

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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Do we know who we are?

A story is told of a gentleman at Los Angeles airport. Bad weather had led to the cancellation of many flights and consequently there were many people stranded and forming long queues in an attempt to change their flights. One gentleman, who had been waiting patiently in line for some time, finally left his place and stormed up to the counter demanding that the agent find him a first class ticket to Chicago and to do so immediately. When the agent very politely told him to go back to his place in the queue and wait just as everyone else had to do, he pounded on the counter and shouted, "Do you have any idea who I am?" The agent calmly picked up the microphone and made an announcement to the entire airport: "Ladies and gentlemen. There is a man here who has no idea who he is. If anyone can identify him, will they please come forward." With that, the gentleman took his place in the queue and waited. The more we grow in awareness of who we are in God, the more humble we will be and the more we will realise that we are all gifted and beautiful, faulted and broken in our own ways. And each of us is loved by the God who created and sustains us. That gives us a dignity that we don't have to earn and that can never be taken away. Humility is an inner attitude that candidly allows us to know, love and accept ourselves. If we are humble, we see our talents and accomplishments as gifts and recognise our limitations and failures as opportunities for growth. Humility allows us to see ourselves honestly. Humility is a virtue which allows us to love ourselves with no pretences. Humility really frees us to be ourselves and to grow and change. Humility frees us from the need or compulsion to wear a mask and pretend to be someone else.

Since the humble are secure, they are strong. And since they have nothing to prove, they don't have to flaunt their strength or use it to dominate others. Humility leads to meekness. And meekness is not weakness. Rather, it is strength under control, power used to build up rather than tear down. The humble are not threatened either by God's greatness or the reflection of that greatness in the talents of others. In fact, this is what naturally catches their eye and absorbs their attention – the goodness of God, wherever it may be found. The form of prayer that extols God's goodness is called praise. The activity that honours God's goodness in other people is called affirmation. The humble take delight in praising God and affirming people. Do we have any idea who we are?

(Adapted from a talk given by Fr Ferrer Quigley O.P.)

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
28th August 2022 missal 1048

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 27th August 2022

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Ellen Buck	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For our parish Lisa Robinson	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Norman Mercer	<i>The Martyrdom of John the Baptist</i>
Tue 10.00am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Funeral Mass: Gerard Cafferkey	<i>Feast: Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Mike French	<i>St. Aidan & Saints of Lindisfarne</i> Film Night: The Chosen 7.00pm
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Peter Raw	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Anne Scott	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Elizabeth Anne Allen	<i>Feast: St. Gregory the Great</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For our parish Mollie Chapman, Mary Teresa Hardman	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Weekend: Attendance: 216 (101,115) Offertory: £728.69.

Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Mollie Chapman, Mary Teresa Hardman, Peter Raw, Anne Scott, for operation success, Tony O'Connor, Stany Rodrigues, Mike French, John Talbot.

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 & Gary Adnitt, Les Farrer, Rev. Tom Butler, Maureen Cafferkey, baby Mairead.

We pray for the souls of those who have died recently: Thomas Davis, Gerard Cafferkey;

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

Thanks to all those who came on Tuesday to discuss and plan social events for the next 12 months. So many suggestions and requests have been coming that its been necessary to get a programme together. Details will be published when finalised to avoid clashes in future.

And thanks to those who spent a few hours thoroughly cleaning the Padua Room this week. The carpets and windows have been cleaned also.

Knit & Natter group

We are holding an early Christmas sale in the Padua room after Mass 25th September. If you have any unwanted gifts/presents/ the odd bottle of alcohol! they would be much appreciated. All proceeds are to go to this year's charities, which are LIFE and RWANDA. Donated items can be left at the back of the church. Thank you.

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.

Film Nights – The Chosen

Starts again this Wednesday at 7.00pm. Details from Jackie on 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. Visit <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/retreat-programme-2022-2023/> for more information on upcoming retreats.

Notice Board: New items every week. Take a look at it in the porch.

Next Fair Trade stall is on 4th Sept. along with a few greetings cards for Rwanda.

New Rwanda Group Trust newsletter is on the table at the back of church and on the 'Charity Board'.

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. 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.

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.'