

# 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 treasure God knows us to be*

As Jesus warns, there are all kinds of greed. It might be about amassing money, land, or any tangible thing. But greed can also be about time, attention, approval, love, knowledge, power, control, being right, being in charge, or a thousand other things. Ultimately, though, greed is not about any of these things. They are just the symptoms or pointers to the deeper issue. The issue is not about quantity but a condition of the heart. Greed is really just a way of dealing with our own feelings of deficit and emptiness. It's not so much about having enough but about being enough. When we believe ourselves to be deficient, when we lose belief in ourselves, when we feel we are not enough, then we get greedy. We use things and other people to fill the hole inside us.

How would we fill in the blanks in the following sentence: Greed deceives and convinces us that if we just have more \_\_\_\_\_ then we'll be \_\_\_\_\_.

Greed uses external things to deal with internal matters and it rarely works. It leaves us wanting more, always seeking more money or the next word of approval. The thing is that greed steals and deprives us of what we most want. Greed thieves us of our lives. Greed works its deception and turns us back on ourselves and the grammar of our life soon becomes first person singular. "I will build larger barns."

That doesn't mean that possessions are inherently bad or wrong. The problem is when we give our possessions the power to name who we are. "Life does not consist in the abundance of possessions," Jesus says. Somewhere deep within we already know this. We really do. This is not news for us. Think of our greatest hopes and dreams for any child. We probably pray that the child will find meaning and purpose in life; that they would look in the mirror and see their own beauty, that they would trust their own goodness and that they would discover their own holiness. The reason those things are our prayers, hopes and wishes is because somewhere deep within us we know and want those same things for our life. In those moments we catch a glimpse of the treasure that we are and want to be, the treasure God knows us to already be.

Adapted: Michael Marsh

***18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*** Year C  
31st July 2022 missal 1033

# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

## for the week beginning Saturday 30th July 2022

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Joseph Morrison	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Maureen Fraser For our parish	<i>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Jean McGinty	<i>Feast: St. Alphonsus de Ligouri</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Margaret Watson	
Wed 11.30am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Funeral Mass: Harry Costar	7.00pm 'The Chosen' film night.
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	For our Parish	<i>Feast: Ss John Mary Vianney</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	John Rigby	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Margaret Fox	<i>Feast: The Transfiguration</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	James Collins Anne Mahon	<i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

**Last Weekend:** Attendance: 191 (97, 94) Offertory: £598.39.  
Apostleship of the Sea: £12.40. Thank you for your generosity.

**Masses received this week:** Joseph Morrison, Anne Mahon, James Collins, Ellen Buck.

### 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.

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

### Welcome into the family of faith

Ivy Grace Turner and Hazel May Seed who were 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, Les Farrer, Rev. Tom Butler.

We pray for the souls of those who have died recently: Harry Costar; and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Winifred Jenkinson, Mary Molloy, Joe & Winnie Morgan, Ernie Mainwaring, Lillian Gray, Ruby Marie Ashworth, Doreen Davis, Herbert Rushton. May they rest in peace.

### Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

Several parishioners have been in Lourdes this week with our Diocese. We keep them and all sick pilgrims in our prayers

### The relics of St Bernadette Soubirous

- will be taken around the Dioceses of England & Wales this summer. They will be in our Cathedral in Lancaster from 22nd to 23rd September and in Carlisle the following day. The patroness of our Diocese is Our Lady of Lourdes.

### Annual Pilgrimage to Cleator

Early notice. The Annual Pilgrimage to the Diocesan shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator will take place on Sunday 11th September. The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul. The theme is 'Our Lady, Help of Christians.'

### Education Mass

Early notice. The annual Mass in our Cathedral in Lancaster is on Friday 7th October at 6:30 pm. All those involved in education and faith formation; priests, deacons, catechists, youth ministry, children's liturgy, those in seminary and teachers outside of the Catholic sector are invited. The celebration gives us the opportunity to express our thanks and acknowledge the contribution made by all those in the Diocese involved in the work of education and formation in the faith.

### Notice Board

Bernadette recently revamped the notice board in the porch and she continues to update it regularly. Take a look at it either when entering or leaving church.

### Fair Trade Stall

At 9.30am Mass next Sunday.

### Film Nights – The Chosen

We will continue to meet over the summer to watch series 2. In the Padua Room on Wednesdays at 7.00pm. Details from Jackie Stopyra on 07934 667292.

### Going to University this Autumn?

Each University and Higher Education Institute in the country has its own dedicated Catholic Chaplain based either in the University or in the local parish. Masses each week are designed to meet the needs of the local students. The Catholic Chaplaincy is a place for you to explore your faith, to meet people with similar interests from a great range of backgrounds, and to get involved in activities and social outreach. If you already have a strong faith, this is a chance to deepen it. If you are full of questions and doubts, this is a chance to share them and search for some honest answers about life and faith. Everyone is welcome.

### Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (S.P.U.C.)

There is a Preston office from which they operate their telephone work. They are seeking volunteers to assist their work. The office is at 10 Lockside Road, Preston. PR2 2YS. Email caroleadamson@spuc.org.uk or call 01772 258580