

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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You cannot get there, you can only be there

Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly to the Jews. "Since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans." Yes, we are not worthy of being one with God, which is eternal life. However, the Jews created a worthiness contest, imposing performance principles which were meant to help us earn or deserve God's love.

'Scripture assures us that we are made in the image and likeness of God. The *image* described in Genesis refers to our original goodness which cannot be increased or decreased. Nothing can change that. "My me is God." (Catherine of Genoa) We surrender to God's *likeness* in varying degrees and stages. The spiritual journey is about realisation, not perfection. It is about awakening, not accomplishing. *You cannot get there, you can only be there*. But for some reason, that foundational being-in-God is too hard to believe, too good to be true. Only the humble can receive it because it affirms more about God than it does about us. The ego does not like that. The ego makes life all about achievement and attainment. Yet union with God is really about awareness and realignment. It is not that *if I am moral, then I will be loved by God*; rather, it is that *I must first come to experience God's love, and then I will—almost naturally—be moral.*^[1] 'Each one of us has our own venue where we experience the presence of and our oneness with the One in whose image we are created. For some it might be reflective reading of Scripture, for others it might be art, or poetry or silence. A daily rendezvous with God in those venues will take us to the deeper place where we discover the spark of the divine that is in our hearts.'^[2] Then we will discover that the divinity within ourselves is one and the same in all individuals, all creatures, all of life. This is everyone's supreme purpose in life, this is our vocation.

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also known as Vocations Sunday. 'The word vocation is rooted in the Latin for *voice*. Vocation does not mean a goal I pursue. It means a calling that I hear. I must listen for the truths and values at the heart of my own identity.'^[3] We are all called to shepherd each other. "Our calling as shepherds is not to introduce something new, but to reveal, purify and intensify what is already there. Every shepherd is called to be a Sacrament of the mystical, a reminder for others of their divine loveliness."^[4]

Adapted: [1]Richard Rohr [2] James Finley [3] Parker Palmer [4] Daniel O'Leary

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C

8th May 2022

Missal: p475

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 7th May 2022

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Marie Gardner	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Bridget Rogers For our parish	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Stany Rodrigues	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Brenda Wignall & family	
Wed 9.15pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Tracy O'Malley	<i>Film Night: The Chosen. 7pm</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Joseph Noon	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Eileen Terrins	<i>Feast: St. Matthias</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention For our parish	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Afternoon Tea 2pm</i>

Last Weekend: Attendance: 188 (90, 98) Offertory: £672.31.
Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Tracy O'Malley.

Tea, Coffee, cake etc. after 6.00pm Saturday Mass

As promised, we have re-started coffee after the Saturday vigil Mass as well as after the 9.30am Mass every weekend.

Welcome into the family of faith

Hallie-Mae Hall who was baptised in St. Anthony's last Sunday.

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, Lawrence Dunnagan, Les Farrer, Rev. Tom Butler.

We pray for the souls of those recently departed this life: Doreen Elizabeth Cook, Dennis Dawson, Maureen Walmsley, Jim Banks; and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Gertrude and Francis Dewhurst, John Dwyer, Josephine Slater, Eileen Terrins, Malcolm Rogerson, Joyce Shufflebotham, Joseph Noon, Vera Swan, John Kay, Margaret Johnson, James Kinsella, John Lovett, Marlene Truesdale, May they rest in peace.

St. Anthony's Afternoon Tea

We're hosting another fabulous Afternoon Tea with entertainment from the Central Lancashire Community Concert Band and the 'Lost & Found' Community Choir. Next Sunday (15th May) from 2.00pm in the Parish Centre. Tickets £5 from church or from Tess Pollard on 774554 or e-mail mtpollard24@gmail.com

Film Nights – The CHOSEN

Join us in the Padua Room for eight weeks to watch this TV drama about the life of Jesus and the people he chose. The first meeting is this Wednesday 18th May at 7.00pm. To watch the trailer just search online for "The Chosen trailer season 1". Pick up a flyer with more details or speak with Jackie Stoprya on 07934 667292.

Fairtrade: Fair Trade sales this month were £19.55 with CAFOD donations of £9.20. Thanks to Bernadette.

Concert for Ukraine

'Gathered Voices', an a cappella choir, will be singing in St. Anthony's Church on Sunday, 29th May at 2p.m. Admission is free but donations will be gratefully accepted for the 'Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal' via CAFOD. Tea, coffee and cake, provided by our Knit and Natter Group, will follow, in the Padua Room.

Design a Crucifix To be displayed in Cardinal Newman College

You can use any medium you choose- paper/ card/ ceramic/ wood/ metal/ glass/ plastic etc. etc. It can be a painting or a 3D sculpture, a mosaic or model but it must be a cross and have Jesus on it (though you can use your imagination here).

Good prizes including Apple Airpods Kodak Printomatic Instant Camera + paper and case £100 gift voucher (you can choose the store). Closing date: Tuesday 7 June 2022, Please send your entries to: Carol Gregson (Head of Catholic Life) Cardinal Newman College Lark Hill Road, Preston, Lancashire PR1 4HD

Our Lady & St. Edward's Ladies Group

"The next meeting will be on Thursday 12th May and will be a talk by Pat Osborne called "The Brontes, Behind Closed Doors." The meeting is in the Parish Centre on Marlborough Drive starts at 8.00 pm. Visitors welcome. Admission £3.00."

CAFOD

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our *Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey* resource.