

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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Can I join God in seeing who God sees me to be

Who will be saved? Perhaps the question should be, "What does it mean to be saved?" We are too familiar with the pain and division caused by conflicting, self-righteous answers to that question. Jesus' response is, "Try your best to enter by the narrow door." Jesus' listeners would have known he was referring to the small 'Eye of the Needle Gate' in Jerusalem. Since camels were heavily laden with goods and riders, they would need to be unloaded in order to pass through. We identify ourselves with our possessions, such as wealth, esteem, power, security, achievements and good health. We are burdened with our preconceived ideas of how things should be, of what it means to be saved and even of who God is. Jesus is inviting us to let go of any baggage that prevents us from moving forward. 'However frightening that might feel, we need to always remember that everything that matters from all the experiences and encounters in our lives, has been internalised and is always part of us and will continue to enrich us. When we realise this, we will find a new freedom in letting go of all that does not matter.' [1] We will be saved right now ('saved' is from the Greek *sozo* meaning true wellness, complete wholeness.) We will "take our places at the feast in the kingdom of God."

What do we mean by the 'kingdom of God?' Many assume that the Kingdom of Heaven means the place we go when we die—if we've been "saved." But the problem with this interpretation is that Jesus himself specifically contradicts it when he says, "The Kingdom of Heaven is *within* you" (that is, here) and "*at hand*" (that is, now). *You don't die into it; you awaken into it.*' [2] 'The Kingdom of heaven is a state of consciousness.' [3] It is an awareness of who we really are. 'Can I join God in seeing who God sees me to be? *This is salvation.* In the healing stories in the gospels Jesus listens to the suffering of the people and he responds to their suffering. But He sees the essence of their suffering isn't that they can't see or they can't walk. The issue of their suffering is that they think they *are* what's wrong with them. Then, reflected in Jesus' eyes, they see their true face before they were born, hidden with Christ in God forever. That's experiential salvation.' [4]

Adapted: [1] Margaret Silf; [2] R. Rohr [3] Jim Marion [4] James Finley

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
21st August 2022

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 20th August 2022

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Anthony Peers	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For our parish Joan Kitchen	
Mon 9.15am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Thomas Davis Funeral Service: Thomas Davis	<i>Feast: The Queenship of Mary</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	For a very sick man	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	In thanksgiving (I)	<i>Feast: St. Bartholomew</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Thomas Handzel	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	In thanks to St Jude & St Anthony	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Ellen Buck	<i>Feast: St. Monica</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For our parish Lisa Robinson	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Weekend: Attendance: 200 (94, 106) Offertory: £695.08.
Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: for a sick man, Elizabeth Anne Allen, Elizabeth Lawler, Norman Mercer, In thanksgiving to St. Jude & St. Anthony, In thanksgiving (I).

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

Welcome into the family of faith

Arabella & Griffith Bridge-Walmsley 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 & Gary Adnitt, Les Farrer, Rev. Tom Butler, Gerard & Patricia Cafferkey.

We pray for the souls of those who have died recently: Fr. Dave Duane, Thomas Davis, Tomasz Handzel, David Parker;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Ellen Buck, Elizabeth Anne Allen, David Francis, Eric Evans, Veronica Conway, Kathleen Hartley. May they rest in peace.

Social events

During lockdown we were unable to have social gatherings. Once things eased we have been able to have a variety of social events like afternoon tea, music performances, fund raising etc. Sometimes these have come too close together so we're going to have Social Events get-together with a view to making sure that bookings do not clash and to help people plan. There is a box at the back of church for suggestions for social events. The meeting will be in the Parish Centre this Tuesday 23rd August at 7.00pm. Bring your ideas- and your own nibbles!

Cleaner(s) wanted for St. Anthony's Annexe

Job vacancy for one or two people to work as a team, term time only, two hours daily, Monday-Friday, early am or late pm. Start September 2022. For more details please contact Ros on 01772 725544.

St. Vincent de Paul Group

Raffle tickets will be on sale after Mass. £5 per book or £1 per ticket.

Tree trimming

The trees around church have been thinned out but unfortunately the 'die-back' on the tree nearest the Padua Room proved more severe than originally thought and it will have to come down. We'll replace it with another in due course. There is a large pile of mulched tree in the corner near the Presbytery. You are welcome to bring a bag and help yourself to it.

CAFOD news

CAFOD is the official overseas aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. We work with some of the most hard-to-reach communities around the world and those living in the hardest of circumstances. We believe in tackling the root causes of poverty and this is why we ask our supporters to take part in our campaigns which address poverty and injustice head-on. We encourage people to sign petitions, meet their MPs and contact big businesses etc. Together we've witnessed some historic breakthroughs such as debt relief for struggling countries, action by government on climate change and large companies signing up to ethical agreements. Thank you for joining us in this work.

Do have a look at our current campaign which is about food cafod.org.uk/food and help make the world a better place for all.

Film Nights – The Chosen -None this week

There will be no meeting this week to allow for cleaning of the Padua Room We will continue to meet on Wednesdays at 7.00pm from 31st August. Details from 07934 667292.

New Programme of Day Retreats

Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella in Lostock Hall has launched a new programme of day retreats exploring a range of topics including prayer, scripture and other religious texts. First retreat will take place on Saturday 10th September when attendees will be invited to explore John of the Cross' remarkable Spiritual Canticle.

If you are interested in attending this or any of our other retreats, please register your interest before Monday 29th August. A minimum of 15 people is required for the retreat to be offered. Visit <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/retreat-programme-2022-2023/> for more information on upcoming retreats and how to register your interest.