

# St Anthony of Padua

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**Sunday Masses:** 6.00 (Vigil - Saturday Evening) 9.30am, 5.00pm (Sunday Morning)

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

**Confessions:** on request

**Annexe:** 725544      **Social Centre:** 735963      **Primary school:** 726621  
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## *The Christ Mystery*

'In every post-Resurrection story we notice that the people involved do not recognise Jesus. Mary Magdalene thinks he is the gardener. The disciples on the way to Emmaus think he is another traveller. When they are telling their story to the other disciples in today's gospel, Jesus appears again and they all thought he was a ghost. They are unable to recognise the holiness that stands among them. This is God revealing himself in the oh-so-ordinary, oh-so-daily world. 'Touch me, my hands and my feet .. and see.'<sup>[1]</sup> 'He was flesh and blood. He ate. He still wore the wounds of crucifixion. That Christ's flesh remained broken, even in his resurrection, serves as a powerful reminder that his intimate familiarity and solidarity with our human condition did not end with his death.'<sup>[2]</sup>

"He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures." "With Jesus' resurrection, God shatters human preconceived ideas of who God is, where God's life and energy are to be found, and how God works in this world. This is not a rejection of the natural order. It is allowing the natural order to open to and reveal something more.'<sup>[3]</sup> 'The limited presence we called Jesus has become a newly revealed presence, a universal presence available beyond all the limitations of space, time, ethnicity, nationality, class and gender. Jesus has now become a universally available presence whom we call the Christ, in whom "were created all things in heaven and earth; everything visible and invisible." ( Col.1:16) The Christ Mystery is the indwelling of the Divine Presence in everyone and everything. We live in a Christ-soaked world. All is an apparition of the Divine.'<sup>[1]</sup>

Albert Einstein is supposed to have said, "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." 'We opt for the latter when we learn to offer a foundational, daily 'Yes' to the moment right in front of us, when we say 'Yes' to the universal Presence that is available everywhere, when we say 'Yes' to the forgotten reality that all creation is both the hiding place and the revelation of God.'<sup>[1]</sup> 'We, like the apostles, can then become witnesses to this, based not on an intellectual understanding, but on our growing awareness of the Christ mystery. This is resurrected life.'

Adapted: [1] Richard Rohr [2] Jan Richardson [3] Michael Marsh

*Third Sunday of Easter*

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# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

## for the week beginning Saturday 17th April 2021

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
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Alan Southworth	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Mary Lawler	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Madden Family	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Margaret Watson	<i>Feast: St. George</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Bernard Ward	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Ben Aspin Fr. Peter Dolan For our parish	Fourth Sunday of Easter Prayer for Vocations. EEF Collection

**Masses received this week:** Alan Southworth, Joyce Hilton, Jude Fernandes, Coutinho, Rodrigues & Fernandes families.

**Last Weekend:** Attendance 185. (64,96,25). Thank you for your generous offerings.

### BIDDING PRAYER INTENTIONS

In today's Gospel we hear how when Jesus broke the bread the disciples' eyes were opened and they recognised him. Let us pray that our eyes, too, may be opened to God's infinite love.

- For Pope Francis. May all our church leaders aspire to their integrity and deep faith and lead us forward into a bright future.
- For Peace in our troubled world, especially for those who suffer in places of violence and conflict. May Christ's love touch them with peace and safety.
- Let us pray for all who are lost and lonely that the Lord will again show compassion to those who have wandered from him and empower us to lead others to his presence.

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

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

**and those whose anniversaries occur around this time:** Winifred Marchant, Ellen Mason, Ronnie King, Gerald Walsh, Christina Gleeson, Sarah Jane Knowles, Vincent Machin, Anthony Proctor, Gabrielle Mills, Carole Nash and Leo McGinty. 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.*

*Bishop Paul has also issued a Statement on behalf of the Diocese. It can be viewed on the Diocesan website.*

### Parish Leadership Group Meeting

Topics on the Agenda last Wednesday were:

- Review of the past few months; re-opening Padua Room and Annexe.
- Should we commemorate the covid pandemic in some way?
- Annual parish financial report
- Small organ at front of church needs attention or replacement.
- Livestreaming Mass - should it continue? Add microphone to pick up the congregational responses
- Eucharistic Ministers - when can house visits return? Invitation to become Eucharistic Minister.
- Sacramental preparation - difficult at present; use of online technology?
- Newsletter - do we still need to email this each week once the pandemic is over
- Children's Liturgy and Coffee mornings - need to update lists of volunteers
- Stewards - Could our team of stewards be developed into a "Welcome" ministry for the Masses?
- Parish address book - would a GDPR compliant parish address list be useful?

Minutes of the Meeting are posted in the porch.

### 'Churches Together' Evening Stroll

On Wednesday 9th June, meet at The Sherwood 7.00 pm for a 7.15 pm set-off into Masonwood. Our stroll is 3 days before the climate change conference in St. Ives and will be a prayer walk to give thanks for our environment. Hopefully we can enjoy some refreshments on our return to The Sherwood, perhaps outdoors.

### 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

Thanks to those who have collected new boxes of envelopes from the back of church. 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.