

St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday Masses: 6.00 (Vigil - Saturday Evening) 9.30am, 5.00pm

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

Confessions: on request

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Costing not less than everything

Today's readings are like the squares on a patchwork quilt, all separate pieces calling out for some golden thread to bring them together to produce a beautiful work of art. The images offered to us would probably not be our choice of material. The gold thread, like treasure hidden in a field, symbolises who we are in God. It is the sacredness of each one of us. T.S. Eliot describes this treasure as

*A condition of complete simplicity
Costing not less than everything.*

When we set our hearts on possessing something we may feel that it is beyond our reach because it 'costs an arm and a leg' but we will make the necessary sacrifices in order to own that particular object. In today's reading Jesus uses similar but more exaggerated language to illustrate that to be true to who we are in God costs not less than everything. It means cutting out of our lives all that refuses to acknowledge and celebrate the sacredness in each one of us. It is a new way of seeing. Jesus is asking us to look within, to find our stumbling blocks which prevent us, and others, from becoming who we are. 'In the spiritual world stumbling blocks are a part of us. They are as much a part of us as are our hands, feet and eyes. Stumbling blocks are the patterns of life we have created for ourselves or to which we have been subjected by others but which we perpetuate. They are the habits of seeing, thinking, and acting that blind us to who we, our neighbours and God really are. They distort reality so that we cannot respond appropriately.' (M. Marsh)

Today we are being invited to acknowledge and celebrate the sacred. In response to that invitation, we may then want to choose our own material for our quilt, with each square depicting a memory of when we have experienced the sacred in each one of us, in creation and in the circumstances of our lives. This may have cost us everything but T.S. Eliot continues the above verse with the words of Julian of Norwich:

*And all shall be well and
All manner of thing shall be well*

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 25th September 2021

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Rev John Kilshaw	
Sun 9.30am	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	25th Sunday of the Year
11.00am	<i>H. Family</i>	Joyce Penswick	Bishop's Administration Collection
5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Mary Celia Park	
Mon 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Funeral Mass: William Ash	<i>Feast: St. Vincent de Paul</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Jack Kilshaw	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Kathleen Morton	<i>Feast: Archangels Michael, Gabriel, Raphael</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H. Family</i>	Special Intention	<i>Feast: St. Jerome</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	William Wilson	<i>Feast: St. Therese</i>
11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Funeral Service: William Wilson	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Gary Whittell	<i>Feast: Holy Guardian Angels</i>
Sun 9.30am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Jack Mounsey	27th Sunday of the Year
11.00am	<i>H. Family</i>	For our parish	<i>CAFOD envelopes return</i>
5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	

Last Weekend: Offertory £668.40. Attendance 193 (6pm 69, 9.30 82, 5.00 42)

Home Missions £72.70. Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Jack Mounsey.

Welcome into the family of faith... Luca Robert MacDonald who was baptised in St. Anthony's last Sunday.

BIDDING PRAYER INTENTIONS

Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the light". May the Church always demonstrate and proclaim this with conviction and compassion.

As we approach Family Fast Day on Friday, grant us grace, to put the flourishing of all people and the wonder of your creation at the heart of all we do, as we strive to be guardians of our common home.

On Monday we celebrate the feast of St Vincent de Paul, thanking God for this life of service. We pray for the members of our own SVP Group - may they be strengthened and rewarded for the service they constantly and quietly provide.

We pray for the sick and house-bound of our parish and for those who care for them, We pray for the sick and house-bound of our parish and for those who care for them, especially Julie Mary Butler (Machin), Veronica Judge, May Rigby, Chris Goldsmith, Jo Counsell, Carole Adnitt, Lawrence Dunnagan, Theresa Wilkinson, Bill Embery, Frank Stanton, Lydia Worgan, Deacon John Kilshaw, Alice Myerscough, Les Farrer;

for those who have died recently: William Wilson, William (Bill) Ash, Victoria Chester, Jack Mounsey;

and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Michael Crompton, Thomas Gielty, Jack Kilshaw, Agnes & Joseph Billington, James Nickson, Kathleen Morton, Raymond Whittle. May they rest in peace.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Our parish CAFOD Group have produced a short video highlighting the work our parish has done with CAFOD. You can see it on this link: <https://youtu.be/kmUUQdjOBBA>

CAFOD have sent this note:

Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis.

Donate online through the CAFOD website or by using a CAFOD envelope. You can also easily give via text (CAFOD10 to 76580 to donate £10*. Or choose to give any whole amount between £1 and £20 by texting CAFOD, followed by the amount you would like to donate, to 70586.

*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70580. For more information please see our Privacy Policy: cafod.org.uk/privacy

CAFOD virtual meeting with MP Ben Wallace

Our CAFOD Group has written to request a zoom meeting with our MP around the time of the Climate Conference, Cop26 -as follows: ". The coronavirus pandemic has had a catastrophic impact on the world's poorest communities, with 150 million people set to fall into extreme poverty as a result. Meanwhile, the climate crisis has again made headlines, and it is the same communities who are the hardest hit. With Britain hosting both the G7 and the COP26 this year, we think that our country has a crucial role to play in tackling global poverty, injustice and the climate crisis. We would appreciate the opportunity for our community to share our concerns with you and learn more about your work in Parliament on these issues." Ben Wallace has agreed but the date has not been fixed. Would any parishioners like to be involved in this discussion? Have a word with Fr. Peter or one of the CADOD Group.

Fairtrade

Bernadette writes: "Thankyou to all for Fairtrade Sales of £89 and donations £13.03 which will be accumulated for World Gifts. The next Fairtrade Stall will be next weekend 2nd/3rd October. Christmas cards may be ordered."

Macmillan Cancer Support

The Knit & Natter group are hosting a Macmillan fundraising event after the 6.00pm and 9.30 Mass this weekend. As well as cake and refreshments for sale in the Padua room, raffle tickets will be on sale at the back of the church. We also have a sale of work. Come and look for some early Christmas presents. The raffle will be pulled after Mass on Sunday by an independent adjudicator, i.e. Ian Mulholland.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion

We're half-way through the preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please pray for the children and their families. Next Sessions are this Wednesday.

Parents of children applying for a place in St. Anthony's Primary school

Please note the closing Date: 15th January 2022. Apply online: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. If child is baptised a Catholic, then please complete a Supplementary Form available from school.

St. Anthony's Afternoon Tea

- with entertainment from Preston musical comedy show choir. On Sunday 14th Nov 2-4 pm at St Anthony's Social Centre. Tickets will be limited with set table allocation so you may book in groups to sit with friends if you wish. Tickets are now on sale after Mass or from Tess on 01772774554 or mtpollard24@gmail.com. We need more help on the day, and bakers! There will be a box at the back of church for raffle donations.