

St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday Masses: 6.00 (Vigil - Saturday Evening) 9.30am.
Weekday Mass: Mon-Wed, Fri: 9.15am. (Thurs 9.15am at Holy Family)
Confessions: 5.30—5.50pm

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Hope and Believe

“Early, while it was still dark, Mary came running to the tomb”, while there was no hope, while she was in despair, while she felt lost, alone and bereft. The dawning of hope arises in those places where we are most hopeless, lost in the darkness of our despair. It is a hope that we are unable to engineer ourselves because it is a much larger hope than we can ever imagine. Unless the small picture that we have of our lives is shattered, we will not be able to awaken to the fuller picture that is possible. David Hawkins tells us that ‘every life crisis carries within it the kernels of a reversal, a renewal, an expansion, a leap in consciousness, and a letting go of the old and a birth of the new.’

John “saw and he believed,” although he didn’t yet understand. This belief does not rely on conceptual understanding. To believe is about opening one’s heart, with an inner knowing that something enormous and mysterious is happening and entrusting ourselves to God without having to understand exactly what it is or how it works. Jesus’ death and resurrection and the transformation process that this invites us into is so enormous and profound, mysterious and life-altering that to reduce it to one explanation is to lose the profound level of healing and deep transformation that it has the potential to evoke in us. What this calls us to is a response, not to try to reduce the ways of God to something our minds can understand, but rather to stand in awe and wonder as John did at the open tomb, believing that we are in the presence of profound life-altering mystery, and opening our hearts to that mystery, allowing it to transform us from within.

Adapted: Sharon Grussendorf

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

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

Adapted: Joyce Rupp

Easter Sunday Year C

17th April 2022

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 16th April 2022

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Helen Duffy	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Mollie Walmsley For our parish	<i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Leo McGinty	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Brenda Wignall	
Wed 9.15pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	
Thur 9.15am 3.00pm	<i>H.Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	George Crook <i>Funeral Service: George Crook</i>	
Fri 9.15am 2.15pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Richard Yates <i>Funeral Service: Richard Yates</i>	
Sat 8.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Carol Nash	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention (MH) For our parish	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>

Last Weekend: Attendance: 214 (75, 94, 45) Offertory: £5607.868.

Thank you for your generosity.

Acknowledgements

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of a jar of 5p coins totalling £60 which has been divided between our two charities for this year - the Rwanda Trust and 'Life'.

The CAFOD Guild Wheel Walk raised a wonderful total of £1905.52. Included in this is £160 from Marie Kilshaw who made and sold knitted Santas for CAFOD. The walk was in memory of her son, Deacon John. Thanks to all who supported this tremendous effort.

Masses received this week: Special Intention (MH)

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick, especially Mary Lawler, Mandy Davis, Frank Stanton, Jo Counsell, Alice Myerscough, Chris Goldsmith, Theresa Wilkinson, Bill Embery, Carole Adnitt, Gary Adnitt, Lawrence Dunnagan, Les Farrer, Rev. Tom Butler.

We pray for the souls of those recently departed this life: Bernard Fisher, Richard Yates, Cain Dutton, George Crook;

and those whose anniversaries fall about 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.

Welcome

We welcome Mrs Lillie Carroll into the Christian community at St. Anthony's, through baptism at the Easter Vigil. We wish her every happiness and fulfilment with us.

Holy Week & Easter

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, readers and eucharistic ministers, church cleaners and stewards and many others for their dedicated service again this week.

Easter Sunday: bit late to mention this — you are invited to bring flowers to decorate the cross for Easter.

Offertory envelopes and Gift Aid

The new sets of Offertory envelopes are in the porch. 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.

Chaplaincy Vacancy

There is a Chaplaincy vacancy at Lancaster Farms HMP. The closing date is 22nd April. For more details please see visit: <https://justicejobs.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-1/brand-15/user-972588/xf-88538047255b/candidate/so/pm/1/pl/3/opp/56531>

Sunday 5pm Mass

We started the extra Mass on Sundays when we were having to keep 2-metre distancing in church. As we are now getting back to normal there isn't the same need for this Mass at 5.00pm.

SPUC Pro-Life chain

On Saturday 23 April 11.00 am – 1.00 pm: annual silent act of witness to remember the millions of unborn babies lost to abortion. Meet on London Road, Preston – just north of Ribble bridge. Stay for all or part of the time; bring a chair if required. For info tel. 01772 723094.

Catholic Social Action Network (CSAN)

Guidance on how Catholic households can support Ukrainian refugees at www.csan.org.uk/ukraine. It is good to know that the Diocese is looking into how diocesan property may be used to help the situation.

Salvation Army Foodbank

We are really short on toiletries, tinned or packet foods. Thank you.

Metanoia Project's Drop In for the Homeless

The Drop In runs 6.30-8pm every Wednesday evening in St Wilfrid's Church. We are looking for volunteers who assist in setting up and tidying away the space, providing refreshments, assigning the needed clothing or toiletries, as well as spending time listening and talking with the people. If this sounds like a role you would like to give your time to or you would like any more information, please ring Jen 07957566741 or