

# 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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## *Gates and Chasms*

'The Bible is a record of people's experience of God's self-revelation, written by people trying to listen to God. We know that humans always see "through a glass darkly and all knowledge is imperfect" (1 Cor 13:12). More than telling us exactly what to see in the Scriptures, Jesus taught us how to see, what to emphasise and also what could be de-emphasised or ignored. Beyond fundamentalism or literalism, Jesus practised a form that the Jewish people called midrash, consistently using questions to keep spiritual meanings open, often reflecting on a text; or he would reply to people's questions with more questions. It is a real shame that we did not imitate Jesus in this approach. It could have saved us from so many centuries of righteousness and religious violence. Rather than seeking always certain and unchanging answers, the Jewish practice of midrash allows many possibilities, many levels of faith-filled meaning that is relevant and applicable to you, the reader, and puts you in the subject's shoes to build empathy, understanding, and relationship. It lets the passage first challenge you before it challenges anyone else. To use the text in a spiritual way—as Jesus did—is to allow it to convert you, to change you, to grow you up as you ask: What does this ask of me? How might this apply to my life, to my family, to my church, to my neighbourhood, to my country?' [1]

'At some point in our lives we have probably all been both the rich man and Lazarus. Today's gospel is asking us to acknowledge and deal with the gates and chasms that separate us from each other. The gate that becomes a chasm always exists within us before it exists between us. It is a condition of the human heart. Today we are being invited to examine our hearts to find the gates that separate us from ourselves, our neighbours, our enemies, those we love, and ultimately God: gates of fear, anger, greed, pride, prejudice, loneliness, sorrow, addiction, busyness, indifference, apathy, hurt, resentment, envy. Gates destroy relationships. But every time we see and treat one another as created in the image and likeness of God, gates are opened and chasms are filled. Christ's love, mercy, grace and presence make it possible for us to open our gates and ensure they do not become chasms. He is the image of our opened gates and our filled chasms, the image of who we most truly are and who we are to become.' [2]

Adapted: [1] Richard Rohr [2] Michael Marsh

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
25th September 2022

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# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

## for the week beginning Saturday 24th September 2022

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Peter Hothersall	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H. Family</i>	Stany Rodrigues For our parish	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Collection for Bishop's Administration
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Kathleen Morton	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Jack Kilshaw	<i>Feast: St. Vincent de Paul</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	
Thur 9.15am 11.15am	<i>H. Family</i> <i>St. Ant</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Norman Abram <i>Funeral Service: Norman Abram</i>	<i>Feast: Ss Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael</i>
Fri 10.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	<i>Funeral Mass: Frank Stanton</i> <i>Wedd Service Merrifield/Mercer</i>	<i>Feast: St. Jerome</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Pauline Farmer	<i>Feast: St Therese of Child Jesus</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H. Family</i>	Aaron Junior Worgan Bill York	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

**Last Weekend:** Attendance: 186 (94,92) Offertory: £653.05.  
Home Missions: £77.20. Thank you for your generosity.

**Masses received this week:** Bill York.

### Christmas Special - today -one-day only

Knit & Natter's Christmas sale in the Padua room after 9.30 Mass. Come and have a game of tombola whilst you munch on some home made mince pies. Lots of items for sale, including Christmas chutney and home made jams.

#### 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: Norman Abram, Frank Stanton, Winifred Dorothy Smith;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Michael Crompton, Jack Kilshaw, Thomas Gielty, Agnes & Joseph Billington, James Nickson, Kathleen Morton, Raymond Whittle, George Fegan, Aaron Junior Worgan. May they rest in peace.

### The Season of Creation

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. 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.

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

### 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.

### 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. These changes will impact anyone using the car park. There is a plan at the back of church.

### "Messy Church"

In St. Clare's Church hall on Saturday 1st October, 10.30-3.00pm. Come and enjoy an afternoon of activities, games and bible stories. All are welcome.

**Fair Trade Stall** –at 9.30am Mass next Sunday, with Christmas cards to order.

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

### Education Mass

The annual Mass in our Cathedral in Lancaster is on Friday 7th October at 6:30 pm. All those involved in education and faith formation; priests, deacons, catechists, youth ministry, children's liturgy, those in seminary and teachers outside of the Catholic sector are invited. The celebration gives us the opportunity to express our thanks and acknowledge the contribution made by all those in the Diocese involved in the work of education and formation in the faith.

### Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland,

On 26th September 2022. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes return flight, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £100.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

### 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.