

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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Astonishment and Wisdom

The people of Nazareth are astonished by Jesus' teaching and the miracles worked through him. Yet they do not accept him. Astonishment and wonder can lead us to opening our whole being to the 'mystery of who we are because we are inescapably related to Ultimate Mystery which is revealed to us through the ordinary. The people are stunned because they believe the familiar, the ordinary excludes the extraordinary. For them, God only works through special or learned or official people. This carpenter son of Mary is simply not eligible. The people resist the invitation of God to experience that we are more than what other people think we are, and more that what we ourselves think we are. And each person we meet is more than what we think they are.' [1]

"What is this wisdom that has been granted him?" The people recognise the wisdom with which Jesus speaks. Yet they reject him. This comes as no surprise when we reflect on wisdom teaching. 'The teaching of the Old Testament prophets was close to this but their mode of teaching was usually one of divine proclamation: 'Thus says the Lord...' We see this in today's first reading. However, in the Jewish tradition, wisdom teaching works with stories or parables that are meant to short-circuit our usual mode of categories of perception. Jesus wants to break us out of that part of our mind that wants to calculate or quantify and he wants to break us into an open heart. Wisdom teaching focuses on the gentle but hard work of inner transformation, which is more difficult than spending energy making sure we believe the right things. Cynthia Bourgeault writes: 'Wisdom is not about **knowing more** but about **knowing more deeply**. The spiritual practices of attention and surrender are the riverbanks between which Wisdom flows through the channel of our open hearts.' This is how Jesus lived: fully present and fully surrendered to what love asked of him moment by moment. [2] Jesus' invitation to the people of Nazareth, and to us, is to leave the path of labels, boxes and prejudice and to rather walk with him on the path of openness to transformation, the path of Wisdom.

Adapted: [1] John Shea [2] Matthew Wright

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time year B

4th July 2021

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 3rd July 2021

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Freda Thornton	
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
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Mgr. E. Gould	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Linda Salter	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Jhon Calvey	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H. Family</i>	For a sick person	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Thomas Donaghy	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Tom Gardner	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H. Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Catherine Keane For our parish Celia Lonsdale	15th Sunday of the Year Day of Prayer for Seafarers

BIDDING PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for the Church, Pope Francis and our Bishop Paul: that we may be filled afresh with the Holy Spirit and courageously bear witness to Christ.

Jesus was surprised at the lack of faith he witnessed in his own neighbourhood. We pray for those who feel their faith is weak and who have drifted away from the sacraments.

We pray for the young people who are leaving school or moving to a new stage in their lives. May they find the opportunities and encouragement they need to use and develop their talents.

We pray for vocations to serve our Christian communities; may God's call be heard generously.

We pray for the people of this parish who are sick: for those isolating due to the virus and for those living alone and suffering the effects of long-time loneliness. We remember: 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); May their lives and hearts be comforted by the closeness of the Holy Spirit.

We pray for Thomas Donaghy who has died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, Jenny Turner, Tom Gardner, Mgr. Eddie Gould, Clare Campsey, Josephine Higginson, Irene Gee, John Smethurst, Cecilia Lonsdale, Joan Jump: that the Spirit, the giver of life, will welcome them into fellowship with the saints in heaven.

Last Weekend: Offertory £638.95 Attendance 174 (6pm 68, 9.30am 72, 5pm 43)
Day For Life: £85.95 Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

Masses received this week: Catherine Keane

Catholic Voice

There is a digital version on the parish website.

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

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

Livestreaming Mass

We livestream the 9.30am Sunday Mass from St. Anthony's church. Go to the St. Anthony of Padua Fulwood YouTube page for the link.

Congratulations

- to Rev Stuart Chapple who was ordained a priest of the Lancaster Diocese last Saturday. May God continue to bless Fr Stuart in his future ministry to God's people. Please pray for our priests and for all those discerning their vocation to the ordained or the professed life.

St. Anthony's Parish Centre

- is now open with appropriate safeguards.