

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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Christ is the bread, awaiting hunger [1]

The Eucharist is telling us that God is our food and all we have to do is provide the hunger. We are reminded of the beatitudes where Jesus says, "Blessed are the poor" i.e. 'those who are beggars for the things of the spirit.' [2] "Theirs is the kingdom of heaven." He also said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled."

'Jesus promises that when the hunger arises within us to find our own deepest aliveness within God's aliveness, it will be satisfied—in fact, the hunger itself is a sign that the bond is already in place. As we enter the path of transformation, the most valuable thing we have working in our favour is our yearning. When we yearn, we come into sympathetic vibration with a deeper heart-knowing. The heart is an organ of alignment; it connects us. Yearning is the vibration of that connectedness. In these beatitudes Jesus is not talking about doing virtuous deeds so we'll be rewarded later; he is talking about being in connection with our fundamental yearning.' [3]

'Most of us feel that we are all on our own. In today's gospel the disciples wanted to send the people out on their own to take care of their own food. There were only 5 loaves and 2 fish. That wasn't enough. That's the natural human response. Jesus' response was to create a new understanding of abundance, of 'enoughness', of more than 'enoughness'- as we see in the twelve baskets left over. Without the awareness of God's infinite love we all live in a worldview of scarcity. Jesus is trying to move us to a worldview of abundance. This isn't just a miracle story. It's not just bread and fish that are being transformed but hopefully our minds and our hearts. We are not just talking about an abundance of bread and fish, but it's about an abundant mind, a generous heart.'

This is an image of the Eucharist: a meal which takes us out of our tiny world where we never feel that there is enough and gives our lives universal and eternal meaning. Our little tiny lives are connected with something bigger, something that matters, something eternal. Suddenly our ordinary little lives have transcendent and universal meaning. Whether we realise it or not, that is the yearning within each one of us. That is our hunger.' [4]

Adapted: [1] Saint Augustine [2] Pietro Archiati [3] Cynthia Bourgeault [4] Richard Rohr

Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (week 12)
Year C (**Corpus Christi**) 19th June 2022 missal 1104

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 18th June 2022

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention (CO)	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For our parish First holy communion children	<i>Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	<i>Feast: St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Vera Marsden	
Wed 9.15pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Rita Keane	<i>Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Film Night: The Chosen. 7pm</i>
Thur 11.30am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Funeral Mass: Lawrence Dunnagan	<i>Feast: Birth of John the Baptist</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	John Calvey	<i>Feast Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Eric Kellett	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Steven Green For our parish	<i>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

Last Weekend: Attendance: 158 (83, 75) Offertory: £612.80;

Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Linda Salter, John Calvey, Vera Marsden).

Welcome into the family of faith

Thomas James Hinde who was baptised in St. Anthony's last Sunday.

Tea, Coffee, cake etc. after both weekend Mass

We have re-started coffee after the Saturday vigil Mass as well as after the 9.30am Mass every weekend.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick, especially Mary Lawler, Mandy Davis, Frank Stanton, Jo Counsell, Alice Myerscough, Chris Goldsmith, Theresa Wilkinson, Bill Embrey, Carole Adnitt, Gary Adnitt, Les Farrer, Rev. Tom Butler.

We pray for the souls of those who have died recently: Lawrence Dunnagan; and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Mary Chandler, George Earnshaw, Eric Kellett, Frances Robins, Bill Donaghey, Mary McMurrough, Patrick McMurrough, Edward David Knowles, Steven Green, Mary Cicely Ashurst, Catherine Togher, Rita Keane, Joyce Dobson, Mary-Jo Cuerden, Elizabeth Grizedale. May they rest in peace.

Holy Water Stoops

We now have holy water at the church doors. We will be cleaning the stoops frequently.

St. Anthony's Feast Day and the Queen's Jubilee

Thanks to everyone involved in our parish celebration last week—cleaning and decorating the church, presenting the liturgy, and then the gathering in the Parish Centre afterwards. Many people and parish groups were involved and it was greatly appreciated.

Church cleaning

We have a great team of people who keep our church clean but we need volunteers to join them. This involves 2-3 hours, every 3-4 months, working in a team of 2-3. If you are able to help please contact Margaret Mounsey on 01772 719362. We are grateful for those who provide this service for our parish.

Film Nights – The Chosen

'The Chosen' film nights reach the significant moment of the Wedding Feast at Cana this Wednesday. You don't need to have seen the previous episodes, so why not come along this week". In the Padua Room on Wednesdays at 7.00pm.

Pick up a flyer for details or speak with Jackie Stoprya on 07934 667292.

Preston Corpus Christi Procession - St. Walburge's TODAY

Starts at 2pm. Parking is situated on the Church car park which is at the end of Weston Street (the street in front of the main doors to the Church) and also with the agreement of the University, the UCLAN car park on Pedder Street which is literally a two minute walk away (there are many spaces here). There will be no parking behind the Presbytery. People with disabilities can be dropped off at the main entrance. If wet the procession will take place inside the Church and do not be discouraged from coming along.

The Rwanda Group Trust

Mark Ibison, a trustee of 'RGT', is cycling the 500 mile 'Camino de Santiago' pilgrimage route at the moment. If you think it's been hot here think what it's been like in Spain! Please sponsor him at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mark-ibison-rgt> or by signing the form at the back of church. Thank you.

- Copies of the Rwanda Group quarterly newsletter are available on the table at the back of church. If you have an email address and you are willing to receive the newsletter via that, please write on the list. A small step to saving our trees!!

Castlerigg

We are looking for a few more gap year volunteers and a Programme Leader - a 2-year paid post. Anyone interested can contact jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk or head to <http://castleriggmanor.com/join-the-team/>

Castlerigg Open Day—Unfortunately this event planned for July 17th has been postponed until later in the year.

St Vincent De Paul Society - St Anthony's

There is still a need for food items such as dried food and tins of fruit and vegetables for the food banks. If anyone has any old (in good condition) sleeping bags they no longer require, the SVP can donate them to local charities. Thanks for your continued support.

Day of Renewal

- Sat 25th June 10am - 4pm at St. Clare's Preston. See poster in the porch.