

St Anthony of Padua

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Gratitude

‘A person is bored to death with a story they have heard repeated over and over but have never really listened to it.’ [1] ‘When reading Luke 17, I immediately felt that I knew it, so I skimmed through the passage and remembered my Sunday school teacher’s lesson on the story: “How often do you remember to say thanks?” Then I read again the last sentence in the gospel story: Jesus said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.” Wait. I traced back. Hadn’t Jesus completely healed him - exactly like the other nine who were cured but hadn’t bothered to return to thank Him? So what does Jesus mean, “Your faith has made you well”? Some translations read, “Your faith has saved you.” Saved you? I dig deeper. It’s *sozo* in Greek, the original language of the New Testament. *Sozo* means salvation, true wellness, complete wholeness. Jesus came that we might live life to the full. And when did the leper receive the saving to the full, whole life? - When he returned and gave thanks. Our wellness, our wholeness is intimately related to the giving of thanks.’ [2]

‘Practising gratitude can be a game-changer: it has far reaching effects, from improving our mental health to boosting our relationships with others. Living your life with gratitude helps you notice the little wins—like the bus showing up right on time, a stranger holding the door for you, or the sun shining through your window when you wake up in the morning. Each of these small moments string together to create a web of well-being that, over time, strengthens your ability to notice the good.’ [3]

‘Your faith has made you well.’ Last week we reflected on faith as being the experience of the presence of God within us. All ten lepers were physically healed. We can only guess at the reason for the Samaritan’s response but we can sense that for him, and hopefully for us, ‘being grateful can be described as feeling the presence of the Divine in our lives.’ [4]

And when it is difficult to be grateful? We don’t have to give thanks for the things afflicting us, but we can be grateful for ‘God’s faithful presence which spares us from nothing, even as God unexplainably sustains us in all things.’ [5] ‘Darkness deserves gratitude. All growth does not take place in the sunlight.’ [6]

‘To be grateful is to recognise the loving presence of God in everything.’ [7]

Adapted: [1] G.K.Chesterton [2] Ann Voskamp [3] www.mindful.org [4] Luis.E. Romero [5] James Finley [6] JoanD. Chittister [7] Thomas Merton

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DIARY and MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 4th October 2025

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	The people of the parishes	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Peter Hothersall Joe Connolly	<i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Prayer for Prisoners</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>		
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>		
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	<i>No Mass</i>	<i>St Teresa of Jesus (Avila)</i>
Thur 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Angela Russell (Anniversary)	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>		<i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>
Sat 6.00pm Vigil of Sunday	<i>St. Ant</i>	Frank Routeledge	<i>ST LUKE</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Matilda Newton (Anniversary) The people of the parishes	<i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

Last Weekend: Offertory: £300.15. Attendance: 71+142=213. Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Angela Russell (Anniversary) and Frank Routledge

Adoration / Exposition after Mass on Friday at St Anthony's. Beginning with the rosary for peace in the world, we enter into a period of private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament until 11a.m. Feel free to stay throughout or to pop in for a short visit.

Diocesan Centenary Celebration: There are two opportunities this week to be part of these historic celebrations. On Friday His Excellency, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, the Pope's representative in Great Britain, will visit Ladyewell Shrine at 10a.m. All are welcome to attend. Then on Saturday at 11:30 Bishop Paul will celebrate a special Mass in the Cathedral in the presence of the Apostolic Nuncio. Although entry is by ticket only, at the time of writing, I have not distributed the Parish's full allocation of tickets yet, so please do ask if any tickets remain, and represent the parish at what I am sure will be a highly memorable occasion.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes with HCPT in Summer 2026. Some members of Holy Family Parish are planning to take part in a HCPT pilgrimage to Lourdes next year. If you would be interested in joining them, whether as a carer or as an assisted person, or through helping to fund-raise to enable others to go, please speak to Ruth Potts or contact Richard McDowell on northwest@hcpt.org.uk or 07721 925595 for more information.

"The Chosen" Series 5. Over 8 weeks we will follow the story of Jesus and his disciples from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. Join us in the Padua Room on Wednesdays 7-8:00pm

Thinking of Becoming a Priest? If so, then you're invited to a day of recollection and discernment! The day is for single man aged 16 or over and will be held at the Cathedral in Lancaster on 22nd November 10:00am to 4:00pm. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Guided Prayer, talks to assist discernment and lunch. To book please email Heather.Watts@lrcd.org.uk or Tel 01524 841190. There is no charge.

Safeguarding Training: If your role within the church requires an Enhanced DBS certificate and you have not yet completed your mandatory online training, please see the poster on the noticeboard for a local opportunity to complete this training in person.

Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis 2025-27 This two-year course, offered in collaboration with the Diocese of Southwark, is an exciting opportunity to assist those engaged in catechesis in parishes to deepen their understanding of the faith and to grow closer in their relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. Taught through an online programme of study and occasional in-person study days (held at Lancaster University Chaplaincy Centre) each student will be allocated a tutor to assist them in their studies. It is hoped that those completing the Bishop's Certificate will be equipped to lead faith formation and evangelising initiatives across our parishes and deaneries going forward. For further information please see the website <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/lancaster> or contact Jackie Broadley at the Education Centre for more information (Jackie.broadley@lrcd.org.uk or 01524 841190).

A first word from Fr Andrew. Following on from Fr Peter's 'Last Word' last week, I thought I ought to offer a 'First Word' myself this week. I first came to live in Preston 26 years ago when I joined the L'Arche community on Moor Park Avenue. Whilst there, I discerned a vocation to the Priesthood and went on to study at Ushaw College in Durham. My appointments in the diocese have gradually brought me south again, and until recently, I was parish priest and hospital chaplain in Blackpool. As I come to Preston, I also take up an appointment as the Diocesan Financial Secretary, which will, I regret, mean that I will be spending at least one, sometimes more, days a week in Lancaster. Please keep me in your prayers as I try to learn who's who, what's where, and how it's done here.

Prayer for Peace in Palestine: An evening of reflection and prayer for a just and lasting peace in Palestine and Israel. Thurs 16 October at 7:30PM Fulwood Methodist Church.

Parish email address: With Fr Peter's departure the old BT Internet email address is now not recoverable. Please note anything sent to that address will not be received. Please use either stanthony.preston@lrcd.org.uk or stanthonyhollyfamily@gmail.com

Prayer intentions

We pray for the sick and the elderly, especially Jo Counsel, Bill Embery, Marie Morris, John Mulholland, Deacon Tom Butler, Fr Peter Foulkes

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Winston Daley, John McCormack, Bill Cosgrove, Philip Fitzgerald, Ron Reid, George McMillan, Margaret Moylan (Ogle), Joe & Margaret Counsell, Frank Routledge, Joseph Henry Thompson, John McDermott, Veronica Judge.

Father, may these, and all whom we have known who have gone before us, be received into the glory of the resurrection, won for us by your Son, Jesus, the Risen Lord.

First Reading

2 Kings 5: 14-17

In those days: Naaman the Syrian went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of Elisha, the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, 'Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.'

But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none.' And Naaman urged Elisha to take it, but he refused.

Then Naaman said, 'If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule-loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm

R *The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.*

1 O sing a new song to the Lord, // for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm // have brought salvation.

2 The Lord has made known his salvation, // has shown his deliverance to the nations.

He has remembered his merciful love // and his truth for the house of Israel.

3 All the ends of the earth have seen // the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; // break forth into joyous song, and sing out your praise.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2: 8-13

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.'

When he saw them he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.

Then Jesus answered, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'

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