

St Anthony of Padua

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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

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Come and rest awhile.

'Sabbath can refer to a single day of the week, a day of rest. Sabbath is also a way of being in time where we remember who we are, remember what we know and taste the gifts of spirit and eternity. Sabbath time is sacred time.

We need Sabbath-keeping not only for ourselves but also for the times when we go forth to heal the wounds of our world. Whatever we build, create, craft or serve will have the wisdom of rest in it. Rested and refreshed, we more generously serve all those who need our care. The human spirit is naturally generous: the instant we are filled, our first impulse is to be useful, to be kind, to give something away. A closer reading of Genesis reveals that the Sabbath was not simply a day off! It says, "On the seventh day God finished God's work." The ancient rabbis taught that on the seventh day, God created *menuha* – tranquillity, serenity, peace and repose: rest, in the deepest possible sense of fertile, healing stillness. Until the Sabbath, creation was unfinished. Only after the birth of *menuha*, only with tranquillity and rest, was the circle of creation made full and complete. On the seventh day, God **created** rest.' [1]

'We know that Jesus cultivated a regular contemplative practice in his own life and ministry. Neuroscience shows that contemplative practice literally re-wires our brain and lays down new neural pathways that allow for compassion to be expressed through our lives. Jesus invites his apostles – and us – to adopt this practice of grounding ourselves in God, then engaging the day out of that grounding. He retreats, not to run away, but to prepare to re-engage and serve in a way that is whole and full, without burning out and losing ourselves in the process.' [2] 'Sabbath time prevents us from becoming too enamoured of our own abilities to perform wonders but deepens our awareness that God is the Source of all that we are able to do.' [3]

The world aches for the generosity of a well-rested people." [1]

Adapted [1] Wayne Muller: Sabbath [2] Matthew Wright [3] Barbara Reid

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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18th July 2021

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 17th July 2021

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Harry Murphy	
Sun 9.30am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Terry Connolly	16th Sunday of the Year
11.00am	<i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention	Good Shepherd Collection
5.00pm	<i>St.. Ant</i>	For our parish	
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	James Cairns	<i>Feast: Martyrs of Lancashire</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Anne Henrys	
Wed 10.30am	<i>St. Ant</i>	<i>Funeral Mass: Frank Wilson</i>	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention	<i>Feast of St. Mary Magdalen</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Rosaleen McReynolds	<i>Feast: St. Bridget</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Kevin O'Neill & family	<i>Feast: Martyrs of Cumbria</i>
Sun 9.30am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention (TW)	17th Sunday of the Year
11.00am	<i>H.Family</i>	For our parish	
5.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	

Last Weekend: Offertory £628.91 Attendance 159 (6pm 63, 9.30am 61, 5pm 35)
 Peter Pence: £11.00. Thank you for your continued generosity.
 Thanks also to those who contribute regularly to the Food Bank at Holy Family.

BIDDING PRAYER INTENTIONS

Let us pray for Pope Francis. May he have a quick recovery following his recent surgery.
 Let us pray for our government and advisors regarding the covid-related guidance. May their plans be governed by wisdom and sensitivity to the needs of the people they serve.
 Let us pray for everyone who is planning their summer holiday. May their hopes and dreams lead to a time which is happy, safe and gives them the relaxation they need in order to discover a future which is bright and full of possibilities.
 Let us pray for all school leavers, graduates and young people entering the workforce for the first time. May they find the support and encouragement they need in order to make a happy start on such an important step on their journey through life.
 We pray for the sick and housebound of our parish, and those who care for them, especially ... 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: Liza Marie Matsubara, Thomas Donaghy, Elizabeth Grizedale, James Cairns and Frank Wilson;
and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Norah Matthews, Collette Rigby, Kathleen Warburton, Peter Meade, Eneas McNulty, Roy Anderton, Bernard Ward, Graham Irving, James Stott, Bridget Coulton, Brian Maguire, Patrick Mason. May they rest in peace.

Social Distancing, Masks etc.

We've now had further instructions from the Diocese to make no hurried change in the current practice. We can move to congregational singing soon but there's still need for caution. Please continue to use the sanitising squirt and to wear masks for the good of everyone, especially the vulnerable. Thanks again to our stewards who have performed a sterling job for over a year in guiding people and wiping down the benches and other surfaces after every Mass. This has been an act of great generosity and love.

Masses received this week: Irene Atherton, Anne Henrys, Pete Patterson, Jayne & Alban Lakeland.

Coffee Mornings

On Sundays at 11.00 on zoom only at the moment. 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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell

Nest Saturday but limited numbers allowed. It will be streamed online. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's, followed by procession to Ladyewell and Benediction. Let Ian know if you wish to go.

The next Fulwood Farmers' Market with Fairtrade

- Sat 24th July from 9.30am-1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church PR2 8EA. All the usual stalls plus two new pie and cake stalls. We will keep stalls both outside and inside AND there will be refreshments available subject to appropriate precautions. All welcome.

The Craft and Chat group ... is now 'Knit & Natter'

-Meets 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

CAFOD News & Resources

Family Prayer Resources for Summer - a prayer focus for each week of the summer holidays with some simple ideas, designed to help parents explore faith with their children, in solidarity with our global family. Available from mid-July at <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>

'Laudato Si' encyclical resources. Click <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Laudato-Si-encyclical> - this link will take you to the page on our website with a range of resources around Laudato Si', to study, reflect, pray and take action.

Bishops Synodal process 2021. We will be holding online sessions, open to all with experts sharing what is synod, why it is important and how parish communities are participating. Our first session on Tuesday 27 July at 7pm will feature a conversation with Christopher Lamb, Rome correspondent for The Tablet, about why Pope Francis is inviting us all to participate in the synod. To book onto the session click <https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/synod>