

# 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

Annexe: 725544 Social Centre: 735963 Primary school: 726621  
Playgroup/Preschool 07963 700591 **Covenant Books:** 07396 796969

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## *Finding Peace in Forgiveness*

"Once everything falls into place, then I will find peace." By that, we usually mean, "Once I have sorted everything out, then I will find peace." That is our ego speaking. The Holy Spirit within us says: "Find peace and then everything will fall into place." [1]

There are times when our life situation is so overwhelming that we wonder if we will ever experience the peace of Christ which is already within us. Jesus shows us how this is possible when almost immediately after his greeting, "Peace be with you" he speaks about forgiveness. Forgiveness reveals three goodnesses simultaneously. When we forgive, we choose the goodness of the other over their faults, we experience God's goodness flowing through ourselves, and we also experience our own capacity for goodness in a way that almost surprises us. We are finally in touch with a much Higher Power, and we slowly learn how to draw upon this Infinite Source. The Spirit within us creates an unrelenting desire toward forgiveness and reconciliation. True Spirit-led forgiveness always frees and heals at least one of the parties involved, and hopefully both. To live in peace we need to extend forgiveness not only to all people but also to everything. We need to forgive reality for being what it is. Forgiving everything for being what it is becomes the only way we can finally live in peace." [2] 'Forgiveness unbinds, frees us and loosens us so that something new can happen.' [3] When we unbind others, we are also unbound.

'I used to think of the fruits of the Spirit as 'things' given to us, like something in gift boxes. Now I think of them not as things but as energies already within us. If we believe that we are created in the image and likeness of God, we believe that the Spirit of God is already within us. Our prayer, "Come Holy Spirit" then becomes, "Come forth from within us and help us to recognise and live your energies.' Our gospel reading today invites us to pray:

"When we come face to face with the challenge of offering forgiveness to the heart that rejects us.... Spirit of God, move us with the energy of your love within us." [4]

Adapted: [1] Marianne Williamson [2] Richard Rohr [3] Living Space [4] Joyce Rupp

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# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 18th May 2024

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Gerard Machin	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Teresa Smith Nicholas Bryson	<b>Pentecost</b>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Joan & Len Airey	<i>Fest: Mary, Mother of the Church</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Francis & Gertrude Dewhurst	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Jack Adamson	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Special Intnetion	<i>Feast OL JC Eternal High Priest</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Fr. G. Dakin	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Ellen Fogell	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Bob & Marie Garkington Ni	<b>Trinity</b>

**Last Weekend:** Offertory. £568.72. Catholic Media: £69.50.  
Attendance: 469 (176+293). Thank you for your generosity.

## Masses received this week:

**Tea, Coffee, cake etc.** is served in the Padua Room after both weekend Masses.

### Covenant Books

Please note the new phone number for Covenant Books at Holy Family Ingol:  
07396 796969

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick, especially Jo Counsell, Bill Embrey, Les Farrer, Marie Morris, Angela Russell, Maureen Cafferkey, Deacon Tom Butler, baby Mairead, Michael Connors, Karen Gunter, John Mulholland, Fr Ossie Aisbitt, Fr. Harry Holden, Mgr. Patrick Mulvaney, Fr. Michael Murphy;

We pray for those who have died recently: Fr. Gerard Dakin, Brenda Loughran, Ellen Kenyon;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Eric Welsby, John Dwyer, Peter Kevill, Dorothy Hedley, May Dickinson, Gerard Walsh, Maria Garlington, Veronica Chanter, Marie McCartney, Richard and Mary Murphy, Michael Wilson. May they rest in peace.

### First Holy Communions

We enjoyed a lovely celebration of first holy communion for our children last Sunday. We are most grateful to Jackie, Angela, Sue and Bernadette or their work in helping to prepare the children.

### St. Anthony's Feast Day will be celebrated on 9th June.

After 9.30 Mass there will be refreshments in the Parish Centre, with cakes, drinks and hot dogs, School children singing and dancing, Professional entertainment for all, Stalls, raffles, crafts and games.

Volunteers fare needed or cakes please and donations for tombola prizes are especially welcome (see (box at back of church next week). More information next week's bulletin.

### Stop Abortion Up To Birth

Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have tabled amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill that would make extreme changes to our abortion laws. Both amendments would make it more likely that babies are aborted at home for any reason, up to birth. To oppose the abortion up to birth amendments, email your MP via this easy -to-use link: [www.rightholife.org.uk/uptobirth](http://www.rightholife.org.uk/uptobirth)

### Music at 9.30am Mass

For the next few weeks Angie will be unable to lead the singing at Sunday Mass. Have we any other musicians who can stand in—at least for one week?

### Wednesday Evening Group

Over the next few weeks, we will be watching The Chosen - series 3. Padua Room, Wednesdays at 7.00pm. Each session lasts around one hour. This drama tells the story of Jesus and his followers. It explores the background of 1st century Judea and the life stories of the disciples. You do not need to have seen the first two series. Come and try! All are welcome.

### Holy Family Plant Sale

After 11.00am Mass today, parishioners of Holy Family will be holding an annual Plant Sales in aid of WINGS, in the church hall. Cash donations please for all sales. There should be something for everybody so come and have a browse. Drinks and refreshments will also be provided as usual.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

We've started preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you have registered check your e-mail. If you haven't, have a word with Fr. Peter. asap.

### Preston Annual Corpus Christi Procession

At St. Walburge's Shrine Church on Sunday 2nd June 2024 at 2.00pm. All Parishioners and Parish group welcome.

### John Bradburne Memorial Society Annual Walk

On Saturday 8th June there will be Mass at St John the Evangelist Skirwith before the climb on Cross Fell stopping for lunch and prayers; followed with refreshments and talks in Skirwith Village Hall. There are A5 leaflets in church about the walk and booklets about John Bradburne himself.