

# 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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## *'In my beginning is my end'*

'In today's gospel Jesus knows that the question the religious leaders have posed to him is a political one, wrapped in theological trappings based on the levirate law, by which a man was expected to marry the childless widow of his brother so that the dead man's name would be carried on to the next generation. As ever, Jesus responds to what lies beneath the trappings, exploding some assumptions along the way.' [1] 'He leads his listeners to a growth in consciousness; he invites them to 'die' to religious convictions which prevent them from being fully alive. He explains that life after death is a completely different plane of existence. In Christ we enter into a new relationship with God and with all other people. This relationship transcends blood and marriage and our concept of time.' [2]

We can never describe or explain the mystery of eternal life. Paul tells his Corinthian converts that we're dealing with something that "eye has not seen nor ear heard nor has anyone ever imagined, what God has prepared for those God loves". In his letter to the Ephesians (1:18) he prays that the "eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you." We wait in hope. 'Hope is not always comforting or comfortable. Hope asks us to open ourselves to what we do not know, to pray for enlightenment, to imagine what is beyond our imagining, to bear what seems unbearable. Hope draws our eyes and hearts toward a more whole future but propels us also into the present, to work with Christ toward a more whole world now.' [1]

'During the month of November, we are invited to be aware of deep time when past, present and future time all come together as one. If you have Celtic sensibilities especially at this time of year there is a heightened recognition of this time being a "thin place" between this world and the next. These are the days when the invisible world and the visible world meet.' [2] It is a time for a deepening awareness that 'for all eternity, God eternally knows who you eternally are - hidden with Christ in God forever before the origins of the universe. This ultimate identity, this true self, this is the birthless you. In this birthless you, hidden with Christ in God, is the deathless you. For God will never not know who you eternally are - hidden with Christ in God forever. This is your ultimate identity.' [3]

'In my beginning is my end.' [4]

Adapted: [1] Jan Richardson [2] Richard Rohr [3] James Finley [4] T.S. Eliot

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
6th November 2022

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# DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 5th November 2022

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. Collection: Sick & Retired Priests
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Brian Godding	
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Edward Allan Jackson	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention	<i>Feast: Dedication of Lateran Basilica'</i> Catholicism' film, Padua Room. 7pm
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Denis Long	<i>Feast: St. Leo the Great</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Marie & Tom Hooper	<i>Feast: St Martin of Tours.</i>
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Joe Morrison	<i>Feast St. Josaphat</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Stefan Mocanu For our parish	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Remembrance Sunday

**Last Weekend:** Attendance: 213 (94, 119). Offertory: £5.  
Thank you for your generosity.

**Masses received this week:** Edward Allan Jackson, Michael Gildea, Denis Long, Mihai Mocanu, Stefan Mocanu, Mihai Balhuc, Nita Petrilă, Dominic Petrilă, dec. relatives & friends Whelan family, dec. relatives & friends Russel Ifamily.

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

## Welcome into the family of faith

Harper Ann & Harrison Robert Crossley who were 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, Vera Bolton.

We pray for the souls of those who have died recently:

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Jim Sheldon, Mary Jones, Patricia & Robbie Hasson, Harold Mark Bradley, Norman Green, Mark Dey, John Twine, Margaret Turner, Lucy Swarbrick, Keith Yates, Monica Jackson, Alison Taylor, Helen Proctor, Mary Hough, Frances Farrer, Michael Myerscough, Patricia Gorrell. May they rest in peace.

## Indian Afternoon

A big thank you to the social committee who worked so hard to make the Bollywood Event such a success. The meal provided by the Maharani restaurant was delicious. We were also entertained by two young dancers who have been trained by the age of 4 in both classical and Bollywood style dancing. Although the event was free we raised £75.00 in donations for this year's charity.

## Sacrament of Confirmation

We are hoping to welcome Bishop Paul to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation during Advent for those in Years 8 & 9 (and above). There will be details and an application form next week.

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

This week on Wednesday 9th November at 7.00 pm in the Padua Room, we will watch the episode Peter & Paul. We will explore their lives and their hugely important contributions to the church. 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.

If anyone would like to be involved in our Carol Service, but does not want to sing with the choir, we are looking for a few people to read some short readings for us? You don't have to be one of our current readers and we particularly want to invite some of the new members of our parish to read. Please let Angie Strickland or Peter Newsham know if you are interested.

## 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.

## 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](http://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.

**Traidcraft gift stall** with Christmas cards will be next weekend, Saturday and Sunday Masses.

## Our Lady & St. Edward's Ladies Group

"The next meeting will be on Thursday 10th November and will be a Beetle Drive. A £10.00 deposit is also due for the Christmas meal at the Italian Orchard on 7th December. Total cost £22.90. The meeting in the Parish Centre starts at 8.00pm. Admission £3.00