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St Anthony of Padua

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Priests: Fr. Peter Draper, Fr. John Moriarty (Tel: 725193)

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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

Playgroup/Preschool 07963 700591

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“They saw the linen cloths lying on the ground.”

In her poem, 'A Remnant of Resurrection' Joyce Rupp reflects on that part of the daffodil, the spathe, which protects the fragile bud but is discarded when the daffodil is in full bloom. On her kitchen table she had placed a bunch of daffodils with tightly wrapped buds.

*behold, in the early hour of dawn,
I see resurrection on my kitchen table,
what captures my attention
is one small, thin remnant,
voluntarily discarded,
beneath the smiling daffodils.
this dry, transparent cover,
a cast-off tube of protection
once concealing a fragile bud,
conveys the price of blooming.
I pick up this remnant of resurrection
and hold it for a long, silent time,
wondering what soul-shroud of mine
needs to be unwrapped,
before I, too, am blooming.*

We may have many soul-shrouds: dreams of how we wanted our lives to be; busyness – to avoid being fully present to our life situation. Perhaps we may be holding onto something even though we know it isn't helping us to grow. It's almost like a security blanket, a survival strategy, because we feel we have nothing else to hold onto.

God of discarded remnants, your wisdom enables us to know what needs to be left and what needs to be carried into the future. We yearn for insight and wisdom.

God of the empty tomb, untomb and uncover all that needs to live in us.

God of the wonder of Resurrection, remove our resistance to the surprising ways you choose to enter our lives.

God, source of all life, breathe life into all that is un-lived within us.

EASTER

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 3rd April 2021

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Gerard Knight	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Mollie Walmsley Private Intention For our parish	<i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Rev. M. Keane	
Tue 9.15m	<i>St. Ant</i>	Joe Rogers	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Derek Draper	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Kate Garraway & children	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Private intention	
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)

Masses received this week: Ben Aspin, Tom & Marie Hooper, Fr. M. Keane, Betty Cornall, Joe Rogers, Derek Draper, Kate Garrity & family, Agnes Dunnagan, Betty Murphy, Helen Duffy, Fr. John Moriarty.

Last Weekend: Attendance 147. (55,49,41) Offertory £647.98.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

BIDDING PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for the Church. May all Christians rejoice in the resurrection of Christ and, as they renew their baptismal faith in him, may they be strengthened in the Holy Spirit.

We pray for true and lasting peace in our world. May the Risen Christ bring the gifts of peace and reconciliation to all situations of violence, hatred and division.

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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: Brucie Grace, Joseph Madden, Elizabeth Mary Murphy, John Myerscough, Joyce Hilton, James Gormley;

and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Brian O'Kane, Florence Spicer, Harry Lonsdale Peggy McQuillan, Albert Butler, Elizabeth Noble, Anthony Keane, Fr. Manus Keane, Barbara Howe, Julie Mason, Francis Benson, Kitty Winstanley. May they rest in peace.

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Holy Week and Easter

Although our Services had to be curtailed a little this year they were still worthy celebrations of the central events of our faith. Thanks to all who prepared and took part in our liturgies and to those who set up the altar and the Cross, the musicians, flower arrangers, altar servers, cleaners and stewards and many others for their dedicated service again this week.

Fr. John Moriarty

Next weekend will be Fr. John's last weekend in our parish before he leaves to start as an Army Chaplain. After basic training, his first posting will be with the Royal Horse Artillery.

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.

Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal

Helen Sheldon thanks parishioners for their generosity in the Marie Curie daffodil Appeal. The total from the parish was £118 which, added to other sales, came to a total of £148.80. Thank you.

Mass Cards and Easter 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 and Easter cards.

*May you have a very
happy and blessed Easter!*

