

# St Anthony of Padua

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Confessions: 5.30—5.50pm

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## *Faith believes in the existence of realities that at present remain unseen*

'If a man born blind were told about the nature of the colour yellow, he would understand absolutely nothing, no matter how much instruction he received. Since he has never seen any colours, nor their like, he would not have the means to form a judgement about them. Only their names would be grasped, since the names are perceptible through hearing. Such is faith to the soul. It informs us of matters that we have never seen or known, either in themselves or in their likenesses.' [1]

'When we hear that God is love, in faith we assent to that and by way of analogy we know something of what that means because we know what love is in us. But the boundary-less expanse of God's love is infinitely beyond what we are able to comprehend. Like the person born blind who has no substantive knowledge of what the colour yellow is, we have no substantive knowledge of what the infinite love of God is. Faith is a kind of a paradoxical knowledge of a knowledge that passes beyond the frontiers of what the intellect can comprehend. But although it is beyond what the intellect can comprehend, through the gift of faith we know it's true in some obscure, intimate manner. There's a certain comfort level, as well there should be, in how we've internalised our understanding of God, through the scriptures, and through liturgy, through reflection, through prayer and through reading spiritual books. All this is real, it's important. But God is asking us not depend on, or identify with what we're capable of understanding, but rather identify with what we're incapable of understanding.' [2]

In today's second reading, St Paul focuses on a few familiar Old Testament people in search of their real homeland who "died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them." That is our faith journey. And what is our true homeland? "Make your home in me as I make mine in you." (John 15:4) The path on our way home is 'the transformative way of faith which welcomes unknowing and mystery. Faith is more *how* to believe than *what* to believe.' [3]

*Adapted: [1] St. John of the Cross [2] James Finley [3] Richard Rohr*

***19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*** Year C  
*7th August 2022* missal 1037

# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

## for the week beginning Saturday 6th August 2022

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Margaret Fox	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	James Collins Anne Mahon	<i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Cormac Hasson	<i>Feast: St. Dominic</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	<i>Feast: St. Teresa Benedicta</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Elizabeth Anne Coupe	<i>Feast: St. Lawrence</i> 7.00pm 'The Chosen' film night
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention	<i>Feast: St. Clare</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Rose O'Kane	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Margaret Smethurst	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For our parish Fr. Dave Duane	<i>Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary.</i>

**Last Weekend:** Attendance: 173 (75, 98) Offertory: £573.95.  
Thank you for your generosity.

**Masses received this week:** Margaret Smethurst, In thanksgiving (90th), Cormac Hasson.

### 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.

#### 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, Fr. Dave Duane, Thomas Davis;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Fernanda Fry, Pat King, Norah Mathews, Joe O'Kane, Mary Atherton, Bill Carling, Michael Ashworth, Patricia Roe, Terence Beirne, Ken Hatch, Brian Clarkson, Peter Allen, Joan Anderton. May they rest in peace.

### Mgr. Peter Verity

Anyone who has been in St. Anthony's for more than 16 years will probably remember Fr. Peter Verity. In recent years he has been teaching spirituality at the Beda College in Rome. This week he celebrated his Golden Jubilee of Ordination. We wish him 'as multos annos'.

### Trees at St. Anthony's

We've had the trees inspected and they're generally in good shape. There is some trimming and thinning needed and this will be done in the next couple of weeks. One ash tree is suffering from die-back but should be saved after cutting back.

### 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.

### CAFOD

"CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, helps some of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world. We can reach so many people because we are a member of Caritas Internationalis, the Catholic Church network with a presence in 165 countries. Our local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and support their families. For example, in South Sudan we are helping families learn how to farm better as the climate gets hotter, so that they can cope better in the future when things get even more difficult. Thank you for your support."

### Rosary Service

"- to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Assumption, at St. Mary's, Newhouse PR3 5DY, on Monday 15th August at 2pm. We will pray for peace in Ukraine and Russia."

### Annual Pilgrimage to Cleator

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.'

### Notice Board

Bernadette has 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. New items are posted every week.

### Fair Trade Stall—At 9.30am Mass today (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.