

# St Anthony of Padua

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Confessions: 5.30—5.50pm

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## *Homecoming*

Home is not a place. We can experience a profound feeling of homesickness while sitting in the physical place we call home. When we look for a reason for our restlessness it will be easy to find an answer in obvious self-centred choices we have made but we may be surprised to find the answer in even ostensibly other-centred choices. It's not what we do but why we do it. Whatever our choices, our motivation behind them is usually our search for fulfilment, our longing to be one with all that is good and true and beautiful, our deep desire to love and be loved – unconditionally. Each feeling of homesickness is prompting us to reflect on the possibility that we are hoping to find fulfilment in *what we do* rather than in a desire to grow in awareness of *who we are*.

There are fleeting moments when we experience an unexplainable homecoming in our heart: pausing to absorb the beauty of a sunrise or sunset; seeing children's expression of wonder as they explore their world; finding that the creative works of poets, artists and authors help us 'calibrate our hearts to a fine scale so that we learn to be grounded in the presence which is sustaining us and is shining through the ordinariness of everything. We are also comforted in knowing that God's oneness with us is in no way dependent on our *awareness* of God's oneness with us. These are moments of being restored and of rediscovering what is always there.' [1] 'This endless task of finding your true home within you is not narcissistic, for as soon as you rest in the house of your own heart, doors and windows begin to open outwards to the world: your connections with others become real and creative. You no longer need to covertly scrape affirmation from others or from projects outside yourself.' [2]

When I look for a 'home' in the choices I make it is 'as though I do not already have a home, and must look far and wide to find one. Home is the centre of my being, where I can hear the voice that says, "Make your home in me as I make mine in you." It is where I hear that voice saying, "You are my beloved." I return home in the very moment that I allow myself to be embraced by unconditional love and reclaim my original goodness.' [3]

*Adapted: [1] James Finley [2] John O' Donohue [3] Henri Nouwen*

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
11th September 2022

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# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 10th September 2022

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Tony O'Connor	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For our parish Mary Cecilia Park	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Special Collection for Catholic Education service.
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Elizabeth Lawler	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Patrick Madden	<i>Feast: St John Chrysostom</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Lionel Devaney	<i>Feast: The Exaltation of the Cross</i> Film Night: The Chosen 7.00pm
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Peter Raw	<i>Feast: Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Mary Gilligan	<i>Feast: Ss Cornelius &amp; Cyprian</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Norman Mercer	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Maureen Howard For our parish	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Last Weekend:** Attendance: 185 (65,120 Offertory: £735.93.

Thank you for your generosity.

**Masses received this week:** Patrick Madden, Mary Gilligan, Maureen Howard.

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

## Film Nights – The Chosen

The episode of The Chosen on Wednesday 14th is the last one. There will be a special showing of the Christmas episodes sometime in December.

### 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: Gerard Cafferkey, George Hall, Peter Raw, Winifred Dorothy Smith;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: John Sanderson, Ron Carruthers, Roy Hull, Norman Mercer, Thomas Loughran, Lydia Etherington, Regina LaValle, Lilian Iddon, baby Gerard John, Helena Bradley, William Wilson. May they rest in peace.

## TODAY is Education Sunday.

There will be a retiring collection today on behalf of the Catholic Education Services. We pray those working to make our schools places of learning and sanctuary, not just teachers and leaders but all the support staff whose tireless work sometimes goes unnoticed. We pray for all our primary and secondary pupils, particularly school leavers who have had such a difficult journey in recent times, and those in higher education and vocational training.

## The Season of Creation

A time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join all our Christian brothers and sisters in prayer and action for our planet. Christians worldwide have embraced this season as part of their annual calendar. Pope Francis made the Roman Catholic Church's welcoming of the season official in 2015. The season starts on 1st Sept, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends on 4th Oct, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christians.

## Pakistan Flood Disaster

Thirty million people are affected as a third of Pakistan is now submerged (that's almost the size of Great Britain). The Disaster Emergency Committee have launched an Appeal and we will be sending donations via CAFOD. There are buckets at the back of church if you wish to donate. Or to donate online go to the CAFOD website. Thank you.

**St Anthony's Singers** will start rehearsals for the Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 2nd October at 10.45. New members are welcome.

## 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.

## Keep fit - and help a good cause

Exercising for over (and under!) 50s:. To boost rapidly depleting Rwandan funds, a weekly exercise session, following a DVD, is proposed for a Wednesday morning in the Padua Room. 'Come and See' on Wednesday 21st September at 10a.m. No lycra or sweatbands needed!!! Simply watch the DVD and decide if it is for you.

## Fulwood Farmers' Market with Fairtrade

Next one is on Saturday 24th September from 9.30am-1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church, Watling Street Road. Come and stock up on fresh local produce and Fairtrade products. This month we are also making a final appeal for unwanted tools to donate to the charity Tools for Self Reliance (sewing machines also welcome).

## Cadley Causeway Traffic

Lancashire County Council Highways Department are proposing significant changes to traffic management outside the church and presbytery. Amongst the proposals are a new zebra crossing where the bus stop is currently; the bus stop to move very close to the exit from the church car park. There will also speed humps on either side of the bridge. The speed camera will be moved further down Cadley Causeway. These changes will impact anyone using the car park. There is a plan at the back of church.