

Holy Week

* at St. Anthony's



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Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

11.00am: Stations of the Cross

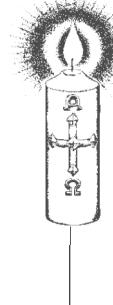
3.00pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

- solemn reading of the Passion
- veneration of the cross
- & holy communion

Holy Saturday

8.00pm: The Easter Vigil

- lighting the paschal candle
- proclamation of the Exultet
- baptismal liturgy



Easter Sunday

9.30am Mass of Resurrection

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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
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Choosing Life and Death

From Palm Sunday until Easter Sunday we immerse ourselves in what we call the Paschal Mystery which includes the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. Although it is for liturgical and catechetical reasons, spread over a week, it should be seen as an indivisible single experience. [1]

Palm Sunday: In some ways today feels like one of confusion and contradiction. What began as a victory parade ends as a funeral procession. There's a part of us that wants to say, "Well which is it? Palms or passion?" The answer is, "Yes." It is both, palms and passion. That's the reality of our lives. It is not about choosing between life **or** death, palms **and** passion; but about choosing life **and** death, palms **and** passion. [2]

Holy Thursday: In John's full account of the Last Supper, Jesus will speak the word *love* thirty-one times. The love that Jesus enacts and speaks this night is an extraordinary gift reserved not for the disciples - or us - alone. "*Do as I have done to you.*" How will we enact this love, giving it flesh for the life of the world? [3]

Good Friday: Today the liturgy invites us to surrender to the mystery of the cross which teaches us that the price we pay for holding together the contradictions within ourselves, others and the world is always some form of crucifixion. When we kneel at the foot of the cross Jesus teaches us how to stand against hate without becoming hate, how to oppose evil without becoming evil. [4]

Holy Saturday: This is the day between dying and rising. This day calls us to hold our anguish and our hope in the same hand. It invites us to marvel that when our hearts have been shattered, they somehow manage to keep beating. We somehow manage to keep breathing. Do not despair. You hold the memory of what it was to be whole. It lives deep in your bones. It abides in your heart that has been torn and mended a hundred times. It persists in your lungs that know the mystery of what it means to be full, to be empty, to be full again. I am not asking you to give up your grip on the shards you clasp so close to you, but to wonder what it would be like for those jagged edges to meet each other in some new pattern that you have never imagined, that you have never dared to dream. [5]

Adapted: [1] David La Mar [2] Michael Marsh [3] Jan Richardson [4] Richard Rohr

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 23rd March 2024

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Peter Fogell	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant H.Family</i>	Alice & John Myerscough Joyce Hilton	Palm Sunday
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Leonard Airey	
Tue 10.30am 3.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	<i>Funeral Mass:</i> Marie Kilshaw <i>Cremation Service:</i> Jean Walkden	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Jean Walkden	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Eric Hyland	MAUNDY THURSDAY
Fri 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Stations of the Cross	GOOD FRIDAY
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant H.Family</i>	Mollie Walmsley Evie Bamber	Easter Sunday

Last Weekend: Attendance: 262 (109 + 153). Offertory: £671.36.

Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week:

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

Welcome into the family of faith:

Rio, Denham, Dahmir and Raelah Aduku who were baptised in St. Anthony's last week and to Calvina Aduku who was received into full Communion with the Catholic church.

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, Fr. Harry Holden, Fr. Michael Murphy, Fr. Gerard Dakin, Fr. Daniel Etienne, Michael Connors, Karen Gunter;

We pray for those who have died recently: Jean Walkden, Marie Kilshaw, Annie King; and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Marjorie O'Reilly, Margaret and Arthur Wignall, Edith Rigby, William Devereux, Frances Kilshaw, Winnie Ollerton, Jack Houghton, Mary Toase, Gertrude Turner, Darren Kaye, Jean Clarkson, Paul Worthington, Richard Yates, Helen Smith, Bernard Fisher, Denis Danson, Ann Clarkson. May they rest in peace.

Covenant Books at Holy Family Church

For religious books, statues, rosary beads and all kinds of religious items.
tel. 01772 735993. Opening hours: Thursday & Friday 10am-4.00pm; Sat 10.00-12noon

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday Mass will begin at 9.15am with the blessing of palms. Weather permitting we'll be outside on the lawn behind the Padua Room. followed by procession into church.

Chrism Mass

In Lancaster Cathedral on Maundy Thursday at 11.30am.

Maundy Thursday at Holy Family

As usual we will be inviting parishioners to take part in the ceremony of Washing of the Feet.

Wednesday Evening Group

We are taking a break from our meetings until after Easter. We shall meet on 17th April 7.00pm. Keep an eye on the noticeboard and newsletter for what we are watching next.

Sacrament of Confirmation

We've asked bishop Paul to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in the parish soon. Arrangements will be announced soon.

Help Support a pro-Life Amendment

Support an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law. Collect a post-card today from the back of church and post it to your MP urgently in support of this amendment.

Rwanda Table-Top Sales

Good selection of new and used crafts, clothes, gifts, toys, cards, miscellaneous goods. Saturday 13th April, 10am-1pm. In St. Anthony's Annexe. Details from Bernadette on 07734 972897/ grannyrazzle@sky.com

Offertory Envelopes

The next set of envelopes for 'planned giving' have arrived and will be distributed from next Sunday; these envelopes start at the beginning of April.

Please let us know if you no longer pay tax or if you have started to pay tax. There are Gift Aid forms at the back of church for anyone who hasn't yet completed one to enable us to reclaim the tax on your donations.

And if you don't have a set of envelopes just ask and we can let you have some.

We are also investigating the possibility of installing a card reader in church. Increasingly people are saying that they don't carry cash and this option has proved useful in some parishes.

"In the Know"

Rachel, our local P.C.S.O. has asked us to publicise their messaging service which allows residents to get direct updates and information from their local neighbourhood policing team. It offers essential crime prevention advice, information about burglaries and current crime trends. It also conveys good news stories of what the P.C.S.O.'s have been doing in the area and offers an opportunity for you to send messages directly to them. There is a short questionnaire at the back of church on which you can sign up for this email service. We can return them to Rachel, our P.C.S.O.

Catholic Voice

The latest edition of our free Diocesan newspaper is available from the back of church.