

St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday Masses: 6.00pm (Saturday Vigil), 9.30am.
Weekday Mass: Mon-Wed, Fri: 9.15am. (Thurs 9.15am at Holy Family)
Confessions: 5.30—5.50pm

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Experiencing The Christ

'The three Synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke - largely talk about Jesus, the historical figure who healed and taught and lived in human history. Peter's response, "You are the Christ," came from his experience of the historical Jesus and his understanding of the Christ as being the 'anointed one' or Messiah, the long-awaited liberator of Israel. The prologue to John's Gospel (John 1:1-11) is not talking about Jesus; it's talking about the Christ. John experienced the Christ as the Word who was with God, the Word who was God, the Word who became flesh, the Word through whom all that came to be had life in him. Christ is not Jesus' last name. The entire sweep of the meaning of the Anointed One, the Christ, includes us and includes all of creation since the beginning of time.

St Paul never met the historical Jesus. He experienced the Risen Christ and his experience is much closer to what our own could be. When we believe in Jesus Christ, we are believing in something much bigger than the historical incarnation that we call Jesus. In Jesus the Timeless Christ became time bound. Today we are being invited to leave aside our attempts to understand Christ and allow ourselves to experience Christ. We can do this by setting aside some quiet time and reflecting on some – or one – of the following:

We live in a Christ-soaked world. This entire world is soaked through and through with Christ, with divinity.

Christ is God and Jesus is the Christ's historical manifestation in time.

All creatures must in some way carry the divine DNA of their Creator.

The entire physical world around us is both the hiding place and the revelation place for God.

If we experience our quiet time as a time of surrender, entering the present moment fully and without resistance, we will experience that our surrender is almost the exact opposite of giving up. In fact, it allows us to be given to!

Adapted: Richard Rohr

24th Week in Ordinary Time

15th September 2024

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Missal 916

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 14th September 2024

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Stany Rodrigues	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Norman Mercer Anish Joy	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Cath. Education Service Collection</i>
Mon 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i>	<i>Funeral Mass:</i> Teresa Garside	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	St. Anthony's school community	
Thur 9.15am 11.00am	<i>H.Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Tony Swan <i>Funeral Service:</i> Tony Swan	
Fri 10.30am 1.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Becky Schorah/David Reid <i>Wedding:</i> R. Schorah/D Reid	<i>Feast: St. John Chrysostom</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Peter Hothersall	<i>Feast: The Exaltation of the Cross</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Baby Gerard John For our parish	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Home Missions Collection</i>

Last Weekend: Offertory: £449.38. Attendance: 188 (85 + 103).
Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Peter Hothersall;

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

Fairtrade Fortnight

- began 9th September. Please support our Fairtrade stall at Masses next 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: Theresa (Marjorie) Garside, Mary (Martha) Mulligan, Tony Swan, Margaret Muriel Newton;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: John Sanderson, Ron Carruthers, Roy Hull, Norman Mercer, Thomas Loughran, Lydia Etherington, Regina LaValle, Lilian Iddon, baby Gerard John, Helena Bradley, William Wilson, Joan Pollard, Rosemary Wright.

May they rest in peace.

Catholic Education Service for England & Wales

There is a special collection this weekend for the Catholic Education Service. Thank you for your support.

Wednesday Evening Group.

Last week we enjoyed 'An Aerial Journey through the Life of Jesus' and Songs of Praise from Ladyewell and Walsingham, not to mention a surprise short film bonus!! This week we will be watching 'Pope Francis, A Man of His Word'. In the Padua Room, Wednesday at 7pm. All are welcome.

Season of Creation 1st September to 4th October 2024.

Our Diocesan Faith & Justice Group encourages all our parishes to do just two things: to celebrate the Season in the liturgy, with appropriate hymns, intercessions and the rosary, and to tackle energy consumption (especially as the weather gets colder and the bills get higher!). For ideas please go to <https://faith-justice.co/> and cafod.org.uk. For tips on energy saving, please go to <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/diocesan-environmental-group-publishes-small-things-guide/>.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal – Harvest (Friday 4 October)

Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD today and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope.

Castlerigg Youth Centre - vacancies

Our youth ministry internship program provides comprehensive training and experience which looks great on a CV. We are looking for people aged between 18 and 22 who identify as Christian and who are at least interested in growing in their faith.

We are taking very late applications, so if you know anybody who is interested, please contact Jack Regan on director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis

The Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis is an online course and is available for all those, both in and outside the diocese, who proclaim their faith to others: as evangelisers, catechists or adult formators. It is a course for all wishing to know their Catholic faith more deeply no matter their stage in life. You will take a journey through the Church's teaching to understand your own faith in a more profound way and be able to share your faith with confidence and joy.

This is a systematic course with study over 24 months. You will be expected to attend 3 in-person Saturday sessions and 8 online study sessions throughout the course. All the units are accessed from a secured online platform. The books required are the Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Activities engage you with the material in a variety of ways as you progress. Short written tasks (between 300-500 words) help you to sum up the key points and enable you to become more confident in expressing your faith. More information and applications forms available at: aec.rcaos.org.uk/Lancaster