

St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday Masses: 6.00pm (Saturday Vigil), 9.30am.

Weekday Mass: Mon, Tues, Fri: 9.15am. (Thurs 9.15am at Holy Family)

Confessions: Saturday 5.30—5.50pm

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“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.’ [1]

‘Re-member can be used to mean ‘put back together again.’ When we are re-membered it is as if our life is being put back together; we are being made whole. Our cry to be re-membered is a recognition and confession of our dis-memberment when pieces of our lives have been scattered and lost. It happens through the circumstances of lives: loss and grief, shattered dreams, regret, disappointment, failures, the death of a loved one. Sometimes it comes about through our actions, our words, even our thoughts. Our life becomes fragmented and broken. When that happens we can easily dis-member the lives of others in an attempt to put our own back together.’ [1]

‘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 Creation. We “do this in remembrance of Jesus.” In those moments we hear His promise, “Today you are with me in paradise.”’ [1]

Today’s second reading reminds us that in Christ “all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible; in him all things hold together.” [2] ‘When we experience the universe as Christ-soaked, when we know that the universe is both the hiding place and the revelation of God, when we grow in awareness that in Christ all things were made, our lives will reflect our oneness with everything.’ [3] We will be with Christ in paradise – every day.

Adapted: [1] Michael Marsh [2] Col: 1, 16 [3] Richard Rohr

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 23^d November 2025

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DIARY and MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 22nd November 2025

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Private Intention (AD)	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	The People of our Parishes The Youth	<i>Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe</i>
Mon 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Requiem for Timothy Sweeney	<i>Ss Andrew Dung-Lac & comps</i>
Tue 9.15am 12:30pm	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>St Ant</i>	Christina Bolger Funeral service for Michael Fisher	
Wed 1.30pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Requiem for James Daly	
Thurs7.00pm	<i>St Ant</i>	Induction Mass for Fr Andrew	
Fri 9.15am 11:00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Mary O'Hagan (LD) Funeral for Miriam Tracey	
Sat 6.00pm Vigil of Sunday	<i>St. Ant</i>	The people of our parishes	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Joe Holmes (Anniv) James Daly (LD)	<i>1st Sunday of Advent Sundays Yr A Weekdays Yr 2</i>

Last Weekend: Attendance: 97+136=233, Offertory: £385.00 Thank you for your generosity.

Retiring Collection: This Sunday is also kept as World Youth Sunday, when the Church celebrates young people and the work being done with them. In Lancaster diocese, we have an active youth service which is seeing some real fruit. It's an exciting time, but it can't be done without the generous support of many people. Please keep the Youth Service in your prayers and, if you can, support the retiring collection.

Fr Andrew's Induction: Thursday 27th November at 7pm, during a Mass celebrated at St Anthony's by our Area Dean, Fr Andrew is to be inducted as Parish Priest of St Anthony's and priest-in-charge at Holy Family. We shall be joined by representatives from some of the other local Christian communities. The Mass will be followed by light refreshments. Please do make an effort to attend if you can. Please note that this will be only Mass across the parishes that day as, earlier in the day, Fr Andrew will be attending the clergy Day of Recollection in preparation for Advent.

First Holy Communion 2026 The second session of the First Holy Communion programme is this Tuesday at 6pm: parents & children please meet in the school Hall.

Parish Advent Carol Services: The Advent Carol Service at St Anthony's will be on Sunday 14 December. The Carol Service at Holy Family will be on Monday 22 December. All welcome.

Forthcoming Funerals Please note that the Requiem Mass for Timothy Sweeney will be on Monday 24th November at 11am at St Anthony's; the Funeral Service for Michael Fisher will be on Tuesday 25th November at 12:30 and the Funeral Service for James Daly will be on Wednesday 26th November at 1:30pm both at St Anthony's. The body of James will be received into church at 5:15 on Tuesday evening. The Funeral Service for Miriam Tracey will be at Holy Family Church on Friday 28th November at 11am. May they all rest in peace.

Salvation Army Christmas Gift Appeal Once again the parish is supporting the Salvation Army Christmas Gift Appeal for children and young people in Preston aged 0 – 18 years. Gift suggestions are posted at the back of St Anthony's, and gifts (new and unwrapped please) should be placed in the big collection box. The Appeal will close next weekend Sunday 30 November. Thank you for your generosity."

Fairtrade. The next Fairtrade Stall at St Anthony's will be the 6th and 7th December and will include a selection of Fairtrade gifts in time for Christmas. (Cash only please)

Messy Church: St Clare's 6th December at 1.30pm in the Church Hall. See poster.

Update on the Gutters: As you know, before he left, Fr Peter initiated a project to repair and replace the gutters on St Anthony's Church. We have recently appointed a surveyor who will oversee the tender documents and process. The current timeline, if all goes to schedule, would see work commence in the early spring, but I will keep you updated as more is known.

In preparation for Advent, each family is invited to take a CAFOD advent candle prayer card home with them today, and to use it to help mark the Advent season, in preparation for Christmas

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

For those who have died recently, especially Cliff Smith, Fr Anthony (Tony) Walsh, Deacon William (Bill) Adams, Miriam Tracey, Timothy Sweeney, James Daley and Michael Fisher, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Leslie Bashall, Edward Nightingale, Christina Bolger, Victoria Makishti, Jack Fitzgerald, Jim Barnes, Kathleen Machin, Frederick Langdell, Teresa Whelan, Barbara Strettle, Evelyn Eccles, Patricia Pilkington, Barbara Osbaldeston.

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 Samuel 5:1-3

In those days: All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, 'Behold, we are your bone and flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel.

And the LORD said to you, "You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel." ' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122(121):1-2. 4-5. Rcf.1

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

1. I rejoiced when they said to me, // 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'

And now our feet are standing // within your gates, O Jerusalem.

2. It is there that the tribes go up, // the tribes of the LORD.

As it is decreed for Israel, // to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

There were set the thrones for judgement, // the thrones of the house of David.

Second reading

Colossians 1:12-20

Brothers and Sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 23:35-43

At that time: The rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there railed at Jesus, saying, 'Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.' And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

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