

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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An Experience of Unveiling

'As we approach the end of the liturgical year we are invited to reflect on the truth that in the worlds we have created nothing lasts forever. Everything changes and nothing remains the same. The only thing that doesn't change is change itself.' [1] 'We may not like it, we may deny it, we may resist it, but the reality is that things *are* changing. Sometimes changes are welcome. But there are days when change brings loss or the fear of loss. We could each tell stories about those days when the temples of our life and world fell apart. We all have temples. Some have been given to us, others we have built for ourselves. Sometimes our temples are people, places, values, beliefs, institutions and dreams. Regardless, they are the things that we think structure and order our lives, give meaning and identity, provide security and stability. At least we think they do, until they fall.' [2]

When they do fall it's not the end of the world. 'It's the end of *worlds*—our *worlds that we have created*. In Scripture, apocalyptic language is used to illustrate this with the use of hyperbolic images. While we primarily use the word "apocalypse" to mean to destroy or threaten, in its original context apocalypse simply means to reveal something new; it means to uncover or unveil. The key is that in order to reveal something new, we have to get the old out of the way: old ideas, old stories and old priorities. It entails a radical rethinking of the worlds that we have created. While apocalyptic literature tells us to be prepared for the truth that nothing is permanent, this message is not meant to be heard as a threat. Our great hope is that there will be something we can grasp onto, something that's eternal. We want the absoluteness of God, the eternity of God, and we can't fully find it here.'

God puts us in a world of passing things. It helps us appreciate that everything is a gift. We didn't create it. We don't deserve it. It will not last, but while we breathe in each gift, we can enjoy it, and know that it is another moment of God, another moment of life. Today we are being encouraged to endure in our attempts to live each moment as an eternal moment, an always-true moment, an always-love moment.' [1] And in those moments when we do taste eternity we may have a *déjà vu* experience as we realise that what we have discovered is not new. It is an unveiling experience of remembrance: we are remembering who we are in God.

Adapted: [1] Richard Rohr [2] Michael Marsh

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
13th November 2022

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 12th November 2022

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Joe Morrison	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Stefan Mocanu For our parish	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Remembrance Sunday
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Mihai Balhuc	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Lancs. Infirm Secular Clergy	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Dec. priests of the Deanery	Catholicism' film, Padua Room. 7pm
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Julie Butler	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Mary Greatorex	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Dec. members Russell & Whelan families For our parish	Christ the King (34th Sunday)

Last Weekend: Attendance: 216 (91, 125). Offertory: £740.87.

All Saints: £109.90. Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: deceased family & friends of SJ, Mary Greatorex, Joe Holmes.

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

Welcome into the family of faith

Freddie William Smith who was baptised in St. Anthony's last Sunday.

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, Vera Bolton.

We pray for the souls of those who have died recently:

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Julie Butler, Joseph Etherington, Eva Cookson, Stephen Slater, Lilly Morrison, Kathleen Cummins, Elizabeth Clune, Sean Finn, Alfred Kenneth Craven, Thomas McTigue, Mary Balshaw, Sylvia Wilcock Taylor, Keith Yates, Christopher Burscough, Francis Farr. May they rest in peace.

Garden of Hope.

We are being offered hundreds of daffodil bulbs to create a parish Garden of Hope in the grass on the Cadley Causeway frontage to create a beautiful display of blooms each Spring.

You are invited to remember a loved one; celebrate Creation; mark an anniversary - by donating 50p a bulb or three bulbs for a Pound! Any surplus will be donated to CAFOD. We propose to plant them after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 27 November.

Sacrament of Confirmation

We are hoping to welcome Bishop Paul to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation during Advent or in the new year for those in Years 8 & 9 (and above). There is an application form at the back of church today.

Catholicism - A Journey to the Heart of the Faith.

The last session this Wednesday will cover the topic of the Church - one, holy, catholic and apostolic The four remaining documentaries will be shown in the new year." Wednesdays 7.00 pm in the Padua Room. Full details on the flyer at the back of Church. Contact Jackie Stoprya on 07934 667292 if you have any questions.

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

If anyone would like to be involved in our Carol Service, but does not want to sing with the choir, we are looking for a few people to read some short readings for us? You don't have to be one of our current readers and we particularly want to invite some of the new members of our parish to read. Please let Angie Strickland or Peter Newsham know if you are interested.

Keep fit - and help a good cause

Exercising for over (and under!) 50s. To boost rapidly depleting Rwandan funds, a weekly exercise session, following a DVD, takes place in the Padua Room on Wednesday mornings at 10a.m.

Homes for Ukraine Matching Service

Caritas with St John of God Hospitaller Services have launched a service to bring together Ukrainians displaced by the war with people in the Catholic community willing to host them for 6 months. For more information visit sjog-homesforukraine.uk. Pope Francis has spoken of 'welcoming the stranger' and extending support to migrants, which the Catholic community has embraced wholeheartedly.

Traidcraft gift stall with Christmas cards will be next weekend, Saturday and Sunday Masses.

Free public screening of 'The Letter- A message for our Earth'.

- a film by Laudato Si' Movement, featuring Pope Francis as the protagonist among five leaders representing the voices of Indigenous people, the Youth, the Poor and the Wildlife of our Planet will be shown at Xaverian Missionaries' Spiritual Centre; 169 Sharoe Green Lane, PR2 8HE, 19th November, 10:00 to 14:00. The session will include, in addition to the film screening, a Q&A session and a reflection. Tea & coffee provided. Please bring a packed lunch.