

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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Playgroup/Preschool 07963 700591

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Daily Focus for Advent part 1

**May these stars of Divine Love and Light
shine through you this Advent .**

1. Let the Star of Hope blaze through discouragement, doubt, and disgruntledness.
2. Let the Star of Kindness radiate through your words and actions.
3. Let the Star of Remembrance glitter in thoughts of good people and good deeds.
4. Let the Star of Satisfaction shine through your expectations, wants and desires.
5. Let the Star of Understanding beam love to those with whom you cannot relate.
6. Let the Star of Laughter sparkle in your eyes and in your smile.
7. Let the Star of Openness be a wide ray of love in your heart for those in need.
8. Let the Star of Acceptance nudge you to receive the unwanted ones.

Advent reminds us of, and returns us to our true roots, to God's first dream for us.

Daniel O'Leary

First Sunday of Advent

28th November 2021

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 27th November 2021

Sat 2.00pm 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	For our first Holy Communion children Kenneth Greig	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H. Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	David Hardman For our parish Charles & Kathleen Harley	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Ethel Green	
Tue 9.15am 7.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>St Greg's</i>	Special Intention (90yh)	<i>Feast: St. Andrew Service of Reconciliation</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Mary Hough	
Thur 9.15am 11.00pm	<i>H. Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Mary Patricia Gorrell Funeral Service: Patricia Gorrell	
Fri 9.15am 6.30-7.30pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H. Family</i>	Pat Lynch	<i>Feast: St. Francis Xavier Exposition & Holy Communion</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Michael Gildea	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H. Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Relatives & friends Russell family Three Sisters in Dublin (Sr. Eileen) For our parish	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>

Last Weekend: Offertory £672.88. Attendance 202 (6pm 86, 9.30 77, 5.00 39
Thank you for your generosity.

Welcome into the family of faith: Isabella Cairns, George Heaton, Callum Tennant and Carmen Tennant who were baptised in St. Anthony's last Sunday. Also Frankie Oliver Rodgerson was received into the family of faith through baptism in St. Anthony's on 18/7/21.

Masses received this week: Special Intention (90th), Joe Holmes, Ethel Green, Kathleen Moran, Rose McReynolds.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick, especially Mandy Davis, Julie Mary Butler (Machin), Bill Embrey, Deacon John Kilshaw, Deacon Tom Butler, Jo Counsell, Alice Myerscough, Chris Goldsmith, May Rigby, Theresa Wilkinson, Lawrence Dunnagan, Carole Adnitt, Les Farrer, Frank Stanton. May God bring them health and strengthen their faith.

Let us pray for the souls of those recently departed this life, in particular Mary Hough, Michael Myerscough, Mary Patricia Gorrell, Anthony Swarbrick, Philip Acton Brady; and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Francis Hartley, Mary Cottam, Rosaleen Holmes, Paul Drake, Catherine Bond, Bryan Healey, Margaret Keane, Leo Flannigan, Lilian Butler, Andrew Roe, Cyril Higginson, Joseph Holmes, Michael Bell. May they rest in peace.

First Holy Communions

This weekend we welcome the children and their families for their first holy communion. The larger group are at the extra 2pm Mass on Saturday with other children at the 6.00pm Mass and the 9.30am Mass on Sunday morning. Please pray for them and their families on this important day for them and for our parish.

ADVENT Service of Reconciliation

There will be a Service of Reconciliation for our parishes in St. Gregory's church this Tuesday 30th November at 7.00pm.

CAFOD Schools Carols Service

Unfortunately the annual CAFOD Schools Carols Service which is usually held in St. Anthony's Church will not take place this year due to the current health difficulties.

Need ideas for Christmas presents?

There are copies of the CAFOD 'World Gifts' catalogue at the back of church.

Becoming A Catholic

The lockdown put a stop to many things including Church activities and practise. Things are gradually getting back to normal so maybe this is a good time to offer preparation for anyone who wants to know more about how to become a Catholic. We have a couple of people enquiring at the moment. Does anyone else want to have a word about this? See Fr. Peter.

Christmas Carols Service

St Anthony's Singers invite you to join in with us to sing carols at our Advent Service. On Sunday 12th December at 2pm St Anthony's Church, Fulwood. There will be refreshments and a raffle afterwards in the parish centre and a singalong with Lost and Found. The bar will also be open.

St. Anthony's Singers rehearse in church after 9.30am Mass on Sundays.

'Lost and Found' choir meets in St Anthony's school hall from 7.00 to 8.30 each Tuesday. People of all ages and abilities are welcome.

St. Anthony's Knit & Natter

Knit & Natter have made over 50 cardigans, 20 jumpers, 40 hats, during the last few months. They will be presenting them to the Salvation Army as part of their Christmas appeal for new clothes for children under 2 years of age.

Fair Trade Stall

It's the first weekend of the month so Bernadette will be running the Fair Trade Stall again this weekend with Christmas cards and Rwandan Christmas cards.

Choral Director - Diocese of Lancaster. Vacancy

Our Diocese is seeking a Choral Director who can play a pivotal role in this bold and exciting new venture, engaging children and young people across the Diocese and enabling evangelisation through music in schools. The Choral Director will lead high quality weekly choral singing sessions in schools, conducting choirs and helping to shape the ministry of music throughout the Diocese. For more information and receive a full information pack and details about how to apply please email: head@st-clares.lancs.sch.uk

Coffee Mornings - after 9.30am Mass on Sundays.

Virtual Coffee Morning on zoom on Sundays at 11.00am. Access codes: 879 1587 6429 Passcode 766018

Children's Liturgy: On the first Sundays of the month at 9.30am Mass—this weekend