

St Anthony of Padua

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

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Opening locked doors

"The doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews." "We all know about locked doors. The locked doors of our lives are not so much about what is going on around us, but what is happening within us: fear, anger, guilt, hurt, grief, the refusal to change. There are a thousand different locks on the doors of our life and they are always locked from the inside. Some days it seems easier and safer to lock the doors of our house and avoid the circumstances and people in our lives. However, every time we shut the doors of our life, our mind or our heart we imprison ourselves. For every person, event, or idea we lock out, regardless of the reason, we lock ourselves in. Like the disciples in today's gospel, we lock the doors and live in the past.' [1]

'Forgiveness is the only way to free ourselves from the entrapment of the past. That is why forgiveness is so central to the Easter mystery. Old hurts linger long in our memories and are hard to let go. When we forgive someone, when we forgive ourselves, we experience a healing within ourselves; we unlock a door. When we refuse to forgive, when we hold onto the 'sin', when we retain that 'sin', we add another bolt to that locked door. Forgiveness reveals three goodnesses simultaneously. When we forgive, we choose the goodness of the other over their faults, we experience God's goodness flowing through ourselves, and we also experience our own capacity for goodness in a way that almost surprises us. We are finally in touch with a much Higher Power, and we slowly learn how to draw upon this Infinite Source. Can we also forgive reality? To receive reality is always to bear with reality for not meeting all of our needs and our conditions. To accept reality is to forgive reality for being what it is, almost day by day and sometimes even hour by hour. Only then will we finally experience Christ's life-giving peace. We will then be free to unlock our doors, step outside and fully live.' [2]

Adapted: [1] Michael Marsh [2] Richard Rohr

Second Sunday of Easter

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 10th April 2021

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Anthony Keane	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Fr. John Moriarty Private Intention For our parish	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Margaret Rawcliffe	
Tue 11.30am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Funeral Mass: James Gormley	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Peter Cairns	<i>Parish Leadership Group mtg</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Marie & Tom Hooper	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Joyce Hilton	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Agnes Dunnaghan	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Helen Duffy For our parish Private Intention	Third Sunday of Easter Prayer for Vocations. EEF Collection

Masses received this week: Bernard Ward, Peter Cairns.

Last Weekend: Attendance 185. (64,96,25).

Fr. Peter and Fr. John thank you for your generous Easter offerings.

BIDDING PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for Pope Francis. May he draw the whole Church closer to the mercy of Jesus who enabled the apostle Thomas to move from his doubt to complete faith in Jesus, crucified and risen Lord.

- For those world leaders facing up to each other. May they never doubt the power of God's truth and love, but rather take refuge in it, as they seek to resolve international problems.

- For those who pass on the story and word of Jesus to others, especially parents, priests, deacons, teachers and catechists, pastoral workers and chaplains. May they do so with the enthusiasm of the first apostles.

We pray for those who are sick: Joan Green, Bill Embery, Lawrence Dunnagan, Theresa Wilkinson, Jo Counsell, Carole Adnitt, Alice Myerscough, Les Farrer, Chris Goldsmith, Frank Stanton, Marie Gardner;

those who have died recently: HRH Prince Philip, John Myerscough, Joyce Hilton, James Gormley;

and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Bill and Lily Higginson, Janet Walker, William Heaps, Barbara Wignall, William Derry, Frank Clarkson, Helen Duffy, Philip Atherton, Teresa Holden, John Wynne, Martha Milner, Peter Cairns, Robert Sumner, Martin Pulman, Elizabeth Noble, Alan Southworth, Mildred Hughes, Alan Pilkington, Mel Evans. May they rest in peace.

Cardinal Nichols prays for the repose of the soul of Prince Philip

"At this moment of sadness and loss I pray for the repose of the soul of Prince Philip, Her Majesty the Queen's faithful and loyal husband. I pray for the Queen and all of the Royal Family.

"How much we will miss Prince Philip's presence and character, so full of life and vigour. He has been an example of steadfast loyalty and duty cheerfully given. May he rest in peace."

+ Vincent Nichols, *Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster.*

Thanks again

Fr. Peter & Fr. John are most grateful for all your prayers, Easter greetings, and Easter Offerings in this joyful Easter Season. It was heartening and uplifting to see so many people coming together for our Holy Week liturgies. Thanks also to all who assisted in the liturgies, the church flowers and decoration and in helping to keep our church buildings safe. A special word of thanks to those who continue in such a dedicated way to Steward our Masses, many of whom have done so every week since our churches reopened after the first lockdown. We owe them our deepest gratitude for keeping us safe and our church buildings open. May God bless you all.

Fr. John Moriarty

Fr. John leaves us after Mass today for the Army. We thank him for all he has done over the last eight months and wish him every happiness and success in his new role.

Parish Leadership Group Meeting

This Wednesday on zoom. If there are any matters you wish to have raised please let us know.

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

Offertory envelopes and Gift Aid

New boxes of envelopes are at the back of church—thanks for those who have collected theirs already. 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.

The Presbytery telephone line is now fixed.
Sorry for any inconvenience.