

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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Nature's Lesson on Letting Go

'We are currently celebrating the Season of Creation which runs each year from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi). It is a time to give thanks for all that God has made and to commit ourselves to take action to protect the earth, our common home.' [1] 'The first act of divine revelation is creation itself. The first Bible is the Bible of nature. Nature can only be respected, enjoyed and looked at with admiration and awe. Sitting lovingly at the feet of the first Bible enables us to relate and respond to the revelations of the second Bible.' [2]

We are about to enter into the season of Autumn, the season of letting go. 'In today's gospel, Jesus challenges his disciples to let go of two of their misconceptions. Firstly, he wanted to prepare them for bad news (the Passion) and good news (the Resurrection), but they did not want to hear him. Jesus' prediction of the future was incomprehensible because it did not coincide with the disciples' hopes and plans. Secondly, Jesus presents to his disciples a completely different interpretation of the word 'greatness', one which involves service, of being last. We're not told their reaction to this but we can imagine that they also found it difficult to accept.' [3]

'Autumn leaves are subtle reminders that we are asked to let go of many things throughout our lives.' [4] We are in a constant process of integrating new information, aspects of ourselves, perceptions and ideas, as we realise that old ways of doing things no longer work. Releasing unnecessary, unhelpful beliefs and attitudes recharges our body and mind. We receive back all the energy we were expending on them. The old ways, however, don't need to be tossed into the trash. On the contrary, like the leaves that drop from the trees, they can serve as the foundation for new growth and fuel for renewal. [5]

Whenever we are called to let go of something safe, secure and familiar we are invited to be birthed again. Each radical change in our lives summons us to a greater fullness, to a more complete transformation of our inner self. ' [4]

Adapted: [1] cafod.org.uk [2] Richard Rohr [3] Living Space [4] Joyce Rupp [5] Constance Habash

25th Week in Ordinary Time

22nd September 2024

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 21st September 2024

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Peter Hothersall	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant H.Family</i>	baby Gerard John For our parish	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Bishops Administration Collection</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Lydia Etherington	<i>Feast: Ss. Pius of Pietrelcina</i>
Tue 10.30am	<i>St. Ant</i>	<i>Funeral Mass:</i> Muriel Newton	<i>Feast: Our Lady of Walsingham</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Baby Lily Machin	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Canon M O'Connell	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Jack & Mabel Willacy	<i>Feast: St. Vincent de Paul</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Julie McLaughlin	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant H.Family</i>	Saeed Patel & family For our parish	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Collect Cafod Fast Day envelopes</i>

Last Weekend: Offertory: £558.00. Catholic Education £50.00

Attendance: 190 (80 + 110). Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Lydia Etherington, Marjorie Garside, John Talbot;

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

Acknowledgement

St Anthony's SVP is very grateful to accept the sum of £260 on the occasion of the funeral of Marjorie Garside.

Welcome into the family of faith:

Ellie Sylvia and Oliver David Murray and Kasjan Tomasz who were baptised in St. Anthony's last week.

Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life

On Saturday 28th September, the Vigil of the Feast of St Michael, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Invite others to join the day on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/events/1584168772229831/>

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick, especially Jo Counsell, Bill Embrey, Marie Morris, Angela Russell, Michael Connors, John Mulholland, Deacon Tom Butler, Karen Gunter;

We pray for those who have died recently: Theresa (Marjorie) Garside, Margaret Muriel Newton, Tony Swan;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Alfred Kenneth Craven, Eunice Elliot, Gary Whittell, Marie Milne, baby Lily Machin. May they rest in peace.

Bishop's Administration Fund

There is a special collection this weekend. Thank you for your support.

Planning our Annual Carol Concert

If you enjoy singing carols, please join us as we practice for our Annual Carol Concert. We will start rehearsing at 10.45 on Sunday after Mass from 29th September.

Wednesday Evening Group.

Wednesday Film Night begins at 6.45 this week. 'Of Gods and Men' is about a group of Cistercian monks living in the remote mountains of North Africa who support the community, dependant on them, against Islamic Fundamentalists.

Next week is the 'gentler' film, 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicoloured Dreamcoat'! All are welcome.

Rwanda Group

Thankyou to all who supported the Rwanda Group Trust Table Top Sales. After room hire we made a wonderful £420 for the poorest of the poor in Rwanda. All raffle prizes have been claimed. A list is on the board in the porch.

Choirs in Harmony

- will be performing on Sunday 6th October at 2pm in St Anthony's church and afterwards for refreshments and a raffle in the Social centre. The tickets are £5.00 and can be purchased after the evening or morning Mass, or direct from Karen Hardman 07954575548. All proceeds are for the Parish Charities.

Season of Creation 1st September to 4th October 2024.

Our Diocesan Faith & Justice Group encourages all our parishes to do just two things: to celebrate the Season in the liturgy, with appropriate hymns, intercessions and the rosary, and to tackle energy consumption (especially as the weather gets colder and the bills get higher!). For ideas please go to <https://faith-justice.co/> and cafod.org.uk. For tips on energy saving, please go to <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/diocesan-environmental-group-publishes-small-things-guide/>.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal – Harvest (Friday 4 October)

Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope.

Fulwood Farmers' Market with Fairtrade

Next one is on Saturday 28th September from 9.30am-1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church, Watling Street Road, PR2 8EA. Come and stock up on fresh local produce and Fairtrade products, browse the New to You stalls, and stay for a drink and a snack.

Diocese of Lancaster Centenary

Centenary BALL: Join an evening of dining, dancing, and fellowship as we mark this significant milestone on Friday 3rd January 2025, from 6pm at The Villa, Levens (near Kendal). Please visit www.lancastercentenaryball.com or alternatively contact info@lancastercentenaryball.com for further details and ticket reservation.

Day of Renewal

at St. Clare's, Preston, led by Mary Hardiman, on 'Forgiveness – Following the Example of Jesus Christ', Saturday 5th October, 10am – 4pm. Please see poster in church.