

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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Paradox

'A paradox is an apparent contradiction. Much of the teaching of Jesus, like today's gospel, has paradox built into it, which is so hard for our minds to sit with. We can't figure it out. But that's the teaching: to awaken us to paradox, to awaken us to mystery and not knowing.' [1]

'By paradox, I mean something that initially looks contradictory or impossible, but in a different frame or at a different level it is in fact deeply true. If we are open, we're led to an inner place of grace where the paradox is simply held by love. We cannot bypass the necessary tension of holding inconsistencies together. Daily ordinary experiences teach us this in a way that is no longer theoretical or abstract. I am talking about just holding the tension, not necessarily finding a resolution or closure to paradox. We must agree to live without resolution, at least for a while. I think this "opening and holding pattern" is the very name and description of faith. Only God, it seems, is spacious enough to include everything.' [2]

"Draw me up an account of your stewardship." 'The demand for an accounting often sounds like someone is in trouble. That's how today's parable begins. We would expect the steward to get what he deserves. But the dishonest employee is commended by his boss. Parables rarely give us what we expect. If a parable makes sense we've probably missed the point. The accounting that should have been the steward's ruin became the starting point for a new life, new relationships; it was both an ending and a new beginning, a death and a resurrection. Grace was hiding in the demand for an accounting, waiting to be discovered and claimed.' [3]

'Today's parable speaks to us about forgiveness. It asks us to forgive reality itself for being so broken, a mixture of good and bad. First that paradox has to be overcome inside of us. Then, when we allow God to hold together the opposites within us, it becomes possible for us to do the same for our neighbour and even our enemy.' [2]

It takes some starts and stops to hold a paradox
I keep trying to understand and to hold it in both hands
How to know what can't be done and still envision all that can.
It's always love that makes it worth it in the end.[4]

Adapted: [1] James Finley [2] Richard Rohr [3] Michael Marsh [4] Carrie Newcomer

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
18th September 2022

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 17th September 2022

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Norman Mercer	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Maureen Howard Peter Raw	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Christine	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	<i>Feast: St Andrew Kim Taegon</i>
Wed 7.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	SVP Festival Mass	<i>Feast: St. Matthew</i> Film Night: The Chosen 7.00pm
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	John Talbot Funeral Service: W. Dorothy Smith	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Gary Whittell	<i>Feast: St. Pio of Pietrelcina</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Peter Hothersall	<i>Feast: Our Lady of Walsingham</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Stany Rodrigues For our parish	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Collection for Bishop's Administration

Last Weekend: Attendance: 185 (65,120) Offertory: £570.86.

Catholic Education Service: £62.90. Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Bill York, Peter Hothersall, Christine, Pauline Farmer, Monica Balach & Marc Kinsella, Daniel & Carmel Daly & family.

S.V.P. Festival Mass.

This Wednesday our S.V.P. Group are hosting a Festival Mass at 7.00pm in St. Anthony's, followed by a talk in the Padua Room.

Welcome into the family of faith

Hugo Jack Clitherow who was baptised in St. Anthony's last Sunday.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick, especially Mary Lawler, Mandy Davis, Frank Stanton, Jo Counsell, Alice Myerscough, Chris Goldsmith, Theresa Wilkinson, Bill Embrey, Carole & Gary Adnitt, Les Farrer, Rev. Tom Butler, Maureen Cafferkey, baby Mairead.

We pray for the souls of those who have died recently: Peter Raw, Frank Stanton, Winifred Dorothy Smith, Norman Abram;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Alfred Kenneth Craven, Eunice Elliot, Gary Whittell, Marie Milne. May they rest in peace.

ST BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR 2022:

The relics will be in Lancaster Cathedral from Thursday 22nd September to Friday 23rd September. This pilgrimage will offer important opportunities for prayer, reflection and spiritual renewal, providing a once in a lifetime opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes. There is a full programme on our parish website or www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour where you will need to register and book your own time slot. There are Prayer Cards at the back of church.

The Season of Creation

During the Season of Creation, we join all our Christian brothers and sisters in prayer and action for our planet. Christians worldwide have embraced this season as part of their annual calendar. The season starts on 1st Sept, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends on 4th Oct, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christians.

Pakistan Flood Disaster

Thank you for the donations for the Pakistan Disaster. These amounted to £368.20 and have been sent off to CAFOD.

St. Anthony's Singers will start rehearsals for the Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 2nd October at 10.45. New members are welcome.

Early Christmas Sale next Sunday after 9.30am Mass

Knit & Natter group are holding an early Christmas sale. If you have any unwanted gifts/presents/ the odd bottle of alcohol! they would be much appreciated. All proceeds are to go to this year's charities, which are LIFE and RWANDA. Donated items can be left at the back of the church. Thank you.

As well as a chance to nab some early Christmas presents, there will also be fresh produce for sale and an alcohol tombola!!!! BRING LOTS OF CASH! In the Padua Room.

Keep fit - and help a good cause

Exercising for over (and under!) 50s:. To boost rapidly depleting Rwandan funds, a weekly exercise session, following a DVD, is proposed for a Wednesday morning in the Padua Room. 'Come and See' on Wednesday 21st September at 10a.m. No lycra or sweatbands needed!!! Simply watch the DVD and decide if it is for you.

Fulwood Farmers' Market with Fairtrade

Next Saturday 24th September from 9.30am-1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church, Watling Street Road. Come and stock up on fresh local produce and Fairtrade products. This month we are also making a final appeal for unwanted tools to donate to the charity Tools for Self Reliance (sewing machines also welcome).

Cadley Causeway Traffic

Lancashire County Council Highways Department are proposing significant changes to traffic management outside the church and presbytery. Amongst the proposals are a new zebra crossing where the bus stop is currently; the bus stop to move very close to the exit from the church car park. These changes will impact anyone using the car park. There is a plan at the back of church.

"Messy Church"

In St. Clare's Church hall on Saturday 1st October, 10.30-3.00pm. Come and enjoy an afternoon of activities, games and bible stories. All ages and denominations welcome.