

# 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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*“I give you repose. I revive your drooping spirit.”*

**“I am your shepherd. In relationship with me, there is nothing you shall want.”**  
God is personally telling me this in this moment and in my heart I know that it is true. I take it in and I recognise it as beautiful because it is beautiful. In my heart I know that it's beautiful because it is true. And so I let my heart be accessed by God personally speaking to me in those reassuring words.

**“Fresh and green are the pastures where I give you repose.  
Near restful waters I lead you to revive your drooping spirit.”**

“What are these pastures of repose, God? Is it perhaps this relationship with the beloved, the intimate other, that this relationship is you? Is it that you are the reality in which I'm resting in the intimacy and the sweet exchanges and closeness of this relationship? Is it this child in my life? When I'm reading a child a story, there is a disarming simplicity of the child. I am reposing in you while reposing in the presence of the child or the friend: that person in whose presence I sense something; that their presence makes my life qualitatively better because of their presence in it. Are the restful waters where you revive my drooping spirit to be found in my relationship with that person, with this family, with this community?

Is it the situation that I'm in where I find a certain meaning, a certain ministry, a certain work where I'm contributing something to the human endeavour through my gifts and my abilities? Is it listening to a certain poet, the rhythms of their voice; or certain music? Is it the long slow walk to no place in particular? What are these moments? These are the moments where you give me repose, where you revive my drooping spirit. Please help me to be even more grateful and even more sensitive to this because although I know this is true in my mind as I meditate on this, it's elusive to me. It's there, but it's hard to stabilise in it. It slips away because of the distractedness of my mind and heart. Even though you are unwaveringly present in my wavering ways, my wavering ways swing so out of reach, I slip off the path. I know that my desire to stabilise in this is an echo of your desire that I might know that you are unwaveringly present.

I ask you not to break the thread of this awareness as I go through my day. I know it'll break many times, because it'll break every time I get reactive; every time I buy into the illusion that what's happening has the power to name who I am. But I know that although it breaks from my end, the thread never breaks from your end. Maybe throughout the day, in the midst of the situations of my life, as if out of the corner of my eye, I'll catch little glimpses of you, unconditionally sustaining me, guiding me, loving me.”

*Adapted : James Finley. on Psalm 22*

**Fourth Sunday of Easter** Year A  
30th April 2023 Missal: p377

# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

## for the week beginning Saturday 29th April 2023

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Dr. Sean Bradley	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Ellen Vitone For our parish	<b>4th Sunday of Easter</b> Collection for Ecclesiastical Education
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Francis O'Gara	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Ann Lumb	<i>Feast: St. Athanasius</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Mary Taylor	<i>Feast: Ss. Philip &amp; James</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention	<i>Feast: The English Martyrs</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Bridget Rogers	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Marie Gardner	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Anne Clarkson For our parish	<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>

**Last Weekend:** Attendance: 221 (84, 137). Offertory: £623.53. Thank you for your generosity.

**Masses received this week:** Ann Lumb, Mary Taylor, Special Intention, Bridget Rogers, Helen Maxwell, Edith Worden.

### Porch Notice Board

The notice board in the porch is particularly well decorated this Easter-time. It is well worth a look. We thank Bernadette for the weekly updates.

### St Anthony's Singers

Practices for St Anthony's Feast Day are on Sundays after the 9.30 Mass. Anyone is welcome to join us.

### The Catholic Voice

There is a new issue of our free diocesan newspaper at the back of church.

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick, especially Mary Lawler, Jo Counsell, Bill Embrey, Marie Morris, Carole & Gary Adnitt, Maureen Cafferkey, Sarah O'Donnell, Les Farrer, Margaret Rainford, baby Mairead, Angela Russell;

We pray for those who have died recently;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Bridget Rogers, Kenneth McKenzie, Dorothy Hedley, Goy McCann-Moon, Geraldine Fazio, Molly Rogers, Frances Fragle, Marie Coombes, George Ross, Christopher Cain, Audrey Cross, Lily Anna Forrest-Cottam, Moira Madden, Robert Garlington, Michael How, Marie Gardner, Carole Worgan, Margaret Yates, Jean Browick. May they rest in peace.

### Coronation of King Charles III.

There are prayer cards for His Majesty at the back of church. Please take one.

### First Holy Communion

Please pray for the children and their families as they prepare to receive their first holy communions.

### Receiving Holy Communion from the Chalice

We are now able to offer Holy Communion from the chalice for those who wish to receive it.

### Holy Family Share-It Food Bank

There is always need for a couple of extra volunteers to staff the food bank. It is open on Mondays & Wednesdays from 2.30-3.30; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10.00-11.00am. If you can help tel. 07545 277779.

There is another need at present: The Gift92 store is nearly empty so they are appealing for any unwanted furniture and white goods in decent condition. Tel 716572 for collection. Thank you.

### Fairtrade Stall open this weekend,

- and will have small 'Coronation items' for sale for Rwanda.

### Tickets for the Parish Afternoon Tea

-with entertainment from Gathered Voices choir are on sale after each Mass 1st & 2nd weekend in May. Cost £7.50. Monies raised are for the Parish charity the Hygiene Bank. Tickets sell out fast for this popular parish event.

### A.P.F. Red Box 2022

In 2022, our parish raised £1,947.03 through our Red Boxes and other donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries in support of their vital work in poor communities across the world. Grateful thanks to all those who support the missions in this way and to those who volunteer their time in collecting the Red Box offerings. Special thanks to Paul Thompson for his work in our parish. He has further details on 865153.

### St. Anthony's Wednesday Faith Group 7pm in the Padua Room

- D. "The Chosen" series 3. 12th April to 31st May. No breaks.
- E. The Story of the Old Testament: Six meetings in June & July from 7th June.
- F. The Eucharist in Scripture: Six meetings starting in September 2023.

For details—or to suggest future topics please contact Jackie Stoprya 07934 667292 or e-mail jackie.stoprya@gmail.com

### Joe Pollard Sings

Following the success of the concert Joe did for the parish he is going to do a similar show. An evening of classics and modern hits at St Anthony's Parish Centre on Friday 12th May from 7-30 pm . Tickets £7 . Available from 07788 402606.

### Knights of St. Columba

The Knights of St. Columba are the largest lay Order of Catholics in the UK and have been serving the Church and communities for over 100 years. If you would like the opportunity to help fundraise for charitable causes and make a difference, to have a purpose in life and make lifelong friends, then come and join us! To find out more about the Knights of St. Columba contact Andrew Fowler on 07914 751020 or Cuthbert Culshaw on 07802 473504 or go to [www.ksc.org.uk](http://www.ksc.org.uk).

**Offertory Envelopes — available from the church porch.**