

# 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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## Gratitude

Whenever we hear Jesus say, "Your faith has saved you," it is important to remember that the original language of the New Testament is Greek and the meaning of the word *sozo* means salvation, true wellness, complete wholeness. The thankful Samaritan shows us that gratitude is essential to our wholeness of mind, body and spirit.

'Practicing gratitude can be a game-changer: it has far reaching effects, from improving our mental health to boosting our relationships with others. Living your life with gratitude helps you notice the little wins—like the bus showing up right on time, a stranger holding the door for you, or the sun shining through your window when you wake up in the morning. Each of these small moments string together to create a web of well-being that, over time, strengthens your ability to notice the good.' [1] Our wellness, our wholeness is intimately related to the giving of thanks.

We can imagine many reasons why the nine lepers didn't give thanks and we could identify with some of them in our own lives: 'pressing matters clamouring for attention; in their delirium of joy some of the lepers may have simply forgotten to return to voice their gratitude; others may have been frightened by their new freedom and the responsibility of fending for themselves instead of relying on alms; some of them may have grown so used to God's favours that they took this gift for granted, feeling they had a right to it.' [2]

Jesus tells the grateful Samaritan, "Your faith has saved you." Last week we reflected on the apostles' request to increase their faith and we saw that a faith-filled life flows from a growing awareness that we already have more than enough because we already have God who is present in every gift we receive. This realisation can only evoke a sense of awe, and 'where there is wonder there is thanksgiving.' [3] We can only guess at the reason for the Samaritan's response but we can sense that for him, and hopefully for us, 'being grateful can be described as feeling the presence of the Divine in our lives.' [4]

Adapted: [1] [www.mindful.org](http://www.mindful.org) [2] [galwaydioces.ie/reflection](http://galwaydioces.ie/reflection) [3] Ann Voskamp [4] Luis E. Romero

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time      Year C  
9th October 2022      missal 1073

## DIARY and MASS INTENTIONS

### for the week beginning Saturday 8th October 2022

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	James Hayes	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Frank Stanton Daniel & Carmel Daly & family	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time. <i>Prayer for Prisoners &amp; their families</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	<i>Feast: St. Wilfrid</i> FILM NIGHT: Catholicism 7.00pm
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	<i>Feast: St. Edward the Confessor</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Joseph Henry Thompson	<i>Feast: St. Teresa of Avila</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For a very sick husband Private Intention	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

**Last Weekend:** Attendance: 226 (95, 131) Offertory: £tba  
Thank you for your generosity.

**Masses received this week:** deceased members Osbaldeston & Golder families, for a very sick husband, Frank Routledge.

#### Welcome into the family of faith

Cassia Genevieve & Harrison Stanley Naylor who were baptised in St. Anthony's last Sunday.

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

#### 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.

We pray for the souls of those who have died recently: Norman Abram, Frank Stanton, Therese Burgess;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Helen Duckworth, John McCormack, Bill Cosgrove, Philip Fitzgerald, Ron Reid, George McMillan, Margarette Moylan (Ogle), Joe & Margaret Counsell, Frank Routledge, Joseph Henry Thompson, John McDermott, Veronica Judge. May they rest in peace.

#### Prisoners' Sunday

- the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants as marked by the Catholic Church and across the Christian denominations. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and children. Prisoners' Sunday is the time to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment. Prisoners' families, prisoners and people with previous convictions often find themselves on the margins of society due to the social stigma associated with imprisonment. But the gospel of Matthew 25: 36 reminds us of our duties towards them: *I was in prison and you came to see me. Matthew 25: 36*

#### CAFOD Family Fast Day — World Food Crisis Appeal

Please return envelopes today. Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. See [cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday)

#### Catholicism - A Journey to the Heart of the Faith.

We will be showing these documentaries introduced by the well known author Bishop Robert Baron on Wednesday evenings in the Padua Room. The first session is on Wednesday 12th October at 7.00pm on the topic of God becoming man. Each session can be watched on its own, so you can come to all, or select the topics you are particularly interested in. Full details are on a flyer available at the back of Church.

#### St Clare's Day of Renewal

Next one is on Saturday 15th October from 10am-4.00pm and will be led by Sean Booth with the theme "When anything is exposed to the light it becomes visible".

**St. Anthony's Singers** have started rehearsals for the Christmas Carol Service. Sundays at 10.45 in church. New members are always welcome.

#### Keep fit - and help a good cause

Exercising for over (and under!) 50s. To boost rapidly depleting Rwandan funds, there is a weekly exercise session, following a DVD, each Wednesday morning in the Padua Room at 10am. 'No lycra or sweatbands needed!!! Simply watch the DVD and decide if it is for you.

#### Cadley Causeway Traffic

Lancashire County Council Highways Department are proposing significant changes to traffic management outside the church and presbytery. Amongst the proposals are a new zebra crossing where the bus stop is currently; the bus stop to move very close to the exit from the church car park. These changes will impact anyone using the car park. There is a plan at the back of church.

**Our Lady & St Edward's Ladies Group** Thursday October 13th, 8pm. Jane Humphries, Blue Badge Guide on 'The Lost Churches of Preston'. £3.00