

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 first 'neighbour' that we must love is our self

When reflecting on gospel stories we are often encouraged to imagine ourselves as each character in the story. 'A good place for all of us to start on our journey of learning how to love our neighbour with great love, is to see ourselves first of all as that wounded person dying on the road.'^[1] 'Notice that he is the only character in the story not defined by profession, social class, or religious belief. He has no identity at all except his naked need.'^[2] 'Before we can love others with any genuine compassion, we need to experience being loved by God, the most loving and Good Samaritan. At different times in our lives, we face situations which make us feel wounded and dying and desperate for some help. We long for restoration and wholeness. There is a great temptation to flee from the reality of our human condition. Denial and avoidance are our unconscious 'priest' and 'Levite', protecting ourselves from getting too close to our own pain and brokenness.

It is important to be gentle and courteous enough to accept and face up to the 'woundedness' deep within our psyche and spirit rather than pretend it does not exist by attempting to rearrange our lives in such a way that this darkness remains hidden. There it will fester and govern our lives at an unconscious level - until it eventually surfaces in another form. Difficult life situations are unwelcome intrusions into our lives but they can be what God uses to awaken that inner desire for deep healing and comfort for our wounded inner self.'^[1]

'The first 'neighbour' that we must love is our self, by surrendering to Love, by allowing God to see our woundedness, to see and love us as we really are rather than what we ideally wish to be. We will then want to give others this same experience of divine love, of being looked upon tenderly in their woundedness, be it physical, emotional or psychological. We will want to reach out to our neighbour with compassion, notice his/her wounds and touch them with gentleness.'^[3] 'We will want to help others surrender themselves over to God infinitely in love with us and our unresolved matters and our fragility. God loves us wherever we are at.'^[4]

Adapted: ^[1] <https://www.theupperroomhomeofprayer.org/> ^[2] Debie Thomas: Journey with Jesus ^[3] Cynthia Bourgeault ^[4] James Finley

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
10th July 2022 missal 1020

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 9th July 2022

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Tom Gardner	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Cecilia Lonsdale For our parish	<i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Linda Salter	<i>Feast: St. Benedict</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Lionel Devanney	
Wed 9.15pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Margaret Stopyra	<i>7.00pm 'The Chosen' film night.</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Chris Colbert	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	<i>Feast: St. Bonaventure</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Frank Wilson	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Fr. Michael O'Dowd For our parish	<i>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

Last Weekend: Attendance: 188 (84, 104) Offertory: £60.

Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Cecilia Lonsdale, Fr. Michael O'Dowd.

Tea, Coffee, cake etc. after both weekend Mass in the Padua Room.

Welcome into the family of faith

Thea Jackson-Reid who was baptised in St. Anthony's last Sunday.

Congratulations!

- to Rebecca Osborne and John Fowler who were married in St. Anthony's Church recently.

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.

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: George Barry Crook; and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Barbara Fraser, Ronald Whitby, Frank Coates, Robert Whittaker, Winifred Chadwick, Charles Hodson, David Noon, Gary Clark-son, Mary Molloy, Margaret Stopyra, Harry Murphy. May they rest in peace.

Sea Sunday

Today the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea, often in hazardous conditions and away from their families for long periods. Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea) provides chaplains who offer spiritual and material support. Further information from stellamaris.org.uk

Diocesan priests

We welcome the ordination of Rev. Philip Wrigley next Saturday 16th July at Lancaster Cathedral. At the same time we thank five priests retiring this year, most of whom have served the Diocese for 50 years or more. This helps to explain why there are parish mergers and a couple of church closures at present. It goes without saying that we need to continue to pray and encourage vocations to the priesthood.

St. Winefride's House for Retired Priests

The annual Mass of Blessed Edward Bamber will take place at St. Winefride's House, Low Moor Road, Bispham Blackpool. FY2 0PA, on Thursday 14th July at 6:30 pm, celebrated by Bishop Paul Swarbrick and local clergy. All welcome.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

Several parishioners are going to Lourdes this week with our Diocese. They will be happy to take Petitions to our Lady of Lourdes. Do not include any money in these envelopes. If anyone wishes to send petitions, have candles lit, wants anything bringing back, or simply to be particularly prayed for have a word with Bernadette or Mary Simpson (or Fr. Peter if you can't find them).

Padua Room Coffee Morning

Today (Sunday) 'Mini Vinnies' (our school SVP Group) are hosting a coffee morning this Next Sunday the adult SVP Group will host the Coffee Morning on what happens to be the 30th Anniversary of the start of the SVP in the parish.

"Fix the food system"

- Special CAFOD event on the food crisis. St Mary Newhouse, Barton, Saturday 16 July 11 am. Followed by a family picnic. Information from Stephen Garsed 01772 717376

Fair Trade stall

Fair Trade sales last week were £56.20. CAFOD donations were £7.45. Plant sales for Rwanda were £55. Bernadette gives thanks for your generosity.

Film Nights – The Chosen

Season 1 comes to an end this week with Jesus meeting the woman at the well in Samaria. We will continue to meet over the summer to watch series 2. Speak with Jackie if you are interest in coming but watch to catch up. In the Padua Room on Wednesdays at 7.00pm. Details from Jackie Stopyra on 07934 667292.

The Rwanda Group Trust

Mark got back safely after 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.