

St. Anthony of Padua Parish Newsletter

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PASTORAL ASSOCIATE UPDATE: I hope you are able to make the most of the summer sunshine these days. I've had a chance to visit family and friends - a change of scene very much revived spirits! Prayers have been with all those who have exam results this summer. With my eldest being part of the GCSE cohort, it's been an anxious time. I would like to affirm the great job our teachers do, and am so grateful to them for all their efforts in ensuring a fair system of assessment. Exams are such a narrow indicator of ability and does preclude from the rainbow of attributes that make a truly wonderful human person – may all our young people continue to be beacons for the future! A reminder that Synod is on track to complete in June 2021 and your views are still being sought – please do log on to the Synod website and submit them. “Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain” quote by Vivien Greene. May all our young people dance well! God Bless, Helen

Please check newsletters for all Church Mass times – some have changed so do confirm the times and protocol before you attend. www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk

Synod reflection deadline: 1st September www.synod2020.co.uk

WINNERS OF THE 200 CLUB: **March-** C. Leonard (54); **April -** T. Holmes (108); **May:** C. McCaffrey (51); **June:** J. Morgan (105); **July:** R. Maden (93); **August:** A. Crawley (111). Please contact the parish office between 9.30am-11.30am

Friday 28th August: Electrical works on the emergency lighting and fire systems will be carried out in Church. Mass is still scheduled for 12.00. There may be some disruptions.

FIRST COMMUNION will take place on September 12th at 11am, 1.45pm & 4pm and on the 19th September at 12.00 & 2.00pm.

Church Masses:

23. Sunday	9.30 am.	Kearon Worthington rip (A)
	11.00 am.	Laura, Dominic and baby (good health)
	6.00 pm.	Parishioners
24. Monday	12.00 noon	Successful cancer treatment
25. Tuesday	12.00 noon	Special Intention (AS)
26. Wednesday	12.00 noon	Helen Coulson rip (1 st A)
27. Thursday	12.00 noon	Sr. Theresa West (Intention)
28. Friday	12.00 noon	May West rip
29. Saturday	Friary	George Lees rip (A)
30. Sunday	9.30 am.	Beryl Colette Messenger rip
	11.00 am.	Loretta Jones rip.
	6.00 pm.	Parishioners

Masses Received. Thanksgiving to St Anthony x2, Josie Smith rip (Not of our parish), George Lees rip (A), Successful cancer treatment, Loretta Jones rip, Beryl Colette Messenger rip, Thanksgiving (M).

Church Humour:



“Show me in the Ten Commandments where it says anything about speeding!”

Thought for the day; "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

The Penny Catechism was an absolute God-send for teachers, students and priests alike. From that little book, we could learn, in a very concise way, who and what God is. All we had to do was memorise the appropriate question and answer. So really, it was our memories that enabled us to get in touch with God. It was simple.

The Penny Catechism was a great tool and was ingeniously constructed; however, it may have had a few drawbacks. Knowing all the answers meant that we didn't have to think too carefully about who God was and what God meant.

If we had any doubts, we just had to go through our memorised questions and answers to find the appropriate set, which would quell our doubt. The Penny Catechism was a wonderful thing, but it was never meant to be the end of the story.

Jesus asks a seemingly innocuous question: "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" The phrasing of the question means that the answer is out there somewhere, and that in answering it, the person responding did not have to give anything away about their own feelings or ideas. The disciples happily respond with a litany of eminent worthies. However, Jesus is quick to turn the question around and personalise it: "Who do you say I am?" Now the disciples have to show their true colours, and say who they believe Jesus to be.

The Gospel tells us that "then Simon Peter spoke up". The word "then" would suggest that there was a pause, whether brief or long, an uncomfortable few moments when the disciples sat looking at each other, praying that someone would say something. It was Simon Peter just blurting these words out, and then wondering where on earth they came from. After all, his declaration is quite stunning, to say to his friend and master, "you are the Christ, the Son of the living God". As Jesus himself tells Simon Peter, this knowledge did not come from another human being, but had been revealed to Peter from the Father in heaven.

By being with Jesus and having a personal relationship with him, Peter was open to the working of the Spirit, and thus open to the Father in his own life. It was on this openness and this act of faith which Peter had just made, that our Church was founded. It is probable that Peter did not fully understand what he was saying and what his act of faith might cost him in the future, but nonetheless, the faith was there and that was enough for Jesus.

If one of your non-believing work mates asked you today, "Who is this Jesus that you believe in?", how would you respond? Is Jesus some remote figure in your life or is he a real live person who you can relate to and have a personal relationship with? Jesus reaches out to us in many ways, not least through the Scriptures, the Mass and the sacraments. Today he is asking us the same question that he asked his disciples many years ago. He is asking you personally, he is not asking you who the Church says he is, or who the media say he is, he asks you. How are we going to respond?

The question is obviously a theological one, but it is not an academic one. At the end of the day, we will all have to answer that question for ourselves. Who do you say I am? Do we, like Peter, have the faith that enables us to proclaim Jesus as our Lord, as the Messiah?

Twenty years ago with the new millennium many people and different sects around the world are looking for and talking about a messiah and a saviour. Our Messiah and Saviour is already in our midst, as one of us. His kingdom is here now, and we are called to work for the building of that kingdom.

Perhaps we could consider ways in which we can continue to build up his kingdom now, in our homes, in our parish and in our local community at large. However, we will only be able to do that if we can answer for ourselves the question Jesus put to his disciples. If our faith enables us to answer, "Yes, Jesus, you are the Christ and I believe", then what happy people we will be.

Loving Father, we come before you placing you above all else. Hear our prayers that we bring to you, always trusting in your guiding console.

1. We pray for Pope Francis as he asks each of us to bring our own life story to the Lord. As we journey through life, experiencing both pain and joy, let us remember to ‘bring our story to the Lord’ through prayer.
2. We pray for the people of Belarus. As the country is gripped by mass protests, violent clashes, allegations of police brutality and walkouts at major state enterprises, may Political leaders inspire peace for all their people.
3. As the US election campaign gets underway we pray that those running seek to have a positive influence on how the world responds to international crises, global pandemics and climate change.
4. We pray for those working in retail as many worry about the uncertainty of the high street and fear the news of further job losses. May they place their confidence in God’s plan, may the Holy Spirit surround them and ease their troubled minds.
5. We pray for pupils that have collected their GCSE results this week. May they now be guided on a successful path to future learning whereby they can realise their true potential.
6. As many families enjoy the summer holidays we pray that they may be renewed and enlivened through quality time together, creating bountiful happy memories to cherish.
7. Let us pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently Anthony O’Hara and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Fr. Daniel Green, Fr. Raphael Saul, George Lees, Helen Coulson, Teresa Green, Patricia Doody Nora Rigby, Christopher Hicks, Eileen McLaughlin, Anthony Handam, Alma Aston, Len Flattery, Angela Daly, Bridie Farrell, James Silker, Mary Kirby, Michael Fitchett, Terence Brown, Les Ashton. Margaret McCarthy, Thomas Cullen, Anne Cullen, Margaret Lyons, Isabelle Dean, Les Mould, Louise Holmes, Kathleen McSorley and Steve Keating. 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.

God, our Father, you take away the sins of the world. Guide us with your loving light as we walk each day with you in our heart. Amen.

Catholic Trivia Quiz

For young people (and not so young!)
Compiled by the Archdiocese of Westminster.
(Answers available at the end of the quiz).

1. **How many Popes have there been?**

- a) 528 b) 266 c) 942 d) 97

2. **Who was the first Pope?**

- a) St Paul b) St John c) St Andrew d) St Peter

3. **Including the Luminous, how many mysteries of the rosaries are there?** (Extra points if you can name them!)

- a) 15 b) 10 c) 4 d) 20

4. **What are you reminding yourself of when you cross yourself with holy water as you enter the church?**

- a) the tears shed during the passion of Christ
b) Jesus is the water of life
c) Your baptism
d) God's promise after the flood

5. **What is the most important day and celebration in the Church's year?**

- a) Easter b) All Saints c) Christmas d) Pentecost

6. **How many sacraments are there?** (Extra points for naming them)

- a) 4 b) 9 c) 7 d) 10

7. **What is the official daily prayer of the Catholic Church?**

- a) The Divine Office
b) Eucharistic Adoration
c) Taizé Chant
d) The Rosary

8. **What percentage of Catholics are Christian?**

- a) over 50% b) over 40% c) Over 20% d) over 30%

9. **Which country has the most Catholics?**

- a) Italy b) USA c) Mexico d) Brazil

10. **A Catholic priest came up with the theory now known as the 'Big Bang'. What was his name?**

- a) Georges Lemaitre b) John Smith c) Edward Oldcorne d) Henry Richards

Answers: 1 b; 2 d; 3 d; 4 c; 5 a; 6 c; 7 a; 8 a; 9 d; 10 a

3) Rosary: Joyful Mysteries 1 The Annunciation 2 The Visitation 3 The Nativity
4 The Presentation 5 The Finding of Jesus in the Temple 6 The Luminous Mysteries 1 The Baptism of
Jesus in the River Jordan 2 The Wedding Feast at Cana 3 The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
4 The Transfiguration of Jesus 5 The Institution of the Eucharist 6 The Sorrowful Mysteries 1 The
Agony in the Garden 2 The Scourging at the Pillar 3 The Crowning With Thorns 4 The Carrying of
the Cross 5 The Crucifixion 6 The Glorious Mysteries 1 The Resurrection 2 The Ascension 3 The
Coming of the Holy Spirit 4 The Assumption of Mary 5 The Coronation of Mary
6) Sacraments: Baptism; Eucharist; Confirmation; Reconciliation; Anointing of the Sick; Marriage;
Ordination

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 for 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.



Singing in Church

On Saturday night (15th August) the Government issued new guidelines about singing at a place of worship. There is no guidance from the Bishop's Conference on this - so pending anything, it seems right to say that we can allow a cantor, or small music group to sing. But there must be no congregational singing of hymns or responses. (Can a priest sing? It is not prohibited, but the cautious advice is always be aware of droplets especially in proximity to Eucharistic elements).

The new guidelines say: *"There should be no group singing by worshippers. Places of worship should take account of the Performing Arts guidance. Small groups of professional or non-professional singers will be able to sing in front of worshippers both outdoors and indoors from 15th August. Singing in groups should be limited to a small set group of people and should not include audience participation.*

Where music plays a big part in worship, and recordings are available, we suggest you consider using these as an alternative to live singing.

Any instrument played during worship should be cleaned thoroughly before and after use.

Congregational activity

Except for the limited circumstances outlined above, people should avoid singing, shouting, raising voices and/or playing music at a volume that makes normal conversation difficult or that may encourage shouting. This is because of the potential for increased risk of transmission from aerosol and droplets. Therefore, spoken responses during worship should also not be in a raised voice.

There is still no indication of when congregations will be allowed to join in singing. Public Health England is still carrying out safety tests.

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ADVANCE NOTICES

6.00pm SUNDAY MASS will terminate next Sunday, the 30th August 2020. It was anticipated that everyone attending the various Masses would assist in some way but since reopening on July 19th the number of stewards at the 6pm Mass has not met the requirements of the Archdiocese. Saint Anthony of Padua Parish is the last parish in the Liverpool South Deanery to schedule a Sunday evening Mass. The Sunday morning Masses will remain the same.

Please note that there will be no weekday Mass in Church from 2nd to 5th September; the 28th September to October 3rd and on the 22nd & 23rd October.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: for the safety of the children, *Little Church* will remain postponed until it is safe for the children to gather as a group. The children are still encouraged to attend the children's 9.30am Mass.

CONFESSIONS will be available in St. Anthony's Chapel on Saturday, 26th September at 11.00am. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on request at the friary. Please contact the parish office to arrange a time.