

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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Healing

'This week we again see Jesus healing those who were sick or possessed with demons, in the grip of a destructive spirit. In his book 'The Healing Habit', Daniel O' Leary writes about how we can become possessed by the 'demons of the mind'. 'Deep in everyone's thinking there is a drive, a fatal addiction to negative, anxious or fearful thinking which devours our creative energy. It steals our strength and lessens our purpose and power. How we think is the key to our happiness.' [1]

'For us to receive the gift of divine healing we are not required to belong to a specific group or to adhere to a specific lifestyle.' [2] However, an essential ingredient in the healing process is awareness. 'What we are not aware of, we cannot heal.' [1] 'When the recognised need of the individual coincides with the incoming force of the blessing, great change can begin. Divine healing—the blessing that comes when facing the chaos rather than turning away from it—makes way for the wholeness we crave. It brings release to what has been bound; it invites and enables and calls us to move with the freedom for which God made us.' [3] 'We need to believe in another gracious, healing context for our mind's safe thinking, another way of finding a new depths within us and around us. We need to acknowledge our powerful 'hidden self', the presence of an unspoiled and invincible sacred space in the depths of our being.' [1]

Another essential requirement for divine healing is desire. There must be the wanting and that is symbolised by Mary's "Let it be." We always have to state our "Let it be," or I don't think it happens.' [2] "The human heart continues to dream of a state of wholeness, a place where everything comes together, where loss will be made good, where blindness will transform into vision, where damage will be made whole, where the travails of a life's journey will enjoy a homecoming. [4] When we say our "Let it be", we experience that wholeness, we experience **who** we are, not **how** we are. [5]

Adapted: [1] Daniel O'Leary [2] Richard Rohr [3] Jan Richardson [4] John O'Donohue [5] Anthony de Mello

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

4th February 2024

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 3rd February 2024

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Enid Moran	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For our parish Joy Warwick	<i>Fifth Sunday of the Year</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Bill Lungsden	<i>Feast: St. Agatha</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Margaret Baldwin	
Wed 10.00am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Funeral Mass: Margaret Carruthers	<i>Feast: St. John Bosco</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	For our parish	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Mary & Joe Traynor	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Baby Finlay	<i>Feast: St. Scholastica</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For our parish Geoff Plumb, Tony Hardman	<i>Sixth Sunday of the Year</i> <i>World Day for the Sick</i>

Last Weekend: Attendance: 222 (100 + 122). Offertory: £575.60.

Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Margaret Baldwin, Kathleen Lakeland, Johnny Daly, Mary & Joe Traynor, Srs Marie Michelle Kelly, Mairead Callanan, Elizabeth Downey, Alfred Fogell, Peer Fogell, Ellen Fogell, Alfred Fogell, Margaret Carruthers, Francis O'Gara, Bill Lungsden.

Diocesan Directories

New Directories are at the back of church. Ringbound are £7 and ordinary bound are £6. Please put money in the Directories slot in the green safe.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick, especially Michael Connors, Jo Counsell, Bill Embrey, Les Farrer, Marie Morris, Angela Russell, Tom Butler, Maureen Cafferkey, Carole & Gary Adnitt, baby Mairead, Fr. Harry Holden, Fr. Jim Allen, Canon Dunstan Cooper, Fr. Gerard Dakin, Michael Connors, Anne Lister, Deacon Tom Butler;

We pray for those who have died recently: June Blinkhorn, Margaret Carruthers; and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Harry Billington, Agnes Embrey, Ivor Hilton, Irene Oldham, May Eccles, Maureen Berry, Mary Radcliffe, Ian Holmes, Gabrielle Sudell, Eric Ridge, Malcolm Brindle, Gertrude Docherty, Canon Leo Harrison, Maureen Stella Cox, Olive Hughes, William Etherington, Catherine Mary Holmes, Thomas Riding, Joan Wane, Margaret McKeown, May Rigby. May they rest in peace.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion

We will soon be re-starting sessions of preparation for parents and children. If you have a child in a school other than St. Anthony's have a word with Fr. Peter as soon as possible.

Palms

Lent and Easter come early this year. Ash Wednesday is 14th February and so you are invited to return last year's palms for burning to provide the ash we use in church.

Some notes from Bernadette:

Fairtrade stall is back this weekend. Last years sales amounted to £692. CAFOD donations were £45 which bought a World Gift.'Help a Refugee Child'.. See notice board. Thankyou to all who have supported.

'Keep Fit for Rwanda' each Wednesday morning 10am. We have a couple of places left. Come and see before committing! See notice board. With Gift Aid we raised £2,324.80 last year.

The next Rwanda Table Top Sale is Saturday February 10th. To book a table or come and buy see poster on notice board.

Wednesday Evening Film Night

We will be watching 'AD Kingdom and Empire' over the next few weeks. This drama tells the story of the first few chapters of Acts of the Apostles. Wednesdays 7.00pm in the Padua Room, starting on 10th January 2024. For further information, contact Jackie on 07934 667292 or jackie.stopyra@gmail.com

Stella Maris—Mission to Seafarers

Stella Maris will be holding a Mass for seafarers and fishers next Saturday 10th February, 12.15pm, at the Cathedral, to be celebrated by Bishop Paul Swarbrick followed by a reception. All invited.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024

with Bishop Paul Swarbrick, 23rd – 30th July 2024. There is a leaflet at the back of church or visit www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk

Parish Charities 2024

The total raised for the 2023 Parish charities is £4192.70, to be split 50/50 between the Hygiene Bank and WaterAid. Thank You to all who contributed through various charity events during the past year, including the coffee after Mass.

The charities for 2024 are The Mary O'Gara Foundation and Sightsavers. Details of both are on the board at the back of church.

Winckley Square Convent School Reunion

The annual reunion will take place next Saturday February 10th from 1.30pm - 3.30pm at Our Lady and St Edward's Parish Centre, Marlborough Drive, Fulwood. PR2 9UE All past pupils (and Staff) are welcome to attend and bring along memorabilia and photographs to share.

Catholic Voice

February edition has arrived. Take a free copy from the porch. To read it online see: https://issuu.com/cathcom/docs/lancaster_february_2024_final