



St. Anthony of Padua

Parish Newsletter

12th Sunday Ordinary Time

21st June 2020

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(Order of Friars Minor Conventual Registered Charity No 249881)

RECENTLY DECEASED: Dame Vera Lynn D.B.E., Anthony Ryland, Thomas McDonough, Stephen Smythe.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES IN 2021

FIRST COMMUNION: Children residing in the parish of St. Anthony of Padua and who will enter Year 4 in their respective schools in September 2020 are eligible to prepare for First Holy Communion in 2021. If you worship at St. Anthony of Padua Church every Sunday, you may register your child for the Parish's *With You Always* programme. The closing date for registration is Friday, July 31st 2020 as the workbooks must be ordered. The 2020-2021 programme may function differently as social distancing will determine the monthly agenda. Application forms will be mailed to those who register by July 31st. Due to high the number of children preparing each year, the programme will be limited this year to 40 places. Children who were baptised in another parish will require a copy of their Certificate of Baptism.

CONFIRMATION: In 2021 the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the Parish. Those who will begin Year 8 this coming September will be eligible for the Sacrament if they wish to receive it. If your child / children attend Catholic Schools, preparation will take place in school during the academic year. Our Parish will be responsible for the preparation of candidates who attend non-Catholic schools. If a member of your family is considering this Sacrament please contact the parish office.

ADULT CATECHESIS: Any adult who feels he/she is called to live the Catholic Faith is invited to make enquiries with Fr. Kevin. The programme for adults covers all the fundamental elements of the Catholic faith. Adult Catholics who have been baptised but not confirmed are invited to consider preparation for Confirmation. No adult is obliged to become Catholic following the programme. There are various stages and one may decide to defer to a later stage. For more information please contact Fr. Kevin.

Fr. Kevin continues to make a good recovery. Thanks to all the parishioners who have sent good wishes and kind offers of help during his recovery. Fr. Kevin will not be available from 3.30pm-5.30pm during the week as he has been put on a fitness regime. The sight of Fr. Kevin in lycra running around Sefton Park – oh, a wonder to behold! Call the fashion police.

Masses: To be said in the Friary chapel – not the church!

21. Sunday	Parishioners
22. Monday	Malcolm Platt (Good health)
23. Tuesday	Thanksgiving (Teena & Family)
24. Wednesday	Kathleen Price rip
25 Thursday	Sheila Tristram rip
26. Friday	Stephen Smythe rip
27. Saturday	Anthony Ryland rip
28. Sunday	Parishioners

Masses Received. May & Fred Gilbey rip, Mary Corcoran rip, Angela Delaney rip, May Caffney rip, Gerald More rip, Gordon Gilbey rip, Joan Stowe, Stephen Smythe rip (LD), Anthony Ryland rip (LD).

A little bit of humour.

At the pearly gates, a taxi driver and priest are waiting in line. St. Peter consults his list and says to the taxi driver, "Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven."
St. Peter next greets the priest saying, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven."
"Just a minute," says the priest. "That man was a taxi driver, and he gets a silken robe and golden staff while I get a cotton robe and wooden staff. Why?"
"Up here, we work by results," says St. Peter. "While you preached, people slept; while he drove, people prayed."

Prayer during the Coronavirus crisis.

Generous and Merciful God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old; that we may look after each other in these challenging times, especially those among us who are vulnerable. May your example give us the courage we need to go to the margins, wherever they may be. Heal us of our fear.

Healing God, bring healing to those who are sick with the Coronavirus and be with their families and neighbours. We pray especially who those who are isolated, that they may know your love. Stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

God of Strength, accompany all those who serve us with such love and generosity in the medical profession and in all our healthcare facilities. We give thanks for their continued work in the service of people. We ask you to bless them, strengthen them and guide them with your abundant goodness.

God of Wisdom, we ask you to guide the leaders in healthcare and governance; that they may make the right decisions for the wellbeing of people.

O God of creation and God of life, we, your people here in Mossley Hill, place ourselves and our world in your protection and love. May your peace be with us and enfold us today, tomorrow and during the time ahead. Amen.

Today's Readings - Thought for the day;

In 1994 many people around the world tuned in their TV sets to witness a historic occasion. Having been duly elected, Nelson Mandela was to become the first black president of South Africa. In his inaugural speech he accepted the task. At the same time he tried to allay people's fears and encourage a country in the midst of change. "Our deepest fear," he said, "is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you."

As Jesus prepares his disciples to proclaim his message of love, he accepts where they are. He knows the fears that lurk in their minds and he tries to convince them of their worth in the eyes of God. They also hear him say three times that they should not be afraid.

Today's first reading shows the prophet Jeremiah expressing his very real fears to the Lord. This is the story of a dramatic inner crisis. Jeremiah has tried to follow the Lord but all he is left with, it would seem, is derision and ridicule at the hands of his supposed friends. His prayer in the face of this shows confidence that ultimately his life is safe in God's hands. It is worth something to the Lord he trusts in. The story of the prophets is often one of confusion. They frequently feel afraid in the presence of mocking crowds, but they intuitively know that their worth cannot be taken from them. True value lies in their relationship with the Lord who is always faithful to his promise.

In our gospel passage, Matthew relates how Jesus comforts his small band of followers, assuring them that they are known by a Father who watches over them. He wants his disciples to preach the good news to all who will listen. They are reminded that they can trust in the word that has been shared amongst them. They can face up to opposition if they can believe in themselves. This is their way to rise above fear.

Some disciples will be mocked and put to the test and even killed. Yet their witness will sustain the great project of faith which is the Church. It will prove that self-worth cannot be earned from men but is to be found in the love of the Father.

Everyone who is gathered in this church today is a child of God. We come together to sustain each other in faith. As Nelson Mandela puts it: "We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us; it's in everyone. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."

We each have the potential to live in the love of the Father rather than out of our own fears. The fact that the prophets and closest followers of Jesus endured moments of doubt shows us that a certain amount of fear is to be expected when facing the world. There is no guarantee that nothing bad will ever happen to us, but we do have the promise that Jesus is by our side.

Think of the last time that we let our fears dominate us. Were we concerned how others saw us? Perhaps we became annoyed because we were passed over or not listened to. Fear creates distance between people and can even cause anger and hostility.

Take a good look at an angry or violent person. What we are looking at is a frightened individual living out of the darkness of fear. Do not be afraid. We are worth more than we could ever know.

Our mission is to proclaim the love of the Father to a broken and fearful world. As Jeremiah's prayer suggests, not everyone will listen. But we must have the confidence to witness to the truth, trusting always in the love of the Father made manifest in Jesus his son.

This Father's Day we turn to you Almighty Father, ever living God. Hear our prayers that we bring before you in hope and everlasting love.

1. We pray for our Holy Father Pope Francis. Let us be thankful for his teachings and become his bearers of joy, proclaiming the Glory of God. Lord hear us.
2. We pray for fathers and their importance in family life. Let us show gratitude for all they do in instilling knowledge and wisdom upon us. Just as Joseph nurtured Jesus, let us give thanks for hard working Fathers and their teachings of love and compassion. Lord hear us.
3. We pray for fathers to be. May they be blessed with tenderness and courage as they prepare to enter their journey into fatherhood. May they always inspire their children to flourish in this world. Lord hear us.
4. We pray for those who are fatherless. May they be inspired, guided and supported by kind and generous father-like figures through the course of their life. Lord hear us.
5. We pray for our clergy, living examples of God's love and devotion. We thank them for all they do in supporting and caring for our communities as they travel with us on the joys and sorrows of our human experience. Let us listen to their words as they empower us to be missionary disciples. Lord hear us.
6. We pray to the Sacred Heart of Jesus this June. Bring us be closer to God through prayer than ever before. Let us follow Jesus' lead and be guided by our Almighty Father as we express our love for all humanity. Lord hear us.
7. Let us pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently Dame Vera Lynn D.B.E., Anthony Ryland, Thomas McDonough, Stephen Smythe and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Ethel Hughes, Elizabeth Bate, Jennifer Chung, Tony Doyle, Lucy McCormack and Angela Taylor. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
8. Let us pray for a moment for our own personal petitions.

Father, reveal your grace and truth to us each day. For yours is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Please pray for the sick:

Margaret Barrow, Joanne & Julian Bone, Michael Brooks, Christopher Browne, Carol Bennett, Timothy Clarkson, Derek Checkland, Tom Culley, Conor Daly, Alice Feeney, Grace Fernando, Patricia Fitzgerald, Gail Flaherty, Gerry Foley, Marian Gallagher, Joan Ganner, Eunice Garforth, Clare Giblin, James Grant, John Green, Irene Gregory, Fr. Kevin Hanley OFM Conv, Juliette Hannon, Lilian Hill, Fr. Gerald Hicks OFM Conv, Adrian Hill, Lilian Hill, David Jeffrey, Mark Kelly, Joan Kemp, Denise Kennedy, Joseph Kennedy, Maureen Kerruish, David Lee, Jennie & Leighton, Maria & Clare Leonard, Sue Lethbridge, Helen Linford, Eva Littler, Freddie Keegan, Elma Kirwan, Patricia McAuley, Winnie McFadden, Joseph McKenna, Simon McLeod, Danny McSweeney, Kevin McSweeney, Stephan Malick, Angela Millan, John Monaghan, Rihanna Mughan, Marisa & Gianpietro Pacati, Cheryl Power, Terence Randles, Paul Rattigan, Hugh Reily, Tess Rice, Kenny Roberts, Therese de Rouffignac, Jacob Scott, Cecelia Shaw, David Smallwood, Jenny Spann, Patricia Steele, Eileen Stokes, Joseph Stokes, Mary Summerfield, Theo (child), Lisa Thomas, Maureen Thomas, Tony and Marie, Pat Unwin, Ewan James Vicars, Peggy Westhead, James Whelan, Sophie Williams, Michelle Worthington. and John Young.



Fr. Kevin's Helpful Hints

If you encounter water making an appearance where it shouldn't, then most likely there is a leak on the system. Most houses built after 1950 have an indirect water system installed. This means that water from the mains (on the road) will feed a tank (cistern) in the attic from which the internal hot and cold water systems are fed. Should you encounter a leaking pipe or fitting the quickest solution is to turn off the mains stop cock which could be located inside the front door, in a cupboard under the stairs or underneath the kitchen sink. Turn to the right until completely closed. Switch off all electrical appliances: boiler, immersion heater; washing machines. Run all taps in the bathroom and kitchen to drain the tank. This will prevent water travelling to the nearest outlet, usually light fittings or plastered ceilings. Call a plumber and if one cannot be located then call the P.P. – he is used to emergency call outs of a different kind.

Next week's instalment: changing a washer on a tap!

A BLAST FROM THE PAST!



St. Anthony of Padua Parish Pilgrimage to Rome {circa 1960}

Photograph taken on the roof terrace of the Basilica of St. Peter, Vatican City.

Do you recognise anyone?



ADVENT CAROL SERVICE 1972

St. Anthony of Padua, Mossley Hill

Brownies

Recognise anyone?



St. Anthony of Padua Pilgrimage to Rome

Holy Year 1975

Fr. Edmund with children and adults from St. Anthony of Padua Primary School

Photograph taken in front of St. Peter's Square
Vatican City

Recognise anyone here?

St. Anthony of Padua Pilgrimage to **Mettlach**, and **Auf Dem Weg nach Thule**
Germany

Year - unknown



Photographs courtesy of the late Fr. Edmund O’Gorman OFM Conv.

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Parish Priest of St. Anthony of Padua Mossley Hill 1967 - 1973