

# St Anthony of Padua

Presbytery: Cadley Causeway, Fulwood, Preston PR2 3RX  
Tel: 01772 725193 E-mail: stanthonyholyfamily@gmail.com  
Website: www.stanthonys-rc-church-preston.org.uk/



Priest: Fr. Peter Draper. (Tel: 725193)  
Deacon (retired): Rev. Tom Butler

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

Annexe: 725544 Social Centre: 735963 Primary school: 726621  
Playgroup/Preschool 07963 700591

*Lancaster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees Registered Charity Number 234331*

## *More than Enough*

The prophet Habakkuk is believed to have written his book in the mid-to-late 7th century BC. Habakkuk offers hope by recognising how dark and chaotic the world is and by inviting us to trust in God who tells us that "the upright man will live by his faithfulness." Times have hardly changed since those words were written and it is still true today that we can only fully live by believing that God sustains us in all the circumstances of our lives. 'Faith will not change the circumstances of our lives. Instead, it changes *us* and helps us to face and deal with the difficulties and losses, the joys and successes, the opportunities and possibilities.' [1]

The apostles ask Jesus, "Increase our faith." We often interpret faith in terms of quantity. We think we should have *more* faith. If a little is good a lot must be better. Barbara Brown Taylor writes that we waste a great deal of time and energy "looking for the key to the treasure box of More." All we lack, she argues, "is the willingness to imagine that we already have everything we need." In the second reading St Paul tells us to "to fan into a flame the gift that God gave us." To grow in awareness of what we already have is 'to know that we already have more than we need, because we have God. There is an obscure certainty in our heart of our oneness with God, that God loves us, that God guides us. That's our faith. We learn to live by that faith.' [2]

'Whenever I read the Gospels, I'm struck by how often and how lavishly Jesus commends the faith of those who seek him out. "Your faith has saved you," he tells them. What is it that Jesus admires in these people? As far as I can tell, the only thing they do is turn to him, orient themselves in his direction, *trust* him. What earns his admiration is their willingness — even in difficult, painful, and potentially risky circumstances — to lean into God's goodness, healing, justice, mercy and abundance.' [3] Today we are being asked to go forth and live in the realisation that because we are in God we already have more than we need. We are being asked to live in the light of what we already see, sense, hear, and know. To live a faith-filled life is to live a life of service and duty motivated and sustained by love.

*Adapted: [1] Michael Marsh [2] James Finley [3] Debbie Thomas*

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time      Year C  
2nd October 2022                      missal 1069

# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

## for the week beginning Saturday 1st October 2022

|                       |                                   |  |   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| Sat 6.00pm            | <i>St. Ant</i>                    | Pauline Farmer                                 |   |
| Sun 9.30am<br>11.00am | <i>St. Ant</i><br><i>H.Family</i> | Aaron Junior Worgan<br>Bill York               | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time.   |
| Mon 9.15am            | <i>St. Ant</i>                    | Special Intention                              |   |
| Tue 9.15am            | <i>St. Ant</i>                    | <i>Eucharistic Service</i>                     | <i>Feast: St. Francis of Assisi</i>                                   |
| Wed 9.15am            | <i>St. Ant</i>                    | <i>Eucharistic Service</i>                     |   |
| Thur 9.15am           | <i>H.Family</i>                   | <i>Eucharistic Service</i>                     | <i>Feast: Dedication of our Cathedral</i>                             |
| Fri 9.15am            | <i>St. Ant</i>                    | <i>Eucharistic Service</i>                     | <i>Feast: Our Lady of the Rosary.</i>                                 |
| Sat 6.00pm            | <i>St. Ant</i>                    | James Hayes                                    |   |
| Sun 9.30am<br>11.00am | <i>St. Ant</i><br><i>H.Family</i> | Frank Stanton<br>Daniel & Carmel Daly & family | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time.<br>Prayer of prisoners & their families |

**Last Weekend:** Attendance: 230 (108,122) Offertory: £606.88.  
Bishop's Administration: £79.80. Thank you for your generosity.

**Masses received this week:** Frank Stanton, James Hayes.

### Christmas Special -

A really big thank you from the Knit & Natter Group for helping to make our Pre Christmas Sale such a success. As well as being an excellent Parish event we raised £320.00 for this year's charity.

### Welcome into the family of faith

Leo Claudio Imadojemu who was baptised in St. Anthony's last Sunday.

#### PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick, especially Mary Lawler, Mandy Davis, 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, Therese Burgess;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Helen Duckworth, Tom Turner, Jack Greenwood, George Elliott, Terry Farrell, Francis Kellett, Lily Doyle, Maria Sheridan, Drina Hope. May they rest in peace.

### Catholicism - A Journey to the Heart of the Faith.

We will be showing these documentaries introduced by the well known author Bishop Robert Barron on Wednesday evenings in the Padua Room. The first session will be on Wednesday 12th October at 7.00pm. This will cover the topic of God becoming man. Each session can be watched on its own, so you can come to all, or select the topics you are particularly interested in. Full details are on a flyer available at the back of Church."

### St Clare's Day of Renewal

Next one is on Saturday 15th October from 10am-4.00pm and will be led by Sean Booth with the theme "When anything is exposed to the light it becomes visible".

**St. Anthony's Singers** will start rehearsals for the Christmas Carol Service today (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.

**Fair Trade Stall** –at 9.30am Mass today, 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.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day — World Food Crisis Appeal

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift. to CAFOD. Use the envelope or go to [cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday)