

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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Water the Memories

'Tradition has passed on a beautiful story about Zacchaeus. It concerns his life after he had met Jesus in Jericho. Every morning, taking a bucket with him, he left his house and about an hour later he returned. Curious to know what he was doing, his wife followed one morning at a distance. She saw Zacchaeus go back to the tree from which Jesus had called him. He filled his bucket with water from a stream nearby, poured the water at the roots of the tree, spent some time in silence and then set off for home. When he returned home his wife asked what this ritual meant. 'I go back to water the memories,' he replied. Meeting Jesus was a very significant turning point in his life. It had changed him forever, giving a new direction and impetus to everything he undertook. It was so precious that he wanted to keep the memory alive and to continue to be energised by the experience. He had learned the wisdom of watering those memories that give inspiration and vision.' [1]

Zacchaeus' story is our story. When he meets Jesus his experience of being loved unconditionally gives him an insight into who he really is in God and who everyone is in God. When we hear about someone whose words and lifestyle have influenced the lives of many people, we want to find out more about that person and if possible see him or her for ourselves. This might entail getting away from all the pressures that crowd in on us; risk being different, going out on a limb; being willing to see things from a different perspective. And often that longed-for encounter – either in person or through that person's writing or art – brings about a transformation in our lives. 'Those special times of disclosure, of spiritual 'peak moments', of maybe fleeting and timeless experiences of 'otherness' are sacramental moments. They touch eternity.' [2]

'In those moments we fleetingly glimpse the abyss-like nature of the love that every moment really is. We begin to see in our heart a longing to abide in the depth of the love so fleetingly experienced. We water the memories of those moments when we plan a daily rendezvous with that which moves us to love and we give ourselves to it in love.' [3] Time, place and situation may determine how long we can savour each moment, but each experience transforms us and expands our being.

Adapted: [1] Galway diocese website [2] Daniel O'Leary [3] James Finley

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
30th October 2022

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 29th October 2022

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>
Mon 9.15am 7.30pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Monica Jackson (Etherington) Patrick Joseph Bolger	
Tue 9.15am 10.30am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Pignotti & Spila fam & friends Special Intention	ALL SAINTS DAY— <i>Holy Day</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Gwendolyn Ward	All Souls Day <i>'Catholicism' film, Padua Room. 7pm</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Jim Bashall	<i>Feast: Ss. Simon & Jude</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention (TB)	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Alban Lakeland For our parish	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Last Weekend: Attendance: 193 (82, 111). Offertory: £534.68.
Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Joe Morrison, Monica Jackson (Etherington), Marie & Tom Hooper, Brian Godding, Alban Lakeland.

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

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: Belle Duckworth, Joseph Morrison, Thomas Myerscough, Maria Wilson, Gwendolyn Ward, Matteo Marino, Derek Boyle, Jim Bashall, Patrick Bolger, David Hardman. May they rest in peace.

Feast of All Saints

This Tuesday is the Feast of All Saints - a Holy Day.
Masses are at 7.30pm (vigil) & 9.15am.
(At Holy Family Mass is at 10.30am.)

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.

"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

Homes for Ukraine Matching Service

Caritas with St John of God Hospitaller Services have launched a service to bring together Ukrainians displaced by the war with people in the Catholic community willing to host them for 6 months. For more information visit sjog-homesforukraine.uk. Pope Francis has spoken of 'welcoming the stranger' and extending support to migrants, which the Catholic community has embraced wholeheartedly, showing enthusiasm for the cause.

Fair Trade stall next week with Christmas cards.

INDIAN AFTERNOON — today 2.00-5.00pm

This afternoon in the Parish Centre there will be music and dancing reflecting the heritage of some of our parishioners, together with Indian food, kindly provided by the owners of the Maharani restaurant on Watery Lane, Preston. Admission is by free ticket only - but unfortunately all the tickets have been taken.

Watch out for the next Social Event.