

# 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 Almighty Has Done Great Things for Me*

'Jesus is the representative of the Divine, the Gift, the total givenness of God to His creation. Mary is the representative of humanity, the 'stand-in' for all of us. She is how the Gift is received.' [1] Mary's magnificat tells us how she received God's gift: she was aware of her lowliness. She was aware that 'at the centre of our being is a point of nothingness - le vierge point -which is untouched by sin and by illusion, a point of pure truth, a point or spark which belongs entirely to God.' [2] 'From time immemorial wisdom teaching has insisted that only through that point of nothingness can we enter the larger mind. As long as we're filled with ourselves, we can go no further.' [3]

Mary was aware that we are 'absolutely nothing apart from the infinite love of God. That is the very reality of our life.' [6] "Yet the Almighty has done great things for me." 'She believes that God loves her in her nothingness. She simply accepts that God can do what God can do. Neither Mary nor Elizabeth, according to their circumstances, should be or could be pregnant. One is too old. One is too young. One is barren. One is a virgin. Yet, both are pregnant. However they did not allow the circumstances of their lives to define who they were or limit who they might become. Both women saw, hidden within their particular situation, a deeper meaning and a new life. Each one trusted that the God of the impossible was somehow in their circumstances reshaping, transforming and fulfilling their very existence, changing them not their circumstances. So it is for each one of us.' [4]

'The mystery of Mary is that in her we see the beauty of the beginning from which we come (the Immaculate Conception) and the beauty of the end to which we go (the Assumption). Our lives become fascinating to the extent that we can expand, extend our mind, our consciousness, our memory to the very beginning and we can anticipate in hope, in awareness, in conscious ideals, in goals, in dreams, the final end.' [2]

Adapted: [1] Richard Rohr [2] Thomas Merton [3] Cynthia Bourgeault [4] Michael Marsh  
[5] Pietro Archiati [6] James Finley

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# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

## for the week beginning Saturday 13th August 2022

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>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Kathleen Bryans	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Lionel Devaney	7.00pm 'The Chosen' film night
Thur 2.30pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Funeral Mass: David Parker	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	In thanksgiving (90th)	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Anthony Peers	<i>Feast: St. Bernard</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For our parish Joan Kitchen	

**Last Weekend:** Attendance: 214 (98, 116) Offertory: £651.92  
Thank you for your generosity.

**Masses received this week:** Lisa Robinson.

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

**Welcome into the family of faith**

Mabel & Ella Hesketh 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.

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: Ellis Eastham, Robert Lakeland, Betty Evans, David Forest, Brian Clarkson, Patricia Roe, Anthony Peers, Mary Crook, Mary Elizabeth Flannigan, Dick Drain, John Joseph Donaghy, David Will.

May they rest in peace.

### Social Committee

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 establish a Social Committee with a view to making sure that bookings do not clash and to help people plan. There will be a get-together in the Parish Centre on 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.

### 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.

### 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."

### Notice Board

There is a photo of the Lourdes pilgrims amongst other new items this week. Take a look at it either when entering or leaving church.

### Fair Trade Stall

- Fair Trade sales this week were £57.35 and donations for CAFOD, £1.95.

### 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.

### 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.