

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

Annexe: 725544 Social Centre: 735963 Primary school: 726621

Playgroup/Preschool 07963 700591 Covenant Books: 07396 796969

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“Stay in your lane.”

‘Has anyone ever said this to us? Have we ever said it to someone? It’s an admonishment. It reveals our reluctance to let other people change, and our resistance to changing ourselves.’ [1] Personal prejudices and agendas can block us from listening to the content of what another person has to say, no matter how relevant or wise it is. [2] Rejection becomes a way of coping. [3]

‘The people of Nazareth are astonished by Jesus’ teaching and the miracles worked through him. Yet they do not accept him. They believe the familiar. The ordinary excludes the extraordinary.’ [4] ‘They decide that Jesus is presuming too much, exceeding his bounds, not staying in his lane. “He could work no miracle there,” Mark writes with grim finality. The people’s small-mindedness, their lack of trust and their inability to embrace a new facet of Jesus’ life blocks the healing work he longs to do for the people he loves. Something precious is lost when we turn away from the extraordinary within the ordinary. We miss the presence of God in our midst.’ [1]

‘There was more to Jesus than the people of Nazareth could know. Indeed there is always more to every human being than we are aware of. We can never fully probe the profound mystery of another person’s life. We each need to approach everyone with the awareness that there is more here than I can see. It was Jesus’ very ordinariness that made it difficult for the people of Nazareth to see him as he really was, in all his mystery. God was powerfully present to them in and through someone who was as ordinary, in many respects, as they themselves. God continues to come to us today in and through the ordinary, in and through those who are most familiar to us, in and through our life experiences, even those experiences that initially seems very negative. The gospels suggest that the primary way God comes to us is in and through the everyday. This is what we mean by the incarnation. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. The ordinary is shot through with God’s presence.’ [5] Jesus’ invitation to the people of Nazareth, and to us, is to leave the path of labels, boxes and prejudice and to rather walk with him on the path of openness to transformation.

Adapted: [1] Debie Thomas [2] Veritas [3] galwaydiocese.ie [4] John Shea [5] Association of Catholic Priests

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 6th July 2024

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Joe O'Grady	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For our parish Brian Farnell	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 6.30pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Confirmation Mass	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Tom Gardner	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Tommy & Marie Roberts	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention	<i>Feast: St. Benedict</i>
Fri 9.15am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Stuart Richmond Funeral service: Stuart Richmond	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Patricia Wells	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Cecilia Lonsdale For our parish	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Weekend: Offertory. £566.01 Attendance: 212 (82 & 130).
Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Tommy & Marie Roberts, Patricia Wells, Rita Keane, Cecilia Lonsdale.

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.

Fairtrade Stall this weekend.

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;

We pray for those who have died recently: Fr. Bob Halshaw, Fr. Tim Sullivan, Fr. Harry Holden, Robert Smith, Joseph O'Grady;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Jenny Turner, Tom Gardner, Mgr. Eddie Gould, Clare Campsey, Josephine Higginson, Irene Gee, John Smethurst, Cecilia Lonsdale, Joan Jump. May they rest in peace.

Sacrament of Confirmation

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

Mass at St. Winefride's House.

Every year our Bishop celebrates Mass in honour of a local martyr — Blessed Edward Bamber —at the Home for retired priests in Blackpool. This year the Mass is this Thursday, 11th July at 6.30pm. The Mass is open to all. The address is Low Moor Road, Bispham FY2 0PA (opposite the Hospice).

Children's Liturgy

Thanks to those who lead the Children's Liturgy at the 9.30am Sunday Mass. It is an important service for our children. New volunteers are always welcome and lots of help is available.

CAFOD Parish Walk & Picnic

The rain kept off and it was a lovely walk by the intrepid few.

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, 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. There fore 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 to 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.

New Lectionary

There will be a new translation of the Lectionary in use from Advent this year. All parishes have to move from the Jerusalem Bible translation (with psalms from the Grail) to the English Standard Version: Catholic Edition (ESV-CE) of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter.

Catholic Voice

The latest edition of our Diocesan newspaper is available from the back of church. Please take a copy. There's always things of interest for young people from Castlerigg.

National Guild of St Stephen Altar Servers' Dinner

Friday 6th September. At the Liner Hotel, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool, L3 5QB at 7.30pm. All altar servers and their families are encouraged to come to this meal (servers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult). Altar Servers who are not members of the Guild of St Stephen are also most welcome and encouraged to attend. The principal guest of honour and key speaker will be Archbishop Malcom McMahon, of Liverpool, Vice President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference and Chair of the Catholic Education Service.