

St Anthony of Padua

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

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The Music of the Present Moment

"Anyone who puts a hand to the plough and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God." The kingdom of God is love. What does it mean to love? It means to be sensitive to life, to persons, to things; to feel for everything and everyone to the exclusion of nothing and no one. In so many moments in our lives love comes to the surface, signalling that it was there within us waiting to be released. For it to surface, all we have to do is to remove our blocks to sensitivity.

There are two blocks to sensitivity: Belief and Attachment. As soon as we have a belief, we have come to a conclusion about a person, situation or thing. We have now become fixed and have dropped our sensitivity. We have become prejudiced and we see the person from the eye of that prejudice. In other words, we will cease to see that person again. And how can we be sensitive to someone we do not even see? We are like a pilot who operates today on last week's weather report! We need to take a good hard look at our beliefs, and the mere realisation that they are beliefs, conclusions and not reflections of reality, will cause them to drop. The second block to sensitivity is Attachment. How is attachment formed? First comes the contact with something that gives us pleasure: a car, an attractively advertised modern appliance, a word of praise, a person's company. Then comes the desire to hold onto it. Finally comes the conviction that we will not be happy without this person or thing, for we have equated the pleasure it brings with happiness. We now have a full-blown attachment and with it comes an inevitable exclusion of other things, an insensitivity to everything that isn't part of our attachment. Each time we leave the object of our attachment, we leave our heart there, so we cannot invest in the next place we go to. The symphony of life moves on but we keep looking back, clinging to a few bars of the melody, blocking our ears to the rest of the melody, thereby producing disharmony and conflict between what life is offering us and what we are clinging to. Then comes the tension and anxiety which are the very death of love and the joyful freedom that love brings. For love and freedom are only found when we enjoy each note as it arises, then allow it to go so as to be fully receptive to the notes that follow. When we contemplate the love, joy, peace and freedom, i.e. the kingdom of God, that is ours each time an attachment and belief are dropped, then we will stop looking back and allow ourselves to be enchanted by the music of the present moment. *Anthony de Mello: The Way to Love*

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 25th June 2022

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Eric Kellett	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H. Family</i>	Steven Green For our parish	<i>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Linda Salter	
Tue 9.15am 7.30pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Ann Kathleen Corless Jack Morton (90th)	<i>Feast: St. Irenaeus</i>
Wed 9.15pm 10.30am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H. Family</i>	Lisa Marie Matsubara Special Intention	<i>Feast: Ss Peter & Paul</i> <i>7.00pm 'The Chosen' film night.</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H. Family</i>	Lawrence Dunnagan	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Freda Thornton	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Francis & Sheila O'Gara (60th)	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H. Family</i>	Michael Fitzgerald For our parish	<i>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

Last Weekend: Attendance: 193 (86, 107) Offertory: £654.76.
Day for Life: £105.30. Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Catherine Keane, Tom Gardner, Rita Keane, Freda Thornton, Michael Fitzgerald, Lawrence Dunnagan.

Tea, Coffee, cake etc. after both weekend Mass

We have re-started coffee after the Saturday vigil Mass as well as after the 9.30am Mass every weekend.

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, Les Farrer, Rev. Tom Butler.

We pray for the souls of those who have died recently: Lawrence Dunnagan; and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Ann Kathleen Corless, Joanne Clarkson, Joseph Morrison, Raymond Barton, Elsie Nickson, Linda Salter, Walter Donaghy, Margaret Will, Eric Penney, Maureen Fraser, Malcolm Hulme, Richard Berry, Michael Fitzgerald, Freda Thornton, Frank Wilson. May they rest in peace.

Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul

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

Holy Water Stoups

We now have holy water at the church doors. We will be cleaning the stoups frequently.

Church cleaning

There has been a good response to the request for helpers to clean the church. Thank you so much. And thanks to Margaret for all the organising. If you are able to help please contact Margaret Mounsey on 01772 719362. We are grateful for those who provide this service for our parish.

Film Nights – The Chosen

The next instalment of 'The Chosen' film nights covers the cure of a leper with indescribable compassion. You don't need to have seen the previous episodes, so why not come along this week". In the Padua Room on Wednesdays at 7.00pm.

Pick up a flyer for details or speak with Jackie Stopyra on 07934 667292.

The Rwanda Group Trust

Mark has been hit by the extreme heat in Spain at present but he's on the road. He is cycling the 500 mile 'Camino de Santiago' pilgrimage route. You can find an update here: <http://rwandagrouptrust.blogspot.com/>
To sponsor him go to <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mark-ibison-rgt> or use the form at the back of church. Thank you.

- Copies of the Rwanda Group quarterly newsletter are available on the table at the back of church. If you have an email address, please write on the list.

Sunday Mass Obligation

The Bishops of England and Wales have now restored the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays, lifting the dispensation which was given in March 2020 due to Covid. Please note that watching an online Mass does not fulfil the Sunday obligation for those who are able to attend in person. The full statement can be found on our parish website or at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/spring-plenary-2022-resolution-returning-to-mass-at-pentecost/>

Castlerigg Open Day—Unfortunately this event planned for July 17th has been postponed until later in the year.

Fair Trade stall

Will be open at 9.30 Mass next Sunday, 3rd July.

Diocesan Altar Servers Mass at Ladyewell

Mass for Altar Servers across the Diocese will be celebrated by Bishop Swarbrick on Saturday 9th July. Mass at St Mary's, Fernyhalgh at 11.00am, followed by a procession to the shrine with Benediction. All welcome.