

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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“Who do you say that I am?”

‘Who we say Jesus is has everything to do with who and how we are and will be. In some ways our answer says as much or more about us than Jesus. We are always living into the question, moving from simply knowing about Jesus to knowing him. It’s not that Jesus changes. We do. We not only discover Jesus anew, we discover ourselves anew.’ [1] Peter’s response, “You are the Christ,” leads to another question: What do we mean by ‘the Christ’?

‘Christ is not Jesus’ last name. The word *Christ* is a title, meaning the Anointed One, which was Peter’s understanding of who Jesus is. But a study of Scripture, Tradition and the experience of many mystics reveals a much larger, broader and deeper meaning to ‘the Christ.’ The three Synoptic Gospels are largely talking about Jesus, the historical figure who healed and taught and lived in human history; whereas John’s Gospel presents the trans-historical ‘Christ’ (which is why so very few stories in John coincide with Matthew, Mark, and Luke). The prologue to John’s Gospel (John 1:1-11) is not talking about Jesus; it’s talking about the Christ. *All that came to be had life in him.* The entire sweep of the meaning of the Anointed One, the Christ, includes us and includes all of creation since the beginning of time. St Paul never met the historical Jesus and hardly ever quotes Jesus directly. In almost all of Paul’s preaching and writing, he is referring to the Eternal Christ Mystery or the Risen Christ rather than Jesus of Nazareth before his death and resurrection. The Risen Christ is the only Jesus that Paul ever knew! When we believe in Jesus Christ, we are believing in something much bigger than the historical incarnation that we call Jesus. In Jesus the Timeless Christ became time bound.’ [2] James Finley makes use of poetic language and symbolism to beautifully describe our experience as we grow in awareness of who Christ is:

Let’s say you’re at the ocean and you’re just ankle deep. It’s true you’re only ankle deep, but it’s also true you’re in the ocean. It’s also true if you just keep going, it will get plenty deep soon enough. Now here’s something deeper. What if the middle of the ocean is infinitely deep? And what if the infinite depth of the ocean infinitely gives the infinity of the totality of its depths to your ankle-deep degree of realization of it?

Adapted: [1] Michael Marsh [2] Richard Rohr (from his various writings)

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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12th September 2021

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 12th September 2021

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 Collection
5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Kathleen Hartley	Knit & Natter: 10.00am
1.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Funeral Service: Kathleen Hartley	<i>Feast: St. John Crysostom</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Parents of M.R.	<i>Feast: Exaltation of the Cross</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Norman Mercer	<i>Feast; Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H. Family</i>	Derek Monk	<i>Feast: Ss Cornelius & Cyprian</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Ian Jackson	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	
Sun 9.30am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Baby John Gerard	25th Sunday of the Year
11.00am	<i>H. Family</i>	John Talbot	Home Mission Sunday
5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	

Last Weekend: Offertory £599.77. Attendance 179 (6pm 78, 9.30 61, 5.00 40)
Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: John Talbot, O'Donoghue family, Mary Cecilia Park, Ian Jackson.

BIDDING PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for Pope Francis as he prepares to attend the COP26 Environment Conference in Glasgow in November. May he continue to speak boldly in defence of God's Creation. On the twentieth anniversary of the 9/11 Attacks, we pray for the souls of those killed, for the wounded who continue to bear the scars, and for those who care for them.

We pray for groups and individuals who would carry out acts of terror, that with God's loving grace they will instead work for peace and the common good.

We pray for all those people living and working in the care homes and nursing homes in our parish. May they be sustained and cheered by God's strength and compassion.

We pray for the sick and house-bound of our parish and for those who care for them, 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: Bill Ash, Kathleen Hartley, Kathleen Bryans;

and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: John Sanderson, Norman Mercer, Ron Carruthers, Thomas Loughran, Roy Hull, Lydia Etherington, Regina LaValle, Lilian Iddon, baby Gerard John, Helena Bradley. 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 Charlie Frost who were baptised in St Anthony's recently

Coffee Mornings - on Sundays after 9.30am Mass. And now after the Saturday vigil Mass. Further help would be welcome. Virtual Coffee Morning on zoom on Sundays at 11.00am. Access codes: Meeting ID: 879 1587 6429 Passcode 766018

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.

'Lost and Found' choir

- starts again from 14th September. We will be meeting in St Anthony's school hall from 7.00 to 8.30 each Tuesday. People of all ages and abilities are welcome.

Salvation Army Foodbank Preston

- thank you for the great response to the appeal for:- long-life milk, sugar, tinned soup, tinned spaghetti hoops, tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, jars of pasta sauce, tinned rice pudding, biscuits and coffee. Please leave anything you are able to give at the back of church.

The Catholic Voice—after a long gap there are now real paper copies of our free Diocesan Newspaper available from church.

Metanoia

Metanoia Project is looking for volunteers in order to enhance their ministries including children/youth work, adult groups, homeless drop-in and music ministry. We also have administrative or technology tasks we'd love some help with. If you could spare a little time to share your faith and reach out to people, please contact. Jen Community Coordinator 07957566741 or jen@metanoaproject.co.uk. Thank you

Fulwood Farmers' Market with Fairtrade

The next one will be held on Saturday 25th September from 9.30am-1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church PR2 8EA. Come and browse the stalls (inside and out), buy local and Fairtrade and stay for a cuppa and a chat. All welcome. Do spread the word (including on social media) and hope to see you there.

Lancaster Diocese Faith & Justice Newsletter

- is available to view online at <http://www.lancasterfaithandjustice.co.uk/newsletter/>
You will find: Season of Creation resource book, Pope Francis message of World Migrant and Refugee Day on 26th September, Vatican Document "Safeguarding Creation is everyone's responsibility", and much more.