

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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Playgroup/Preschool 07963 700591

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Daily Focus for Advent week 3

**May these stars of Divine Love and Light
shine through you this Advent**

14. Let the Star of **Wonder** draw you to appreciate the beauty in and around you..
15. Let the Star of **Justice** lead you to make a positive choice for those in need today.
16. Let the Star of **Equanimity** glow through your concerns and struggles
17. Let the Star of **Faith** beam through you, reminding you of the Core of Love in you.
18. Let the Star of **Appreciation** gleam in your thankfulness to all who bless your life.
19. Let the Star of **Charity** keep you balanced in your needs of self and others.
20. Let the Star of **Enthusiasm** sparkle amid your tiredness and hurried pace.
21. Let the Star of **Compassion** draw you into the world's wide expanse of suffering.
22. Let the Star of **Delight** lift your spirit and help you to see joy in simple things.
23. Let the Star of **Devotion** glisten in your work and in the care you offer to others.
24. Let the Star of **Love** shine through you to the persons you would rather avoid.
25. Let the Star of **Peace** be a ray of steadfast calmness and tranquillity within you.

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Third Sunday of Advent

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 11th December 2021

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Ann Bolton	
Sun 9.30am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Michael Keane	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>
11.00am	<i>H. Family</i>	Edna Widdowson	<i>(Gaudete)</i>
5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Francis Dewhurst	<i>Feast St. Lucy</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Kathleen Moran	<i>Feast St. John of the Cross</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	William O'Shaughnessy	
12.30pm	<i>H. Family</i>	Funeral service: Bill O'Shaughnessy	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H. Family</i>	Special Intention	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Rose McReynolds	<i>Exposition & Holy Communion</i>
6.30-7.30pm	<i>H. Family</i>		
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	John McDonagh	
Sun 9.30am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>
11.00am	<i>H. Family</i>	For our parish	
5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Frances Thompson	

Last Weekend: Offertory £634.01. Attendance 197 (6pm 62, 9.30 92, 5.00 43)
Poor Missions £78.50. Thank you for your generosity.

Welcome into the family of faith: Heidi Anne Dunn who was baptised in St. Anthony's last Sunday.

Masses received this week: Frances Thompson, Francis Dewhurst, Prince family, Edmund Machholz.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick, especially Mandy Davis, Deacon John Kilshaw, Deacon Tom Butler, Jo Counsell, Alice Myerscough, Chris Goldsmith, May Rigby, Theresa Wilkinson, Bill Embrey, Lawrence Dunnagan, Carole Adnitt, Les Farrer. Frank Stanton. May God bring them health and strengthen their faith.

Let us pray for the souls of those recently departed this life, in particular, Philip Acton Brady, Brian Michael Hayes Jones; and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Edward Giddins, Stella Parkinson, Jack Shorrock, Margaret Burscough, Bridget Margaret Curwen, Barbara May, Edward Rawcliffe, Winifred Shaw, Francis Harris, Audrey Morgan, Canon Michael Geoghegan, Frank Wastell, Christine Eaves, Norman Spicer, Ernest Lovatt, Malcolm Mullins, Howard Marshall, Leonard Stevens. May they rest in peace.

PLEASE NOTE: Face coverings

Since Friday 10 December face coverings have become compulsory in most public indoor venues including places of worship.

CAFOD Schools Carols Service

Unfortunately the annual CAFOD Schools Carols Service which is usually held in St. Anthony's Church will now take place online due to the current health difficulties.

Becoming A Catholic

This is a good time to offer preparation for anyone who wants to know more about how to become a Catholic. We have a couple of people enquiring at the moment. Does anyone else want to have a word about this? See Fr. Peter.

Carols Service

St Anthony's Singers invite you to join in with us to sing carols at our Advent Service. TODAY Sunday 12th December at 2pm St Anthony's Church. There will be refreshments and a raffle afterwards in the parish centre and a singalong with Lost and Found. The bar will also be open.

St. Anthony's Singers rehearse in church after 9.30am Mass 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.

Church Repository

Christmas cards are on sale at the back of church. Please put money in the green safe - slot marked 'shop'.

Fair Trade Stall

This weekend's Fairtrade sales: Normal sales: £88.30; Christmasc cards: £54.50; Rwanda cards: £60; Donations: £2.90 Thanks again to all. Bernadette

Lost Property

For the last three weeks the items which have been in our Lost Property box have been spread out on a table in the porch. We will dispose of any that are left after today.

'Catholic Voice' - new issue available - free.

There is more information about the Synod of bishops in the latest Catholic Voice paper. There will be more news in the New Year. A Synod of Bishops, considered as an advisory body for the pope, is one of the ways in which the bishops render cooperative assistance to him in exercising his office.

Coffee Mornings - after 9.30am Mass on Sundays.

Virtual Coffee Morning on zoom on Sundays at 11.00am. Access codes: 879 1587 6429 Passcode 766018

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

Christmas Mass times.

With the rise in covid cases and the fact that Christmas Day falls on a Saturday we are proposing the following Mass times:

Fri 24/12 Christmas vigil - 4.00pm (especially for children) and 6.00pm

Sat 25/12 Christmas Day - 9.30am (no Saturday Vigil)

Sun 26/12 Feast of Holy Family - 9.30 and 5.00pm

At Holy Family: Fri 24/12 Christmas vigil - 8.00pm

Sat 25/12 Christmas Day - 11.00am

Sun 26/12 Feast of Holy Family - 11.00am