

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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“You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”

‘Peter and Paul, despite their failures, or perhaps because of their failures, came to believe in the person of Jesus Christ, his message and his divinity.’ It is the faith of these two men upon which Jesus Christ builds His church. [1] ‘When we believe in Jesus Christ, we are believing in a being much bigger than the historical incarnation that we call Jesus. The historical Jesus is one man and Christ is not his last name. The Christ includes the whole sweep of creation since the beginning of time. We call this the Cosmic Christ. We live in a Christ-soaked world. This entire world is soaked through and through with Christ, with divinity. When we experience ‘the Christ’, we experience the always-present Christ, more than the time-bound Jesus.’ [2]

“Who do you say that I am?” ‘Who we say Jesus is has everything to do with who and how we are. In some ways our answer says as much or more about us than Jesus. It reveals how we live and what we stand up for. It guides our decisions and determines the actions we take and the words we speak. Jesus’ question isn’t so much about getting the right answer as it is about witnessing and testifying to God’s life, love, and presence in our lives and in the world. It is less about our intellect and more about our heart. It is grounded in love more than understanding. It moves us from simply knowing about Jesus to knowing him. In some sense there is no once and for all, finally and forever, answer. We are always living into the question. Who Jesus was for me when I was a child is different from who he was when I was in my 30s or who he is for me today. Hopefully, who he is for me next year will be different from who he is today. It’s not that Jesus changes. We do. We are constantly engaging in his question and in so doing, we not only discover Jesus anew we discover ourselves anew.’ [3]

‘Our journeys may not be as dramatic as that of Peter and Paul but if we are open to God’s gifts, we will experience the same conversion as they did. God meets us where we are and makes a healing and expanding presence known to us in the exact way we are most ready to experience it. That inner experience has social, economic and political implications. Contemplation (that inner experience), and action are forever connected and must never be separated.’ [2] ‘We don’t have to be perfect for God to work through us. God can work through us, faults and all, as he did with Peter and Paul.’ [4]

Adapted: [1] Fr Tom Schroer [2] R. Rohr [3] Michael Marsh [4] frtommylane.com

Ss. Peter and Paul Year B

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 29th June 2024

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Alfred Fogell	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Francis O'Gara Special Intention (SP)	<i>St. Peter & St. Paul Collection: Peter Pence</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Freda Thornton	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Michael Fitzgerald	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	<i>Feast: St. Thomas</i>
Thur 9.15am 1.15pm	<i>H.Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Robert Smith Funeral Service: Robert Smith	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Joe O'Grady	<i>Feast: St. Maria Goretti</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For our parish Brian Farnell	<i>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

Last Weekend: Offertory. £548.16 Attendance: 200 (81 & 119).
Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Special ;

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

Covenant Books at Holy Family, Ingol

Please note the new phone number for Covenant Books at Holy Family Ingol: 07396 796969. The shop is open Thursday and Friday 10.00-4.00 and Saturday 10.00-12noon.

Just a note to say that it is the Fairtrade Stall next weekend. Bernadette.

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, Fr. Harry Holden;

We pray for those who have died recently: Fr. Bob Halshaw, Fr. Tim Sullivan, Mary (Molly) Wignall, Robert Smith, Joseph O'Grady;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Celine Reed, Ann Kathleen Corless, Joanne Clarkson, Joseph Morrison, Raymond Barton, Elsie Nickson, Eric Penney, Linda Salter, Walter Donaghy, Maureen Fraser, Malcolm Hulme, Richard Berry, Freda Thornton, Michael Fitzgerald, Margaret Will, Frank Wilson, Anthony Fraser, Ian Clement.

May they rest in peace.

Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy at the 9.30am Mass is an important service for our children. We're about to plan for the autumn and invite parents and anyone else to join the rota. It is a great benefit to our children and good experience. There will be a meeting in the Presbytery after 9.30 Mass today 30th June to evaluate and plan for the year ahead.

Sacrament of Confirmation

We will be pleased to welcome Bishop Paul to St. Anthony's to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday 8th July at 6.30pm.

CAFOD Parish Walk & Picnic

The (by now traditional) CAFOD Parish Walk & Picnic will take place on Sunday 30 June. Starting from church at 2pm, a gentle stroll along the canal, through Haslam Park. Bring a picnic and picnic rug! Level route - pram friendly! This is not a CAFOD fundraiser - just for fun!

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)

There will be a meeting to establish a new Preston Branch of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children on Saturday 6th July at 1pm at the Preston SPUC Office. The office is located at Unit 10, Lockside Office Park, Lockside Road, Preston, PR2 2YS. Everyone is warmly invited to attend. For further details, please contact Terry Graham, SPUC Northern Development Officer, on 07549 068226 or terrygraham@spuc.org.uk

Rwanda Trust

Michael and Mark will be doing their sponsored walk on Monday, 24th, from Lancaster to arrive at Farnyhalgh on the Feast of Our Lady of Farnyhalgh on Tuesday, 25th. They intend to walk from Lancaster to Barton on Monday and from Barton to Farnyhalgh for 9am Mass on Tuesday. If anyone feels able to sponsor, please see their website for ways of donating.

St. Anthony's Pram Club

Meets in the Annexe every Tuesday 1.30 till 3pm term time. It is a toddler group for new mums and babes and pre-school children. It is an opportunity for new parents to meet other new parents, for social, chat and play and is a good introduction to other groups held with in the Annexe, such as Playgroup, Pre-school, Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, Scouts, Cubs, Beavers,

However, since Covid all these groups are struggling due to a lack of adult leaders, who have not got a small child to watch while they are playing. Therefore I am asking if the people of St. Anthony's Parish can offer some help, some of the time/ all of the time, to make teas, help to set up or to tidy away, or just chat to people and make them feel welcome. Thank you. Ros Holland.

Wednesday Evening Group

We are now showing Series 4 of *The Chosen* in the Padua Room, Wednesdays at 7.00pm. Each session lasts around one hour. Come and try! All are welcome.

Approaching the General Election

As Catholics, caring for people in poverty and those who are marginalised is what matters the most. The general election is an opportunity to talk to politicians about the issues that matter to us and to call for just policies which can tackle poverty. Can you email your candidates? Can you attend hustings? Can you ask questions of candidates who knock on your door? Can you pray for fairness and justice?