

St Anthony of Padua

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Weekday Mass: Mon-Wed, Fri: 9.15am. (Thurs 9.15am at Holy Family)
Confessions: 5.30—5.50pm

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The Dawn of a New Day

'When life gets difficult, when we become lost, confused, and afraid, when the changes of life are not what we wanted or think we deserve, we try to go back to the way it was before, to something safe, something familiar. We revert to old patterns of behaviour and thinking. No wonder that after the events of the previous days, Peter says, "I'm going fishing." My hunch, however, is that Peter is not really trying to catch fish as much as he is fishing for answers. We can leave the places and even the people of our life but we can never escape ourselves or our life. We take ourselves with us wherever we go. Peter may have left Jerusalem but he cannot get away from all that happened during those three years of discipleship. So he fishes for answers. What have I done? What were those three years about? Who was Jesus? Where is he? Who am I? What will I do now? Where will I go? What will happen to me? Peter is dark night fishing. We have all been there, asking the same questions as Peter, looking for our place in life, seeking peace, and some sense of understanding and meaning; fishing through the darkness but 'catching' nothing. We come to the limits of our own self-sufficiency, when we have nothing to show for our efforts and nothing left to give. We are empty. But this emptiness is not the end or a failure. It is a beginning.'

[1] Then "it was light and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus." He looked like another fisherman. 'The limited presence they had called Jesus has become a universal presence we call the Christ who is available beyond all the limitations of space, time, ethnicity, nationality, class and gender. He no longer looks like the Jesus the disciples knew. He looks like you and me. The Christ Mystery is the indwelling of the Divine Presence in everyone and everything and is encountered in ordinary occupations like fishing and is present in all the circumstances of our lives.'

[2] Returning to the familiarity of our former routines may help initially but at some point we may become aware that we need to 'cast our nets' in another direction, that we need to see and do things differently. Only then will we experience what it means to be "filled with the fullness of God" (Eph 3:19), a fullness that belongs to everyone. (The number 153 refers to the fact that at that time in Israel the Jewish people believed that there were 153 nations on earth.)

'The dark night of fishing has given way to the dawn of a new day, new hopes, new possibilities.'

Adapted: [1] Michael Marsh [2] Richard Rohr

Third Sunday of Easter Year C
1st May 2022 Missal: p470

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 30th April 2022

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Dudley O'Gara	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For our parish Margaret Johnson	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Joan & Len Airey	<i>Feast: St. Athanasius</i>
Tue 9.15am 2.15pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Maureen Walmsley Funeral Service: Maureen Walmsley	<i>Feast: Ss. Philip & James</i>
Wed 9.15pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Jim Banks	<i>Feast: English Martyrs</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Bill Lawler	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Marie Gardner	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Bridget Rogers For our parish	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>

Last Weekend: Attendance: 188 (90, 98) Offertory: £672.31.

Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Joan & Len Airey, Jim Banks, Bridget Rogers.

Coffee after 6.00pm Saturday Mass

As promised, we are re-starting coffee after the Saturday vigil Mass as well as after the 9.30am Mass every weekend.

Welcome into the family of faith

Lucas Sean William Collum who was baptised in St. Anthony's last Sunday.

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: Doreen Elizabeth Cook, Dennis Dawson, Maureen Walmsley, Jim Banks;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Bridget Rogers, Kenneth McKenzie, Dorothy Hedley, Goy McCann-Moon, Geraldine Fazio, Molly Rogers, Frances Fragle, Marie Coombes, George Ross, Christopher Cain, Audrey Cross, Carole Worgan, Lily Anna Forrest-Cottam, Moira Madden, Robert Garlington, Michael How, Marie Gardner. May they rest in peace.

Film Nights – The CHOSEN

Join us in the Padua Room for eight weeks to watch this TV drama about the life of Jesus and the people he chose. The first meeting is Wednesday 18th May at 7.00pm. To watch the trailer just search online for "The Chosen trailer season 1". Pick up a flyer with more details or speak with Jackie Stopyra on 07934 667292.

Fairtrade : The Fairtrade stall will be open for the 9.30am Mass today.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Are there any events being organised in the parish which should be publicised in the Parish newsletter? Let us know.

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.

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.

'Finding Jesus in the Eucharist, the Poor and Creation'

Lancaster Diocese Faith & Justice Commission are hosting a Day in St. Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Chapel Street on Saturday 4th June from 10.00am-3.30pm (including Mass at 12.15pm). Keynote speaker: Fr. Eamonn Mulcahy. Book via Eventbrite - Finding Jesus in the Eucharist or lancasterfaithandjustice.co.uk Details from ldfjsue@gmail.com

World Youth Day 2023

A small group from our Diocese will go to Lisbon to take part in this wonderful celebration our faith. If you are a young person (18-25) who may be interested, please visit www.castleriggmanor.com for more details.

Christian Leadership Formation Programme

Open to students in Lower Sixth (deadline is 3rd June). The programme is for students who are actively committed to their faith, committed to shaping a Christian society through their careers. Information & application forms available from: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/clf/>

Livestreaming Mass

The 9.30am Sunday Mass from St. Anthony's church is livestreamed. Go to the St. Anthony of Padua YouTube page for the link.