

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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Advent Longing

'Advent celebrates human yearning. There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfilment that somehow lies beyond us. It flows from our deeply rooted human incompleteness. St. Augustine uttered the classic description of this spirit: "You made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." All of us long for something more as we make our pilgrim way. When people focus on power, pleasure, fame, or financial prosperity, they often find themselves moving aimlessly, without fulfilment.' [1] 'Advent is about trying to make sense of that intense and disturbing imperative for a completeness that always eludes us, that burns in our flesh and never leaves us alone.'

Just as it is the task of the water-diviner to 'divine' the presence of the sweetest water deep down in the earth, so it is the task of spiritual leaders to enable us to 'divine' our divinity, to find the hidden well of mystery within us. The liturgy of the Christian Church responds to this mystery of our inner truth, but also wakens us to the danger of settling prematurely for lesser unions, of mistaking false gods for God. Our weakness lies in the setting up of the shop of our lives at the wrong address, in misreading 'true north' in the compass of our brief existence on this earth. Advent reminds us of, and returns us to our true roots, to God's first dream for us.' [2]

Whenever we experience the wonder of the hidden well of mystery within us, we will long to do all we can to 'stay awake', to nourish an awareness that God is present to us in every moment of our lives, in all the circumstances of our lives.

*Blessed be the longing that brought you here
And quickens your soul with wonder.*

*May you have the courage to listen to the voice of desire
That disturbs you when you have settled for something safe.*

*May you have the wisdom to enter generously into your own unease
To discover the new direction your longing wants you to take. [3]*

Adapted: [1] Robert Maloney [2] Daniel O'Leary [3] John O' Donohue

First Sunday of Advent
27th November 2022

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 26th November 2022

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention (T. Burgess)	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For our parish Special Intention	First Sunday of Advent Collection—Diocesan Poor parishes
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Joe Traynor	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Nita Petrila	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Micheal Walsh	<i>Feast: St. Andrew</i> CAFOD Schools Advent Service 6pm
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Dec family & friends of Sue Johnson	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Micheal Keane	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Kenneth Grieg	<i>Feast: St. Francis Xavier</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Michael Gildea For our parish	Second Sunday of Advent

Last Weekend: Attendance: 241 (107,134). Offertory: £658.60.

Catholic Youth Service: £80.90. Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Barbara Osbaldeston, John McDonagh, Edward Allan Jackson, Michael Keane.

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

St Walburge's Christmas Bazaar

Sunday 4th December, 12-30 pm. Lots of Stalls, Raffle Cakes and food, Bric-a-Brac, Toys Tombola & Games All Profits to Rose Window Restoration.

Welcome into the family of faith

Harry Anthony David Baron who was baptised in St. Anthony's last Sunday.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

We pray for those who have died recently: Barbara Osbaldeston, Joan Gregson; and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Francis Hartley, Mary Cottam, Paul Drake, Rosaleen Holmes, Catherine Bond, Bryan Healey, Margaret Keane, Cyril Higginson, Leo Flannigan, Lilian Butler, Andrew Roe. Joseph Holmes, Michael Bell. May they rest in peace.

Garden of Hope—bulbs planted this weekend

We are been offered hundreds of daffodil bulbs to create a parish Garden of Hope in the grass on the Cadley Causeway frontage to create a beautiful display of blooms each Spring. You are invited to remember a loved one; celebrate Creation; mark an anniversary - by donating 50p a bulb or three bulbs for a Pound! Any surplus will be donated to CAFOD. We propose to plant them after 9.30am Mass on TODAY (Sunday).

Sacrament of Confirmation

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

CAFOD Christmas gift catalogues

- are available from the back of church.. Inside you will find imaginative gifts which can be bought perhaps for family members who would appreciate a gift helping those in the developing world who are in dire need.

St Anthony's St Vincent De Paul Society

thank everyone who has contributed so generously to our weekly Food Bank collections. There is a pressing need to continue with our donations now that the Christmas season is approaching. Donations of packet, tinned and Christmas food are urgently required at our local food banks in the Preston area.

Salvation Army Toy Appeal

If you wish to donate to the annual Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal click on www.salvationarmy.org.uk/christmas-present-appeal to get details of suitable gifts for different age groups.

St. Anthony's Singers are rehearsing for the Christmas Carol Service on Sundays at 10.45 in church. New members are welcome. If you would like to read please let Angie Strickland or Peter Newsham know.

Pantomime (note from Angie)

Sleeping Beauty - 1st-3rd December at 7.30 with a matinee at 2pm on the Saturday, at Our Lady's Parish Centre, St Albans Road, St Annes, FY8 1XD. For tickets, please ring 07742 590265 or 07545 089537. Tickets are £8 and £7 concessions. All £6 on Thursday.

Christmas Hampers Raffle

Tickets will be on sale after both Masses on w/e's of 4th and 11th December. £1.00 a strip. The Raffle will be drawn in St. Anthony's Parish Centre after the Carol Service and the "Sing a Long."

St. Anthony's Key Stage One Advent Service

The Key Stage One children and staff at St Anthony's would like to invite all members of the parish to our annual Advent Service on Wednesday 14th December 2022 at 10AM. This will take place in church after Mass.

Fair Trade stall, with Christmas cards. Next Sunday 4th December.

Thank you from CAFOD

Your support over this past year has been life-changing and very much appreciated. Thank you for praying, campaigning, donating or volunteering to support people and communities in their struggles against poverty. Thank you for helping to support people and communities throughout the world. Have a joyful Advent and a happy Christmas.