

St Anthony of Padua

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Weekday Mass: Mon-Wed, Fri: 9.15am. (Thurs 9.15am at Holy Family)

Confessions: 5.30—5.50pm

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Taxing Questions

'Today's gospel is an example of 'either/or' thinking; all or nothing thinking. When presented with two alternatives, most people think that by choosing one we have the total truth. We call this dualistic thinking. The dualistic mind knows by comparison, opposition, and differentiation. It uses descriptive words like good/evil, pretty/ugly, right/wrong, not realising there may be a hundred degrees between the two ends of each spectrum. We do need the dualistic mind to function in practical life, however, and to do our work whatever that may be. It's helpful and fully necessary as far as it goes, but it just doesn't go far enough. The dualistic mind cannot process things like infinity, mystery, God, grace, suffering, sexuality, death or love; this is exactly why most people stumble over these very issues. Most of us settle for quick and easy answers instead of any deep perception, which we leave to poets, philosophers, and prophets. Yet depth and breadth of perception should be the primary arena for all authentic religion.' [1]

'The Pharisees and Herodians approach Jesus with their right/wrong dualistic thinking. Jesus unmasks the question for what it is: an effort to trip him up rather than an inquiry proceeding from a sincere desire to know the truth. Jesus refuses to play their game. He doesn't answer their question, at least not in the way they want. Instead he deepens the question and turns it into one of relationship, of belonging. "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God". The coin belongs to the emperor; the human being belongs to God. Each has been marked with the image of its owner. We have been coined in the image of God.' [2]

The key to understanding today's gospel is knowing to whom we belong. Jesus is not separating the secular and the sacred, spirit and matter, divine and human.[2] Duality is the experience of separateness. Non-duality is the experience of interconnectedness. Our awareness of our oneness with God will guide our decision-making in all aspects of our lives and enable us to discern God's presence in everyone and in all things.

Adapted [1] Richard Rohr [2] Michael Marsh

29th Sunday of the Year

22nd October 2023

Year A

Missal: p791

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 21st October 2023

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Margaret Taylor	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant H.Family</i>	For our parish Bill York	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Mission Sunday: APF Collection</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Marie & Tom Hooper	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Eucharistic Service	<i>St. Anthony's P.L.G. meting</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Agnes & Philip Fitzgerald	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	For a sick person (JW)	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Dave Smith	<i>Feast: Ss. Simon & Jude</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant H.Family</i>	Special Intention (SA) Sr. Isobel	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Sick & Retired Priests' Fund Collection</i>

Last Weekend: Attendance: 240 (71 + 169). Offertory: (2 weeks) £1083.07
CAFOD Family Fast £505.82. Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: for family healing, Marie & Tom Hooper, Joe Morrison, David Smith, Special Intention (SA), Sr. Isobel, Agnes & Philip Fitzgerald;

Carols Service

Choir rehearsals are at 10.45 on Sunday mornings. New singers are welcome.

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

Catholic Youth Ministry Internships

Castlerigg Manor is looking for young Catholics (18-25) to join their internship programme. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications. Contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick, especially Jo Counsell, Bill Embrey, Marie Morris, Carole & Gary Adnitt, Maureen Cafferkey, Les Farrer, baby Mairead, Angela Russell, Jack Morton;

We pray for those who have died recently: Fr. Joe O'Connor, Winston Daley, St. Isobel; and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Agnes Fitzgerald, Joseph Billington, Helena Windley, Joe Bowers, Richard Hoggarth, John Keogh, Jack Greenwood, Winifred Shorrock, Lily Morrison, Thomas Lavery, John Rigby, Sarah Spence, Mary Ibison, Freda Fender, Sarah Smith, Betty O'Reilly, Joseph Dugdale, Anthony Thistlethwaite.

May they rest in peace.

Halloween Party

With disco, ice cream, sweet stalls, party games. Fancy dress—prize for best dressed adult. Organised by St Anthony's Church and Primary school. All proceeds to school mini bus appeal. This Friday 27th October 7.00-9.30pm.

Today is World Mission Sunday

The Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. This Fund helps missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. It's a special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. missio.org.uk

Fr. Joe O'Connor RIP

Fr Joe O'Connor, served in several parishes of our diocese, including St Joseph's, Preston and as Lancaster University Chaplain. His funeral Mass will be at St. John Vianney's, Blackpool on Friday 3rd November at 11.30am. O Lord grant him eternal rest.

Sr. Isobel RIP

We extend our prayers and sympathy to St. Bernadette (Our Lady's High School) on the death of her sister, Sr. Isobel, a member of the Dominican Convent Community in Galway. May she rest in peace. We'll offer Mass for her next Sunday.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Ps 122,6)

The news from Israel and Gaza is extremely distressing to hear. We turn to God in our sadness and confusion and pray, praying for everyone concerned; we pray with hearts that are hurting for the suffering of so many; we pray in desperation as we share in the experience of helplessness to make things stop and make things better. This is happening in the very land where God called human beings into a covenant of life and love with Him. This is the place where we were taught by The Prince of Peace, to call upon God as Father.

St. Anthony's Parish Leadership Group

Next meeting is this Wednesday. If you have any topics you wish to be considered have word with Wendy Smith or Fr. Peter.

2025 Jubilee Year

The Centenary of our Diocese is autumn 2024. Information will be coming later. As well as that, the universal church is celebrating a Jubilee year from Advent 2024 entitled 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

In preparation for this Jubilee year we have been invited to reflect on the four foundational documents (constitutions) of the Second Vatican Council:

- (1) the Word of God, *Dei Verbum*,
- (2) the Sacred Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*,
- (3) the nature of the Church, *Lumen Gentium*,
- (4) the Church in the modern world, *Gaudium et Spes*

Video reflections on these can be found at:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/constitutions-of-vatican-ii/>