

St Anthony of Padua

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Weekday Mass: Mon-Wed, Fri: 9.15am. (Thurs 9.15am at Holy Family)

Confessions: on request

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Listen to Him

'The transfiguration of Jesus must have been a glorious experience for Peter, James and John. They wanted to stay there, as we all do when we have a peak experience. But they had to descend into the valley, to live their lives, to follow Jesus. It doesn't seem that we grow in depth if we only have peak experiences, if we stay on the mountain top. Things have trouble growing on mountaintops. Beyond the tree line almost nothing will grow because it is too cold and there is a lack of moisture. Living things grow best in the valley: they can develop roots; they are grounded. While they may lack the excitement of mountain peaks, valleys tend to be growing places. But it is in the valley that we really acquire depth, rootedness, strength and flexibility. That is where we are called to mature emotionally and spiritually. Of course, we need both; we can't always live in the valley.' [1]

'Often our reading of today's gospel focuses on what is seen but do we sometimes emphasise the **light** of transfiguration to the exclusion of the **voice** of transfiguration? We are looking but are we listening? A voice came **from the cloud** and said, "This is my Son, my Beloved; listen to him!" 'Listen' is the only thing the disciples are told throughout this whole event. Listening is central to transformation. Yet Mark records no words or teaching from Jesus on the mountaintop. Jesus is silent. So it must be about more than words, instructions, and lessons. True listening is an interior quality, a way of being. It is more about the heart than the ears. And it is more about silence than words. Ultimately, listening is about presence.' [2]

'We need to find our venue of transformation. For some it might be art, for others it might be poetry or silence or being vulnerable in the presence of that person in whose presence we're taken to the deeper place. Each one of us needs to find our own place that grants entrance into the deeper place and then be faithful to that.' [3] 'Today we are being invited to find that place, to be present, to be open, to be receptive to the one who is always present to us, whether we are on the mountaintop or in the valley or covered by the cloud of unknowing.' [2]

Adapted :[1] Queen of Apostles Community qac-ohio.org [2] Michael Marsh [3] James Finley

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 27th February 2021

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Bill Ellis	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H. Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Philip Kramer For our parish Private intention	<i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Gerard Knight	<i>Feast: St. David</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Brian Newsham	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Barbara Twine	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H. Family</i>	Meta Duggan (100th)	
Fri 9.15am 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Pauline Harvey	<i>Stations of the Cross. on zoom</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Jim Hamlet	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H. Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish Private intention William & Ellen Kelly	<i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>

Masses received this week: William & Ellen Kelly, Jim Hamlet,, Bill Ellis, Evelyne Bamber, In thanksgiving (KD&DH).

Last Weekend: Attendance 118. (45,44,29.) Offertory £445.97.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

BIDDING PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for Church leaders as they continue to deliver their ministry to parishioner. We give thanks for their endurance, keeping the faithful nourished.

We pray for families during lockdown trying to maintain their jobs whilst supporting their children's home learning. May the Holy Spirit bless them with patience and resilience.

We pray for all NHS workers. We ask the Holy Spirit to bless and sustain those suffering exhaustion and fatigue and protect them during the on-going pandemic.

We pray for ourselves this Lent that we may continue to observe our Lenten resolutions and be led, by the Holy Spirit, to a deeper, more meaningful, faith life.

We remember in our prayers those of the parish who are suffering ill-health just now, and those who care for them, particularly: Bill Embery, Lawrence Dunnagan, Betty Murphy, John Myerscough, Alice Myerscough, Chris Goldsmith, Frank Stanton, Marie Gardner, Joan Green, Carole Adnitt, Jo Counsell, Les Farrer, Theresa Wilkinson;

those who have died recently: Patricia Hayes, Thomas Butler;

and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Hettie Miller, Joe Gornall, Teresa Holden, Barbara Twine, Ellen Horan, Gerard Knight, May Smith, Tom & Daisy Walmsley, Bill Heaps, Geoffrey Nickson, Sandy, George McMillan, Richard Clegg.
May they rest in peace.

LENT

Stations of the Cross.

We are not able to have the Stations in church as usual but some members of the parish will present them on Zoom every Friday. 'Doors open' at 5.45. Session starts 6.00pm prompt. Meeting ID: 860 7625 5774 Passcode: 068559

CAFOD Lent Fast Day

CAFOD Lent Fast Day envelopes can be returned today. Envelopes are still available.

Our parish CAFOD Group have produced a video for this:

See <https://youtu.be/bxWgyBI7svE>

You can donate online at cafod.org.uk/lent/, or by texting LENT 10 to 70460 to give £10, (or substitute any other amount e.g. LENT 20). NB If you do not wish to receive marketing communications text LENTNOINFO. You may also telephone 0303 303 3030 or send to CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Rd, London SE1 7JB. Thank you.

Livestreaming Mass

As well as normal Mass in church we now livestream the 9.30am Sunday Mass from St. Anthony's church. Go to the St. Anthony of Padua YouTube page for the link.

Virtual Coffee Morning

Join your fellow parishioners at the Zoom Coffee Morning at 11.00 am this Sunday
Meeting ID: 898 4267 4110 Passcode: 229935

Readers at Mass

Would you consider Reading the Scriptures at Mass? Several of our Readers are isolating or not yet back at Mass so we need a few more to supplement the current Readers. It may be a bit daunting to read for the first couple of times but that soon eases, and now is a good time when there are fewer people at Mass than usual. Holy Week and Easter always calls for more Readers too. Have a word with Karen Hardman (01772 464110) or one of the priests. Thank you.

Mass Cards

The Repository at the back of church has been closed since the beginning of lockdown almost a year ago. However we now have a selection of Mass cards available.

Fairtrade Fortnight, - 'United by Fairtrade'

you are warmly invited to join an online event. 'United by Fairtrade' on Wednesday, 3rd March, 2021 at 7pm. Book through Eventbrite as below (it's all free) and you will be sent the Zoom link. See <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/united-by-fairtrade-tickets-141951722423> Adam Gardner, Head of Campaigns at the Fairtrade Foundation, will talk about the challenges currently faced by farmers and workers in the global south – the 'key workers beyond our borders' - and what we can do. Anne Garsed 07813870641

Virtual pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

Fr John is joining volunteers and Young Leaders from Metanoia Project on a virtual pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Over the course of Lent they will run, walk and cycle 3,266 miles, the distance from Preston to Jerusalem. Their aim is to raise funds to support Metanoia Project's work in Preston, and you can sponsor Fr John and find information online at <https://gofund.me/5afc5a0a> or bring money in a marked envelope.