9.30am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Douglas Green	23rd Sunday of the Year
11.00am	<i>H. Family</i>	Joe Connolly	
5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Joan Airey	
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	Knit & Natter: 10.00am
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention (MC)	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Kathleen Bryans	<i>Feast: Birthday of Our Lady</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H. Family</i>	Special Intention	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Kathleen Hartley	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Marie Gardner	
Sun 9.30am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Peter Hothersall	24th Sunday of the Year
11.00am	<i>H. Family</i>	Mary Celia Park	Education Sunday
5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	

Last Weekend: Offertory £589.77 Attendance 174 (6pm 61, 9.30 69, 5.00 44)
 Catholic Trust for England and Wales £88.70 Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Kathleen Hartley, Joe Connolly, Special Intention (MC), Peter Hothersall.

BIDDING PRAYER INTENTIONS

In this Season of Creation, we pray that the Church may be a beacon of hope throughout the world, reminding us all of our responsibility to care for and protect God's precious gift of creation.

We pray for the people of Afghanistan, and for all people everywhere who feel hopeless, abandoned, and frightened in the face of an uncertain future. May God's love comfort and guide them.

The Holy Family were themselves refugees. We pray for the world's refugees and displaced people – may we welcome and support them generously and with warm hearts.

We pray for all those in our parish community who quietly and lovingly support others – often unnoticed and unrewarded. May the experience of God's love strengthen them and give them new heart.

We pray for the sick and house-bound of our parish and for those who care for them, especially Julie Mary Butler (Machin), Veronica Judge, May Rigby, Chris Goldsmith, Jo Counsell, Carole Adnitt, Lawrence Dunnagan, Theresa Wilkinson, Bill Embrey, Frank Stanton, Lydia Worgan, Deacon John Kilshaw, Alice Myerscough, Les Farrer;

for those who have died recently: David Will, Kathleen Hartley;

and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Michael Gielty, Lora Noon, John Howarth, Joan Penney, Joseph Horan, Robert Clarkson, Derek Lynch, Patrick Parr, Maureen Howard, Peter Hothersall. May they rest in peace.

Deacons

It is quite likely that we will not have a priest for our parish in four years time. While there are many roles for lay people to take up there are other roles such as conducting baptisms, weddings and funerals that can not. We need to think and pray, about who God might be calling to serve as Deacons or in other ways in our parish. Who do you think God might be calling?

Welcome into the family of faith ... Anosimhe Ephraim and Ethan Isanesimhe Sado who were baptised in St Anthony's last Sunday.

CAFOD Parish Walk and Picnic

Our Parish CAFOD group have arranged a Parish Walk and Picnic NEXT SUNDAY 5th Sept, setting off at 2.00pm (as we did back in 2019). We would walk along the Canal and have our picnics in Haslam Park. The route is level and buggy/pushchair friendly. If the weather is totally horrendous, we could defer until 12 September.

Coffee Mornings have returned!

- on Sundays after 9.30am Mass. And now after the Saturday vigil Mass. Further help would be welcome. There will still be a virtual Coffee Morning on zoom on Sundays at 11.00am. Access codes: Meeting ID: 828 1452 7018 Passcode: 815995

Knit & Natter Group

"Our next project is working with the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. We will be knitting/crochet baby clothes 0-18 months. We request donations of wool and knitting needles. There is a box at the back of the church. You could always join us on a Monday morning in the Padua room 10-12 or alternatively knit any garment at home. Any questions please contact Karen Hardman on 464110.

Fairtrade Stall

Bernadette Roberts has kindly offered to run a Fairtrade stall at back of church on first Sunday of each month - after 6.00pm and 9.30am Masses. Coffee, tea, biscuits, muesli, jam, marmalade, nuts, chocolate, kitchen rolls, toilet rolls, tissues etc. will be available.

Our Lady & St. Edward's Ladies Group

"The first meeting after a break of eighteen months will be on Thursday 9th September and will be a social evening. It will be in the Parish Centre on Marlborough Drive and will start at 8.00 pm. Admission £2.00"

Salvation Army Foodbank Preston

Sadly the demands on the foodbank are ongoing and they are drastically short of supplies. They have adequate amounts of cereal and pasta but little else. Their most pressing needs are for:- longlife milk, sugar, tinned soup, tinned spaghetti hoops, tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, jars of pasta sauce, tinned rice pudding, biscuits and coffee.. The Foodbank is receiving and processing around 50/55 referrals a week and tries to support each family with around 5-7 days worth of food. If stock levels do not increase they may have to reduce this down to 3-5 days. Please leave anything you are able to give at the back of church.

Metanoia

Metanoia Project is looking for volunteers in order to enhance their ministries. We have a wide range of ministries including our children/youth work, our adult groups, our homeless drop in and music ministry. We also have administrative or technology tasks we'd love some help with. please get in contact. Jen Community Coordinator 07957566741 or jen@metanaiaproject.co.uk. Thank you