

# 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

**Annexe:** 725544

**Social Centre:** 735963

**Primary school:** 726621

**Playgroup/Preschool** 07963 700591

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## *The Widow's Gift*

According to Mosaic Law, a widow was exempt from making an offering because she was one of the recipients of the temple's income. With this in mind we could see the widow in today's gospel as being someone who wanted to help others in a similar situation to herself. This widow and the widow who provided for Elijah made sure that others were cared for before they thought about their own needs. This is thoughtful caring based on gratitude and concern. [1]

Yet the story of the widow giving her offering at the temple is placed between two texts. In the first, Jesus is warning against those religious leaders who "devour widow's houses". In the second, Jesus says that this temple and its system will be torn down. 'He sees a corrupt religious system that no longer honours the intent of the law.' [2] With this in mind, we may see the widow as a victim of oppression, as someone who is forced into a situation to give all she has left.

'Whatever the motive behind the widow's offering, 'her action echoes the action of Jesus who gave everything until there was nothing left for him to give. This is the depth and reality of his love; loving his oppressors but not their actions. Pope Francis tells us that 'life grows by being given away and it weakens in isolation and comfort. Indeed, those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others.' The example of love which the widow expresses comes not from her abundance but from her substance. The fullness of her giving clearly leaves security on the shore and surrenders the worries of tomorrow to the total providence of God while being present to the needs of others. The widow's example to us is not wrapped up only in material giving. Giving is the difference of being with another rather than simply doing for another. Being fully present with another person requires much of our time, our resources and energy. Being fully present with another may leave us with nothing more to give and yet what we receive is a peace that passes understanding. Winston Churchill once stated that, "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." [3]

*Adapted: [1] [John Predmore, S.J.] [2] Paul Penley  
[3] St Vincent de Paul society <https://www.vinnies.org.au/>*

**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7th November 2021

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# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 6th November 2021

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| Sat 6.00pm  | <i>St. Ant</i>   | Gwendoline Ward   |  |
| Sun 9.30am  | <i>St. Ant</i>   | Jack Adamson      | <i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>    |
| 11.00am     | <i>H.Family</i>  | For our parish    |  |
| 5.00pm      | <i>St. Ant</i>   | Special Intention |  |
| Mon 9.15am  | <i>St. Ant</i>   | John Mulholland   |  |
| Tue 9.15am  | <i>St. Ant</i>   | Stany Rodrigues   | <i>Dedication of Lateran Basilica</i>  |
| Wed 9.15am  | <i>St. Ant</i>   | John Wynn         | <i>Feast: St. Leo the Great</i>        |
| Thur 9.15am | <i>H. Family</i> | Private Intention | <i>Feast: St. Martin of Tours</i>      |
| Fri 9.1am   | <i>St. Ant</i>   | Margaret Nugent   | <i>Feast: St. Josaphat</i>             |
| 6.30-7.30pm | <i>H.Family</i>  |                   | <i>Exposition &amp; Holy Communion</i> |
| Sat 6.00pm  | <i>St. Ant</i>   | Holy Souls        |  |
| Sun 9.30am  | <i>St. Ant</i>   | Robert Fletcher   | <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>    |
| 11.00am     | <i>H.Family</i>  | Special Intention | <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>              |
| 5.00pm      | <i>St. Ant</i>   | For our parish    |  |

**Last Weekend:** Offertory £572.88. Attendance 188 (6pm 81, 9.30 72, 5.00 35)

Thank you for your generosity.

**Masses received this week:** Anne Bolton, John Wynn, Margaret Nugent.

**Children's Liturgy:** On the first Sundays of the month at 9.30am Mass.

**Welcome into the family of faith:** Hannah Anogeianakis who was baptised in St. Anthony's last Sunday.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who suffer long-term disability and illness that they may find support and joy in family, friends and neighbours, especially Julie Mary Butler (Machin), Deacon John Kilshaw, Deacon Tom Butler, Jo Counsell, Alice Myerscough, Chris Goldsmith, Theresa Wilkinson, Lawrence Dunnagan, Carole Adnitt, Bill Embrey, May Rigby, Frank Stanton, Les Farrer. May God bring them health and strengthen their faith.

Let us pray for the souls of those recently departed this life, in particular David Hardman, Veronica Judge and Audrey Ryding; and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Jim Sheldon, Mary Jones, Patricia & Robbie Hasson, Harold Mark Bradley, Norman Green, Mark Dey, John Twine, Keith Yates, Lucy Swarbrick, Margaret Turner, Monica Jackson, Alison Taylor, Helen Proctor, Frances Farrer. May they rest in peace.

## CAFOD virtual meeting with MP Ben Wallace

Our CAFOD Group has written to request a zoom meeting with our MP around the time of the Climate Conference, Cop26. Ben Wallace has agreed but the date has not yet been fixed. Would any parishioners like to be involved in this discussion? Have a word with Fr. Peter or one of the CAFOD Group.

## Parents of children applying for a place in St. Anthony's Primary school

Closing Date: 15th January 2022. Apply online: [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools). If child is baptised a Catholic, then please complete a Supplementary Form available from school.

## Fair Trade stall

The Fair Trade stall is back this weekend with recycled Christmas cards for Rwanda to buy and CAFOD cards to order.

## Our Lady & St. Edward's Ladies Group

"The next meeting of will be on Thursday November 11th - a Mass for Deceased members at 8.00 pm said by Fr. Ernest, followed by a hotpot supper in the Parish Centre."

## "The Universe"

The Universe ran into difficulties with the lockdown of churches last year. This Catholic Weekly now announce the launch of a new on-line newspaper with the full support of our first subscriber none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Order your Digital copy by going to [www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk](http://www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk) or call us on 0743661 7650 and ask for Michelle. Special offer: Only £20 for 3 months.

## The Catholic Voice

- a new issue of our free Diocesan newspaper is available from the back of church.

## Christmas Carols Service

Our annual Christmas Carol service is on Sunday 12th December at 2pm, COVID-19 rules permitting, followed by refreshments, a raffle and a Christmas sing along led by the 'Lost and Found' community choir in the Parish Centre. St. Anthony's Singers rehearses in church at 10.15 on Sundays.

**'Lost and Found' choir** meets in St Anthony's school hall from 7.00 to 8.30 each Tuesday. People of all ages and abilities are welcome.

## St. Anthony's Afternoon Tea

- with entertainment from Preston musical comedy show choir. Next Sunday 2-4 pm at St Anthony's Social Centre. Last week to buy tickets. Contact Tess on 01772 774554 or [mtpollard24@gmail.com](mailto:mtpollard24@gmail.com). Please advise Tess if you have any food allergies. There will be a raffle in support of St Catherine's Hospice.

## Coffee Mornings

- after 9.30am Mass on Sundays.

We will suspend the Saturday evening Coffee after Mass until the lighter nights at Easter. **Virtual Coffee Morning** on zoom on Sundays at 11.00am. Access codes: 879 1587 6429 Passcode 766018

## Teacher Training courses starting September 2022

The Catholic Teaching Alliance, based at Our Lady's High School is now accepting applications for our 1 year PGCE with QTS (qualified teacher status) teacher training courses. Minimum requirements are GCSEs in Maths and English (and Science for primary training), plus an honours degree. For further information, or to book onto one of our online information sessions, call 01772 326931 or email [ctaschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:ctaschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk) Website: [www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org/train-to-teach.html](http://www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org/train-to-teach.html)

## Exposition & Holy Communion

- at Holy Family, Fridays at 6.30pm