

St Anthony of Padua

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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

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Groundedness

Groundedness refers to “a sense of being fully embodied, whole, centred and balanced in ourselves and our relationships. It is associated with an experience of clarity, wholeness, ‘rightness’ and harmony.” [1] ‘It is having a reference point or a place to come back to when life’s challenges and emotions push us off balance. The centre is the place we know we have to get back to.’ [2]

The theme of today’s Gospel is humility. ‘At the root of *humility* is the Greek word *humus*, earth: the earth that God made and called good, the earth from which, as one of the creation stories goes, God fashioned us. Humility is our fundamental recognition that we each draw our life and breath from the same source, the God who made us and calls us beloved. Humility does not only prevent us from seeing ourselves as more deserving or graced or better than another. It also compels us to recognise that we are no less deserving or graced than another. Humility invites us to stay low to the ground so that we can find the treasures there. Humility helps us remain grounded in the best sense of the word, enabling us to recognise our dependence on the One who fashioned us. It deepens our awareness of our kinship with those who share this earth, this humus. In practising humility, we leave room for the surprising and graced ways that God works—beyond expectation, beyond privilege, beyond status.’ [3]

“Make your home in me as I make mine in you.” (John 15:4) Our daily return to our home base deepens our awareness that we are ‘rooted and grounded in love.’ (Eph 3:17) We recognise that ‘we are all gifted and beautiful, faulted and broken in our own ways and that each of us is loved by the God who created and sustains us.’ [4] ‘To be truly humble and therefore fully human is to be at home both within ourselves and the ground on which we stand. It’s about being truly connected to the reality that lies within us and beyond and to recognise that in our oneness with all life, we play a small and vital role in improving the aspect of creation in which our feet are planted.’ [5] We do this, not in *spite* of our brokenness, but *because* of our brokenness. And we can do it now.

Adapted: [1] Michael Daniels [2] Diana Raab [3] Jan Richardson [4] Fr Ferrer Quigley O.P. [5] Rev Dan

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
23rd October 2022

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 22nd October 2022

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Frank Routledge	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Roland Catlow For our parish	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. <i>Mission Sunday— APF Collection</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Roberto Pignotti	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Christine Bolger	<i>'Catholicism' film, Padua Room. 7pm</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Len & Joan Airey	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Monica Balach & Marc Kinsella	<i>Feast: Ss. Simon & Jude</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Paul Cheetham	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For our parish Margaret Currie	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. <i>Sick & Retired Priests Collection</i>

Last Weekend: Attendance: 219 (122, 97). Offertory: £528.53.
CAFOD Harvest Fast: £848.39. CAFOD in green safe: £56.10.
Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Paul Cheetham, Len & Joan Airey, Patrick Joseph Bolger, Christina Bolger, Roberto Pignotti, friends of Pignotti & Spila families, Therese Burgess, Tony Swarbrick.

Thanks to everyone who took on responsibility while Fr. Peter was away - looking after Fr. Tim and church services, buildings, keys, answerphone messages, offertory collection, funeral enquiries and more. Previously these things would have been looked after by our Deacons. All seems to have gone smoothly.

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, Vera Bolton.

We pray for the souls of those who have died recently: Lucano Cefoli, baby Lily; and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Agnes Fitzgerald, Joseph Billington, Helena Windley, Joe Bowers, Richard Hoggarth, John Keogh, Lily Morrison, John Rigby, Winifred Shorrocks, Thomas Lavery, Sarah Spence, Gwendolyne Ward, Mary Ibison, Freda Fender, Jack Greenwood, Sarah Smith, Joseph Dugdale, Anthony Thistlethwaite, Betty O'Reilly. May they rest in peace.

Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Maria witness to their faith and offer vulnerable women in Ethiopia hope for a better future. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and support this collection which will sustain the future of our Church.' You can give a single gift by phoning 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: missio.org.uk

Catholicism - A Journey to the Heart of the Faith.

This week on Wednesday 26th at 7.00 pm in the Padua Room, we will watch the episode about God - arguments for His existence, how to understand the nature of God, the problem of evil, and how we understand the Trinity. Each episode stands alone, and they do not need to be watched in sequence. You are most welcome to join us, and can find full details on the flyer at the back of Church. Contact Jackie Stopyra on 07934 667292 or jackie.stopyra@gmail.com if you have any questions.

St. Anthony's Singers have started rehearsals for the Christmas Carol Service Sundays at 10.45 in church. 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, takes place in the Padua Room on Wednesday mornings at 10a.m. No lycra or sweatbands needed!!! Simply watch the DVD and decide if it is for you.

Our Lady & St Edward's Ladies Group

"The next meeting of will be on Thursday 27th October and will be a presentation by Steve Harrison from the Friends of Winckley Square on "The Scandalous Women of Winckley Square." The meeting in the Parish Centre starts at 8.00pm. Admission £3.00

"Kidz to Adults"

- a free exhibition for children And young people with disabilities and additional needs, and the people and professionals who support them. In Manchester Central, M2 3GX on Tuesday 1st November, 9.30am-4.30pm. See kidzexhibitions.co.uk

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

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.