

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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Follow Me

Jesus's invitation to his first disciples was specific and particular, rooted in the language, culture and vocation they knew best. What metaphor would make more sense to four fishermen than the metaphor of fishing for people? They would have understood the nuances of that metaphor; from years of hard won experience, they would have known what depths of patience, resilience, intuition, and artistry professional fishing required. These men knew the tools of the trade, the limitations of their bodies and the potential dangers those limitations posed, and the life-and-death importance of timing, humility, and discretion. Most of all, they knew the water. They knew how to respect it, how to listen to it and how to bring forth its best in due time. When Jesus called these tried-and-true fishermen to follow him, they understood the call not as a directive to leave their experience and intelligence behind, but to bring the best of their core selves forward, to become even more fully and freely themselves.

We are invited to follow Jesus in the unique particulars of the lives, families, communities, cultures, and vocations in which we find ourselves. God prizes our intellects, our memories, our backgrounds, our educations, our skills and he will multiply, shape, and bring to fruition everything we offer up to him from the daily stuff of our lives. "I will make you," he tells the fishermen. "I will take, cultivate, deepen, purify, protect and perfect the person God created you to be." Surrender to Jesus isn't only about renunciation. It's about resurrection. It's about abundant and authentic life. When Jesus promises to "make us," it's a commitment to nurture us, not a threat to sever us from all we love. It's a promise rooted in gentleness and respect, not violence and coercion. It's a promise that when we dare to let go, the things we relinquish might be returned to us anew, enlivened in ways we couldn't have imagined on our own. [1]

Most of the time, the call of Jesus does not require that we leave our jobs. Rather, it invites us to see our work in a whole new light and to do our work for a whole new purpose. Whether we leave our jobs or not, a disciple's identity is no longer "fisherman," "tax collector," or anything else except "follower of Jesus."

Adapted: [1] Debie Thomas

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
22nd January 2023 missal p696

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 21st January 2023

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Bill Gornall & Harry Jones	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For our parish Martin Banks	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Ian Talbot	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	<i>Feast: St. Francis de Sales</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	<i>Feast: The Conversion of St. Paul</i>
Thur 1.30pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Funeral Mass: Bill Gunter	<i>Feast: Ss Timothy & Titus</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Chris Goldsmith	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Joseph Smethurst	<i>Feast: St. Thomas Aquinas</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Tom & Marie Hooper For our parish	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Weekend: Attendance: 183 (90 & 93). Offertory: £583.76

Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Joseph Smethurst, Betty Murphy.

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

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Price is £5.00 or £6.00 for ring-bound. Please put payment in the slot in the green safe.

Sacrament of Confirmation

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

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick, especially Mary Lawler, Theresa Wilkinson, Jo Counsell, Alice Myerscough, Bill Embrey, Maureen Cafferkey, Carole & Gary Adnitt, Les Farrer, Rev. Tom Butler, baby Mairead, Vera Bolton.

We pray for those who have died recently: Bill Gunter, Ramon Consiglio, Chris Goldsmith, Valerie Hope, John Kay, Mary Teresa Duncan, Marguerite Warburton; and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: John Garvey, May Mee, John Cooper, John Howarth, Alan McLaughlin, Catherine Brennan, Elsie Gallagher, Celia Cherry, John Kellett, Gervase & Alice Bamber, James Robinson, Robert Taylor, Bertha Frances Dawson, Bill Moon, John Philips, Lena Carling, Helen McBride, Agnes Long, Margaret Newsham, Brian Newsham, Margaret Robinson. May they rest in peace.

'Catholicism'

The series of films about "Catholicism" have started again. Wednesdays at 7.00pm in the Padua Room. This session covers the Sacraments. All are welcome; you do not need to have seen the other episodes.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - TODAY

You are invited to join the Christian Churches in Fulwood & Broughton for a Service on Sunday 22nd January at Fulwood Methodist Church at 3:00pm

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion

We will be starting the main preparation on Wednesday 25th January. We'll send out a reminder through school. Anyone not in St. Anthony's school should have a word with Fr. Peter as soon as possible.

Mornings with James Finley Beginning February 2023

These are now going to be scheduled as Preparation for Easter

One-hour sessions of reflection with James Finley's contemplative insights and beautiful poetic imagery. They will take place every Thursday in March: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th from 10.30am – 11.30am. Evening sessions could also be offered if needed. The venue is still to be confirmed.

Please contact Cathy York at cathmyork@gmail.com or 01772 723568

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our church? What aspects of church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish? Could you help in our parish, bringing people together to help build a better world or by visiting local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese? Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with Emma and Patrick at lancaster@cafod.org.uk

Cups & Saucers

Our Social Group give thanks for the cups and saucers to be used for the Afternoon Teas etc. If you have any redundant crockery they'll be glad to receive them.

Fulwood Farmers' Market

The first of 2023 will be held on Saturday 28th January from 9.30am-1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church, Watling Street Road, PR2 8EA. Come and stock up on fresh local produce and Fairtrade products, and stay for a drink and a snack.

Do spread the word and hope to see you there.

Keep fit - Weekly sessions, in the Padua Room on Wednesday mornings at 10a.m.

Winckley Square Convent School Reunion

The annual reunion will take place on Saturday February 18th from 1pm - 4pm at Our Lady and St Edward's Parish Centre, Marlborough Drive, Fulwood. PR2 9UE. All past pupils (and Staff) are welcome to attend and bring along memorabilia and photographs to share. Anyone who needs a lift to get there please contact Diane 07546173802 or let us know on the facebook group page Winckley Square Convent School.

Fair Trade sales last weekend were £50.55. CAFOD donations were £3.60. Thank you.