

St Anthony of Padua

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

Confessions: 5.30—5.50pm

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The Temple Within

Most people think St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican is the "mother church" for Catholics but it is the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome. The basilica is named after St. John the Baptist, and after the Lateranus family, on whose property the great church was built.[1] It was originally consecrated in the 4th century and is a symbol of the freedom to worship, which early Christians gained after centuries of persecution. [2]

Today's feast reminds us that each person is a temple of God. St Paul tells us that 'God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.' 'The gospel isn't about what is present in the temple but is about Jesus' deep concern with what is missing.' [3] 'The temple had become a place of transaction rather than transformation, a wholesale marketplace rather than a holy meeting place. Jesus is redefining 'the temple': the new temple is the human person. 'I am the temple.' The temple is transferred from any kind of physical building to the human person. [4]

'The temple was the centre of Jewish life. It is what structured their community. It gave identity and meaning. We all have temples: things that we think give structure and order to our lives, things that provide security and stability. At least we think they do, until they fall. Jesus is teaching us that the sanctuary for divine-human encounter lies not in external structures, sacrifices or symbolic acts, but rather that the temple is an inner space. What clutter can we find in our inner space? Anything can be "clutter" when it keeps us absorbed in ourselves and unaware of God within us. 'When we have the courage to face our spiritual clutter we learn to recognise God's presence in the midst of our lives. [5]

Adapted: [1] OCP website [2] Vatican News website [3] Michael Marsh [4] Richard Rohr [5] Pastor Asher

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 9th November 2025

Preface of the Mystery of the Church / Eucharistic Prayer 3 / Missal page 1197

DIARY and MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 8th November 2025

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Patsy Hasson (Anniv)	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Joe Morrison (Anniv) For the people of our parishes	<i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	LISCF	<i>St Leo the Great</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Colm Hasson (LD)	<i>St Martin of Tours</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	No Mass	<i>St Josaphat, Martyr</i>
Thurs 9.15am	<i>H.Family</i>	Holy Souls	
Fri 1.15pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Requiem Mass for Margaret Rainford	
Sat 6.00pm Vigil of Sunday	<i>St. Ant</i>	Howard Storer (LD)	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Philip Brady (Anniv) The People of our Parishes	<i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

Last Weekend: Attendance: 88+134=222, Offertory: £367.88 Thank you for your generosity.

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday. Liturgically, we shall be keeping the feast of the **Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**. The Lateran Basilica is the Pope's Cathedral for the Diocese of Rome.

First Holy Communion 2026 Parents who wish to enrol their child on the First Holy Communion programme are invited to a meeting at Holy Family Church on Monday 10 November at 3:30pm. Please do come to this meeting as it is the only opportunity to enrol your child.

A date for your diary: Thursday 27th November at 7pm, during a Mass celebrated at St Anthony's, Fr Andrew is to be inducted as Parish Priest of St Anthony's and priest-in-charge at Holy Family. The Mass will be followed by refreshments.

Another date for your diary On Saturday 22nd November at 5pm St Maria Goretti's Parish will host Mass during the visit of the relics of the Blessed Ulma family, who were martyred in WWII for sheltering a Jewish family in their home. More information from smgpreston@gmail.com or 07970 754208

Thank you to all who supported the Fairtrade Stall at St Anthony's last weekend. Sales were £77.05. CAFOD donations were £2.75. Rwanda sales and donations were £34.70. The next Fairtrade Stall will be the 6th and 7th December and will include a selection of Fairtrade gifts in time for Christmas. (Cash only please)

Rwanda Group Trust Memorial Mass, 18th November 7p.m. at St. Clare's church, followed by refreshments in the Hall. We will remember our Founders, Joe and Rosemary Bamber and our many deceased supporters and those we have supported.

Forthcoming Funerals Please note that the Requiem Masses for Margaret Rainford will be at St Anthony's on Friday 14 November at 1:15pm, and for James Daly on Monday 24th November at 1:30pm. The Funeral Service for Michael Fisher will be on Tuesday 25th November at 12:30, also at St Anthony's, and 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. Thank you.

The Chosen Series 5 – The final episode will be shown in the Padua Room on Wednesday 12th November. 7.00 - 8.00pm. All welcome.

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, there is a local opportunity to complete this training in person (see poster in church). If you have any questions, please speak with Fr Andrew or the Parish Safeguarding Rep.

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 Margaret Rainford, Miriam Tracey James Daley and Michael Fisher, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jim Sheldon, Mary Jones, Patricia & Robbie Hasson, Harold Mark Bradley, Norman Green, Mark Dey. John Twine, Lucy Swarbrick, Margaret Turner, Keith Yates, Monica Jackson, Alison Taylor, Helen Proctor, Frances Farrer, Michael Myerscough, Mary Hough, Patricia Gorrell, Francis Hartley, Mary Cottam, Rosaleen Holmes, Paul Drake, Catherine Bond, Bryan Healey, Margaret Keane, Cyril Higginson, Leo Flannigan, Lilian Butler, Andrew Roe. Joseph Holmes, Michael Bell, Joe Traynor, Leonardo Iozzi.

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

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

In those days: The angel brought me back to the door of the Temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the Temple towards the east (for the Temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the Temple, south

of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me round on the outside to the outer gate that faces towards the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side.

And he said to me, 'This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46(45):2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R5

The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

1 God is for us a refuge and strength, // an ever-present help in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, // though the mountains quake to the heart of the sea.

2 The waters of a river give joy to God's city, // the holy place, the abode of the Most High.
God is in her midst, she cannot be shaken; // God will help her at the dawning of the day.

3 The LORD of hosts is with us: // the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come and behold the works of the LORD, // the awesome deeds he has done on the earth.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

Brothers and Sisters: You are God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Gospel

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the Temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the Temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, 'Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

So the Jews said to him, 'What sign do you show us for doing these things?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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