

St Anthony of Padua

Presbytery: Cadley Causeway, Fulwood, Preston PR2 3RX

Tel: 01772 725193 **E-mail:** stanthonyholyfamily@gmail.com

Or parish.priest2@btinternet.com

Website: www.stanthonys-rc-church-preston.org.uk/



Priest: Fr. Peter Draper. (Tel: 725193)

Deacons: (retired) Rev. John Kilshaw (07759 943667); Rev. Tom Butler (07853 777957)

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

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

Lancaster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees Registered Charity Number 234331

An interruption becomes an intertwining

Today's gospel reading focuses on the story of a young girl, the daughter of a leader of the synagogue, whom Jesus is on his way to heal. (vv21-43) This story is intertwined with that of the healing of the haemorrhaging woman who reaches out to Jesus: (vv:21-24. 35-43) In both stories Jesus ignored the following cultural taboos:

- Bleeding made the woman 'unclean' (Lev 15:19- 30) and anyone who touched her became unclean;
- Children were not considered important and sons were considered better than daughters;
- Contact with a corpse caused a person to become ritually impure.

We are often encouraged not to put God in a box. But these stories tell us God doesn't put people in boxes. There is no condition at all, which cuts us off from the mercy and love of God.' [1]

Both stories involve believing. 'The woman's condition is more than physical. She's losing more than blood. She's losing her life, its warmth, vitality and fruitfulness. Her story is our story. At times the outflow of our energy is greater than the inflow. Drained of life, we go through the motions, fearful that we will never have the life we want. Often we convince ourselves that once this or that happens everything will be better. We all have our "as soon as" scenarios. We don't know what this woman heard about Jesus but it was enough to make her refuse to be identified with the circumstances of her life. "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." It was enough to touch his cloak. The connection was made and a relationship established. "My daughter," Jesus said "your faith has restored you to health; go in peace." Life no longer leaked out of her but flowed into her.' [2]

Jairus must have been worried and annoyed at this unplanned delay in returning to his daughter. His story is also our story. 'There are experiences that seem to come as interruptions, stories that shoulder their way into the story we think we are living. Intent upon my individual tale, face turned toward the destination I am bent upon, I can resent the intrusions, the ways that other stories sometimes press upon, break through, waylay my own.' [3]

Every encounter, however unplanned, can have a positive effect. When Jairus witnessed the woman's faith, did this give him hope and courage to believe that his daughter would also be restored to health, even when he later heard that she had died? Was it his encounter with this woman that enabled him to surrender in trust to Jesus' reassuring words, which are also spoken to each one of us, whatever our story: "Do not be afraid; only believe."

Adapted: [1] Sylvia Collinson [2] Michael Marsh [3] Jan Richardson

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time year B
27th June 2021 Missal page 874

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 26th June 2021

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Family & friends of Marie Gardner	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Ann Kathleen Corless Special Intention For our parish	13th Sunday of the Year
Mon 9.15am 7.30pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention Rev. Manus Keane	<i>Feast: Ss Irenaeus</i>
Tue 9.15am 10.30am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Airey family Special Intention	<i>HOLY DAY: Ss. Peter & Paul</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Marie Gardner	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Lancs Infirm Clergy	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Michael Fitzgerald	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Freda Thornton	<i>Feast: St Thomas</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Maureen Fraser Brian Farnell For our parish	14th Sunday of the Year

BIDDING PRAYER INTENTIONS

Let us pray for Pope Francis as he reassures the elderly that God is always with them and sends his angels to console their loneliness. He also reminds us of our vocation to preserve our roots and to pass on the faith to the younger generation.

This Tuesday, we remember St Peter and St Paul, representing unity and mission in the church. Let us pray to be renewed by their love and devotion to Jesus.

Let us pray for all who are suffering with long COVID, with many experiencing lasting and debilitating symptoms that have impacted on their quality of life. May they move forward with reassurance and hope to an end of their discomfort and worry.

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, Lydia Worgan, Deacon John Kilshaw, Julie Mary Butler (Machin), Veronica Judge;

for those who have died recently: Thomas Donaghy;

and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Joanne Clarkson, Joseph Morrison, Ann Kathleen Corless, Raymond Barton, Elsie Nickson, Eric Penney, Linda Salter, Walter Donaghy, Maureen Fraser, Malcolm Hulme, Richard Berry, Michael Fitzgerald, Freda Thornton, Margaret Will. May they rest in peace.

Feast of Ss PETER & PAUL
This Tuesday is the Feast of Ss Peter & Paul - a Holy Day
Masses are at 7.30pm (vigil) & 9.15am.
At Holy Family: 10.30am.

Last Weekend: Offertory £622.90 Attendance 169 (6pm 60, 9.30am 65, 5pm 44)
 Thank you for your continued generosity.

Thanks also to those who contribute regularly to the Food Bank at Holy Family and the Salvation Army.

Welcome into the family of faith:

... Liam Michael Connors who was baptised in St. Anthony's last Sunday.

Masses received this week: Airey family, Michael Keane, Fr. Manus Keane.

Catholic Voice

There is a digital version on the parish website.

Vocations: Please pray for Rev. Stuart Chapple who was due to be ordained priest in the Cathedral this Saturday.

Coffee Mornings

We can't yet hold Coffee Mornings after Mass because we're not a registered café. This may change after mid-July when we are due to come out of Stage 4.

However Angie has re-started the Zoom Coffee Mornings at 11.00. The access codes are Meeting ID: 895 6995 1776 Passcode: 860518

Safeguarding

Our Bishops are taking very seriously the findings of the recent National Catholic Safeguarding Project, and have asked for an audit of all Parish Volunteers throughout the country to establish the extent of Safeguarding Awareness within the Catholic Church. Our Parish Safeguarding Rep Louise has forwarded the survey to all parishioners we know of who are involved with children up to 18yrs of age or vulnerable adults. It's very simple to fill in and should be completed prior to June 25th or a.s.a.p. If you have received the survey, but are no longer a parish volunteer, please let the Louise know so that Parish records can be updated.

First Holy Communions

Preparation for current Year 4 children will start in September 2021 (they will then be in Year 5) aiming to make first holy communion before Christmas. And then in January 2022 we'll start with current Year 3 children (by then they will be in Year 4) aiming to receive holy communion in June 2022. These arrangements are subject to change of course if we get a re-occurrence of covid.

The Craft and Chat group

-This can meet on Mondays between 10am -12noon in the Padua room. All are welcome to sew, knit, crochet, embroider or just chat. Details from Karen Hardman 01772 464110