

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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Re-membering is Paradise

"Jesus, remember me." Those words from the thief on the cross echo a cry that arises deep within each one of us. We all know what it is like to be remembered. It brings us some sense of life, healing, and wholeness. We feel that we matter, we belong, we exist, and our life is real. When we are remembered someone else bears witness to all those things. Re-member can be used to mean 'put back together again.' Our cry to be re-membered is also a recognition and confession of our dis-memberment when pieces of our lives have been scattered and lost. It happens through the circumstances of life: loss and grief, shattered dreams, disappointment, regret, failures, the death of a loved one. Our life becomes fragmented and broken. When that happens we can easily dis-member others' lives in an attempt to put our own back together. That is not God's dream or hope for us. That's not what it was like in the very beginning, on the day of our creation, when God looked at all of creation, us included, and declared, "It is very good."

Paradise is the state of being re-membered. It is what Jesus offers us and what we, in our re-membering and living like Jesus, offer each other. Re-membering is neither about the past nor the future; it is about today. It is Jesus' presence with us, and ours with him and each other, here, now, in whatever our life circumstances might be. Re-membering is always an act of love. Every time we participate in the life of Christ by living with mercy, compassion, forgiveness; every time we speak a word of hope and encouragement; every time we love without condition, expectation, or payment; every time we share our bread and live in communion with one another we participate in Christ's re-membering of our own lives, the lives of each other, and the life of the world. We "do this in remembrance of Jesus." In those moments we hear His promise, "Today you are with me in paradise." (Michael Marsh)
Our prayer today could also be, "Jesus, help me to remember who I am." We have a glimpse of paradise each time we remember who we are in Christ and we can share that memory with those who experience the anguish of losing touch with their true identity. In the Anthem for Alzheimer's, Chris Mann sings:

When I can't find the words that I'm trying to speak
When I don't know the face in the mirror I see
When I feel I'm forgotten and lost in this world
Won't you please remember me. Remember me.

Whatever each person's reasons for feeling lost, when they turn to us with the unspoken plea for help to remember and to be remembered for who they truly are may we be Christ to them and bring them Jesus' promise of paradise.

Christ the King
20th November 2022

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 26th November 2022

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Mary Greatorex	
Sun 9.30am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Dec. members Russell & Whelan families	Christ the King (34th Sunday)
11.00am	<i>H.Family</i>	For our parish	
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Chacko Antony	<i>Feast: Presentation of Bl Virgin Mary</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Tony Swarbrick	<i>Feast: St. Cecilia</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Joe Holmes	
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Connolly & Hunt families	<i>Feast: St. Andrew Dung Lac & Comp</i>
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Christina Bolger	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Special Intention (T. Burgess)	
Sun 9.30am	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	First Sunday of Advent Collection—Diocesan Poor parishes
11.00am	<i>H.Family</i>	Special Intention	

Last Weekend: Attendance: 183 (84, 99). Offertory: £543.77.

Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Micheal Walsh, Connolly & Hunt families, Molly & Ernie Hindle, Joe Traynor, Special Intention (T. Burgess), Rachel Leeming, Kenneth Grieg, Tony Swarbrick, Chacko Antony.

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

Fair Trade Stall.

Last week takings were £130 for Traidcraft and £110 and £25 for Rwanda. Thanks for the support.

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: Barbara Osbaldeston, Joan Gregson;

and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Francis Hartley, Mary Cottam, Bryan Healey, Paul Drake, Rosaleen Holmes, Catherine Bond, Margaret Keane, Cyril Higginson, Leo Flannigan, Lilian Butler, Andrew Roe. Joseph Holmes, Michael Bell, Joe Traynor. May they rest in peace.

Preparation for Reconciliation & Holy Communion

The next Session will be the Treasure Hunt in Church this Wednesday. Parents and children have been asked to choose which time-slot is most convenient for them.

Garden of Hope.

We are been offered hundreds of daffodil bulbs to create a parish Garden of Hope in the grass on the Cadley Causeway frontage to create a beautiful display of blooms each Spring. You are invited to remember a loved one; celebrate Creation; mark an anniversary - by donating 50p a bulb or three bulbs for a Pound! Any surplus will be donated to CAFOD. We propose to plant them after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 27 November.

Sacrament of Confirmation

We are hoping to welcome Bishop Paul to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation during Advent or in the new year for those in Years 8 & 9 (and above). There is an application form at the back of church today.

St Anthony's St Vincent De Paul Society

thank everyone who has contributed so generously to our weekly Food Bank collections. There is a pressing need to continue with our donations now that the Christmas season is approaching. Donations of packet, tinned and Christmas food are urgently required at our local food banks in the Preston area.

Salvation Army Toy Appeal

If you wish to donate to the annual Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal click on www.salvationarmy.org.uk/christmas-present-appeal to get details of suitable gifts for different age groups.

St. Anthony's Singers are rehearsing for the Christmas Carol Service on Sundays at 10.45 in church. New members are welcome. If you would like to read please let Angie Strickland or Peter Newsham know.

Keep fit - and help a good cause

Weekly sessions, in the Padua Room on Wednesday mornings at 10a.m.

Pantomime (note from Angie)

Sleeping Beauty - 1st-3rd December at 7.30 with a matinee at 2pm on the Saturday, at Our Lady's Parish Centre, St Albans Road, St Annes, FY8 1XD. For tickets, please ring 07742 590265 or 07545 089537. Tickets are £8 and £7 concessions. All £6 on Thursday.

The Fulwood Christmas Farmers' Market with Fairtrade

Saturday 26th November from 9.30am till 1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church, Watling Street Road, PR2 8EA. There will be Christmas gifts and cards, plus all the normal Farmers' Market stalls. New to You stall also open. All welcome.

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Our Lady & St. Edward's Ladies Group

"The next meeting will be on Thursday 24th November in the Parish Centre 8.00pm and will be a Quiz on "Antique household and Farming Objects." Admission £3.00. A £10.00 deposit is also due for the Christmas meal at the Italian Orchard on 7th December. Total cost £22.90. Visitors welcome"