

St. Anthony's Little Church

'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir", the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

Word Search Puzzle

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LEAVE	PARABLE	FRUIT	LOOK	THREE
VINEYARD	MAN	SOIL	FERTILIZE	FIG
TOLD	TREE	DIG	FIND	DOWN
YEARS	USE	PLANTED	CUT	ALONE

St Anthony of Padua

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 Rev. Tom Butler (retired - 07853777957);

Sunday Masses: 6.00 (Vigil - Saturday Evening) 9.30am (Sunday Morning)
Weekday Mass: Tue, Wed, Fri: 9.15am. (Mon & Thurs 9.15am at Holy Family)

Confessions: Saturday: 5.30 - 5.50pm
Annexe: 725544 **Social Centre:** 735963 **Primary school:** 726621
Playgroup/Preschool 07963 700591

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Just desserts?

Sometimes we get what we deserve but not always. Jesus teaches that suffering should not be seen as punishment for sin. Accidents will happen, to good people as well as bad. But then he goes on to say that eventually we will be repaid for our actions. One day we will be called to give an account of our stewardship and asked how much fruit we have produced with our lives. He urged his audience to repent now. Don't wait till tomorrow – its not too late to repent but don't delay! Tomorrow never comes.

CAFOD Gap Year



CAFOD offers opportunities for 18-30 year olds to gain experience, develop leadership skills and spend a year in the service of others. Placements are in either a retreat centre, university or school chaplaincy working alongside the Catholic community and others to bring about a more just world. CAFOD believes in equipping and inspiring young adult leaders to be able to contribute to a more just and peaceful world and to inspire a generation of people to act for the poorest and most marginalised. Includes a visit to CAFOD partners and the communities we work with overseas. Applications for September 2019 are now open at www.cafod.org.uk/Education/CAFOD-Gap-year.

Third Sunday in Lent Year C

24th March 2019 Missal: p216 Euch. Prayer: Reconciliation

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 23rd March 2019

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	William Devereux	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Philip Morris For our Parish	<i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>Holy Family</i>	Mr & Mrs P. Harvey	<i>Feast: Annunciation of the Lord</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St Anthony</i>	Frances Copp	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St Anthony</i>	Joan Wane	
Thur 9.15am	<i>Holy Family</i>	For our Parish	
Fri 11.00am 6.00p.m. 6.30-7.30pm	<i>St Anthony</i> <i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	FUNERAL: Bernard Simpson	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Exposition & Holy Communion</i>
Sat: 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Catherine Holmes	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Marie & Tom Hooper Evelyne Mary Bamber	<i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> <i>Laetare Sunday</i>

Last Weekend: Offertory £681.61 Attendance: 197 (6.00pm: 96, 9.30am 101)
CAFOD Family Fast £60.00. Total to date: £400.41.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Masses received this week:

Marie Hooper, Janina Drewek, Bernard Moore, Joe Rogers, Helen Duffy, Mr & Mrs P. Harvey, Mr & Mrs W Atherton, Philip Atherton.

Welcome into the family of faith

... George Ballard who was baptised in St. Anthony's recently.

Please pray for the following: Joan Anderton, Francis Parkinson, Bill Embery, Judith Holman, Chris Goldsmith, Teresa Clarkson, Theresa Crook, Frances & Les Farrer, Michael Wilson, Betty Murphy, Marie Gardner, Frank & Norah Stanton and Lawrence Dunnagan;

... for those who have died recently: Lucia La'Valle, Bernard Simpson;

... and for those whose anniversaries are around now: Kathleen Sheldon, Marjorie O'Reilly, Margaret and Arthur Wignall, William Devereux, Frances Kilshaw, Winnie Ollerton, Jack Houghton, Edith Rigby, Mary Toase, Gertrude Turner, Darren Kaye, Marie Hooper, Jean Clarkson, Helen Smith, Paul Worthington.

We keep in our prayers those who have been injured or lost their lives in conflict, especially those from our parish.

LENT

Stations of the Cross. Every Friday in St. Anthony's at 6pm.

'Lent in the Minster' - The annual talks will take place on Monday evenings during Lent but this year they will be at Central Methodist Church, Lune Street, starting at 7.20pm for 7.30pm until 9.00pm.

St. Anthony's project - "Genesis to Jesus"

- our Lent course giving an opportunity to deepen knowledge of the Bible started last Thursday. You can follow the free 6 week course in your own time or join a small group each Thursday evening to watch the videos together. Meet in the Presbytery at 7.00pm. Contact Jackie Stopyra on jackie.stopyra@gmail.com or 07934 667292. Sign up for the course at the St Paul Center, USA - <https://stpaulcenter.com/>

Ignatian Lent Retreat - At Xaverian Missionary Spirituality Centre (Tabor) on six Tuesdays in Lent from 7.30—9.00pm. Details from rose.mccrave@outlook.com

Discernment Day for the Priesthood in the Diocese of Lancaster

Young Catholic men (16+) in the Diocese are invited to discern and reflect on this vocation. Come and see on Saturday 30th March at St Joseph's Church, Lancaster, LA1 2HU. The Day begins with Mass at 10.00am and concludes at 2.00pm. For more information please contact Fr D Etienne on 01253 762227 at: frdanieletienne@gmail.com

Offertory Envelopes

We are making out new sets of Offertory envelopes. Please let us know if you have changed address during the past year, or if you don't currently have envelopes and would like some. Put your name and address in the Offertory basket. If you want to start giving by Standing Order please pick up details from the porch. Thank you.

St. Anthony's Pre school Playgroup - Annexe 30th March

Open Day—in the new and improved outdoor play area. Tombola, hook-a-duck, bouncy castle, face painting etc. Spaces available for 2-year olds upwards from September 2019. See stanthonypreschool@outlook.com or tel. 07963 700591. See fliers.

Thanks - from Angie and Katie

Katie sends a big thank you to everyone who attended her coffee morning and quiz night. Also to those who donated prizes or money and those who gave to her collection after mass. In total, her team raised £1419 for Francis House Children's Hospice.

Messy Church - at St. Clare's

On Saturday 30th March, 1.30 – 3.00pm. Come and enjoy an afternoon of activities, games and bible stories. All ages and denominations welcome.

Southern Africa Cyclone - Appeal

You will probably have seen or heard of the disaster caused by the cyclone in Southern Africa which has killed over 300 people and left thousands needing to be rescued. If you wish to contribute to the Disaster Appeal there will be a bucket at the back of church next week. CAFOD are part of the Disasters Emergency Appeal.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Paul will be coming to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 4th July at 6.30pm. Any young people in Year 7 and above may apply. Young people in Our Lady's High school will be contacted direct around Easter.